...GLAR SENT UP DESPITE HIS PLEA

...rnard Sowers Tells Judge Davis Police Wouldn't Let Him Be 'Straight'

A WIDELY KNOWN CROOK

...rnard Sowers, alias Bernard Ben- ... known to the police of Philadel- ... and various other cities as one ... the cleverest of burglars and thieves, ... an earnest plea for clemency be- ... Judge Howard A. Davis this morn- ... when up for sentence in connection ... three self-confessed burglaries.

...ted of being hounded by the po- ... and kept from honest pursuits, ... he desired "to go straight." Judge ... expressed regret and then sen- ... him to a term of not less than ... years, nor more than ten, in the ...rn Penitentiary.

...wers was picked up the night of ... 8 at Broad and Market streets ... Detectives Clegg and Curran. Under ...re he admitted that he had stolen ...ry and money to the amount of ...00 from the residences of Mrs. Mar- ... Carruth, 1663 Girard avenue; ... E. Evans, 1527 Spruce street, ... Mrs. Charles Sell, 1506 Green ...

...wers is forty-three years old and ... been living at 2035 Arch street. Ac- ...ding to the story told by the pris- ... in court and embodied in his ap- ... to Judge Davis, he has served sev- ... prison and jail terms because each ... released there was no chance for ... to go straight. Kept from honest ...oyment, he was driven to steal to ..., he said.

...e said he got nothing from his re- ... robberies, except a little cash, be- ... a "fence" in the vicinity of ...th and Sansom streets, to whom he ... his loot, had inspected it and ...ed it "junk." The fence, never- ...ess, kept the jewelry and refused ... pay anything for it. The detectives ...ect to learn from the convict who ... receiver of stolen goods is.

"Judge, I've had a tough time of it ...ughout my life," said Sowers in ...dressing the Court. "I have been in ... many times when I should not ... been there. In many cases the ... 'had me wrong.' The way I feel ..., your honor, I am not at all sure ...at it pays for a man in my position ... try to go straight.

"When I got out of prison three ...nths ago, I said to myself that I ...uld certainly go straight, and I tried ...ard—really hard, Judge. I don't fancy ... interior of a prison. They are ter- ...ble places to live in. So I got myself ... job at 931 Chestnut street, an honest ...spectable job. I had been working ... days when a dick walked in and ...lled me an ex-con, and told me to ... 'to h—— out of there.' He told ... boss and I was fired.

"...w what is a fellow to do, Judge, I ...don't starve, and I did commit those ...leries. But I never harmed any- ...e or used a weapon."

The court could act in no other way, ...der the law, Judge Davis said, than ... send the man back to prison.

VETERANS TO CELEBRATE

...to Observe 61st Anniversary of Old First Infantry

...me 600 veterans of three wars, ...der command of Colonel J. Camp- ...ell Gilmore, will share in the cele- ...ation of the sixty-first anniversary ... the Veterans' Corps of the Old ...st Infantry.

...ey will assemble at the armory at ...rd and Callowhill streets at 4 this ...noon and will march down Broad ...et to Chestnut and down that street ... Twelfth, returning by way of Locust ...et to in front of the Union League ...ubbing.

Following this parade will be the ...ternary anniversary dinner, at ...ich Colonel Gilmore will preside. ... number of notable guests will be ...esent, among them Chief Justice Von ...schzisker, Colonel Dennis P. Quin- ...n and Dr. Peter Duffday, of Wash- ...gton, the last man to have been grad- ...ted from the famous University of ...uvain.

Recovers Stolen Car

A $3000 motorcar, the property of D. ... Martin, of 1817 Pine street, which ... stolen at Twenty-fourth and Wal- ...t streets yesterday morning, was re- ...vered last night at Ninth street and ...ligh avenue. Gandy, of the foot ...ffic squad, and Douglas, a motor ...ffic policeman, found the machine ...owing vacant by the curb. It was ...aintured.

In Easter Concert

MISS JEANETTE KERR
One of the singers who sang in a concert given last evening at Christ Church, Second street above Market

BRIDGETON BARS SUGGESTIVE DANCES

Cheek-to-Cheek and Clinging Modes Swished to Jazz Are Banned

ORDINANCE IS STRINGENT

Dancing of the cheek-to-cheek, wriggly and clinging type that is stepped to the syncopated beat of jazz was outlawed last night by the City Council of Bridgeton, N. J., which provided fines and jail penalties for violators.

The Rev. Harold P. Sloan, pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, the principal speaker for the bill against "improper and indecent dances," told of a personal investigation he had made at dance halls.

The ordinance prohibits girls under eighteen years old attending any public dance in Bridgeton. All dancing must stop at midnight and the proprietor of every public dance hall is required to pay the salary of a special officer appointed by the Mayor of Bridgeton.

"It shall be unlawful," the ordinance recites, "for any person or persons who may be granted the privilege of using the floor licensed hereunder to dance improperly or indecently, or to use such floor for improper or indecent dancing."

A fine not exceeding $100 and imprisonment for not more than ten days are the penalties.

Frank C. Carll, a veteran dancing master, said he could not afford to pay the amount that would be required for a special officer. He estimated it would cost $480 a year. Mr. Carll asked who would interpret the ordinance and rule which dances were improper and indecent. It was understood the censorship would be intrusted to the special officer.

Union League to Be Host to Pepper

Senator Pepper will be the guest at a reception in the Union League on Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. Prior to the reception the Senator will deliver an address in Lincoln Hall. There will be a large attendance of members and friends at both functions.

BRIDGETON REJECTED DAYLIGHT-SAVING PLAN

Opposition of 60,000 Farmers Influenced Council

Daylight saving was voted down last night by the City Council of Bridgeton, N. J., following a mass-meeting.

The rejection of daylight saving was due to united opposition from the 60,000 farmers who trade there. A majority of the bigger merchants sided with the agriculturists.

Charles F. Seabrook, president of the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, announced that Bridgeton manufacturers were willing to have their men start work an hour earlier without changing the clocks.

Bridgeton had daylight saving last year, but as summer waned resentment against the innovation grew rapidly. The meeting last night was a result of opposition which has been fostered ever since.

Although some members of Council favored daylight saving, the opposition was so overwhelming that the ordinance was defeated by a unanimous vote.

BONWIT TELLER DINNER

Employes and Guests See Fashion Revue on Walton Roof

The annual dinner-dance of employes of Bonwit, Teller & Co. and their guests was given by the Employes' Beneficial Association last night at the Walton roof. Exclusive use of the roof was obtained, and the hotel management provided several attractions in addition to the show of the association.

Among the guests, in addition to the employes of the firm in this city, were officers of the New York store and the New York manufacturers with whom the firm does business.

Much of the success of the affair is due J. B. Honold, president of the Employes' Association; C. J. Aller, honorary vice president, and Miss H. Shaffer, of the advertising department of the store.

Of special interest to the merry-makers was the fashion revue staged by the Gorham Follies Company. An exceptionally attractive number was the wedding, displaying gorgeous raiment for the spring bride and her attendants. Another number that attracted attention was the brilliant spectacle of the fans, in which each of the participants wore a fan with a spread of fourteen feet.

NEW SHOP FOR STECKER CO.

Is Located at 1220 Walnut, Adjacent to Present Store

An attractive new shop was opened by the Stecker Company today at 1220 Walnut street, adjacent to its present quarters. Its walls are cream-colored, and the tables for lingerie, negligees, sweaters and skirts are of ivory color, with mahogany tops.

The soft toning of the walls is enriched by the lighting effect produced by several inverted hanging lamps.

The keynote of the fittings is elegant simplicity. The dark plain tops of the tables make a stunning effect, as here and there they show through among the pastel shades of the shimmering negligees which cover them.

The establishment has been in existence seven years. Today's opening marks its third enlargement. The new shop takes up one floor, and is the same depth as the main store.

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DANIEL F. LAFEAN DIES SUDDENLY

Former Banking Commissioner Stricken Here as He Greets Friend in Street

PROMINENT IN POLITICS

Daniel F. Lafean, of York, ex-Congressman and formerly State Banking Commissioner, collapsed at Broad and Norris streets at 5 p. m. yesterday and died shortly afterward in an undertaker's office. Death is attributed to heart disease.

Mr. Lafean, long a power in York County politics, was seen walking north in Broad street by John Maurer, 5639 Chestnut street, who is employed by Morris Rosenberg's Son, an undertaker, 2009 North Broad street.

Maurer knew the former Banking Commissioner and greeted him. Maurer noticed he appeared ill. Lafean suddenly fell on his knees and Maurer caught him as he slumped forward.

With the aid of another man, Maurer carried Mr. Lafean to Rosenberg's office. The stricken man mentioned the name of Dr. G. Harlan Wells, 1617 Spruce street, who had been treating him. A telephone message brought Dr. Wells, but Mr. Lafean was dead when he reached the undertaker's office.

Mrs. Lafean, who was at Atlantic City, was notified, and she and her son, Leroy K. Lafean, came to Philadelphia. Arrangements were made to send the body to York today.

According to Deputy Coroner Rowland, Dr. Lafean came to this city from York yesterday. He had luncheon at the Union League and then left, presumably, to look after some business.

Mr. Lafean served five terms in the House of Representatives at Washington and preceded John S. Fisher as State Banking Commissioner. When the North Penn Bank crashed, Mr. Lafean's name was drawn into the case and he was arrested. He was acquitted last December of resulting charges.

Mr. Lafean, who was sixty-one years old, had been ailing for several years. For a period he was in the Lankenau Hospital here, and also in a New York sanatorium. Leroy K. Lafean, a son, and Mrs. John R. Lafean, wife of a brother, arrived here at midnight from York, after notification by Dr. Wells.

Besides his widow, Mr. Lafean is survived by three sons, Stuart F., Leroy and Robert H. Lafean, and the following brothers and sisters: John R. Lafean, former Mayor of York; George Jacob Lafean and Charles Lafean, of York; Edward C. Lafean, Pittsburgh; A. H. Lafean, Minneapolis; Mrs. Clarence A. Geesey and Miss Laura Lafean, York.

Among the many activities in the world of business in which Lafean was interested were the Keystone Color and Mica Company, the York Telephone and Telegraph Company, the York Card and Paper Company, said to be the largest wallpaper manufacturing company in the United States, and the Security Title and Trust Company, of York, of which he was once president.

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