

THE BLAIR COUNTY MURDER.

Close of the Trial of David W. McKim, for the Murder of Samuel T. Norcross.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, May 8. Yesterday morning Thaddeus Banks, Esq., opened for the defence, commencing at the opening of the Court, and ending at a little after 10 o'clock. The arguments of Mr. Banks were characterized by a shrewd reasoning, and at times he became quite eloquent in behalf of the prisoner. He cited the usual authorities—not forgetting the murder of Mr. Hays (in England) for which Jonathan Bradford formerly suffered—a case, I believe, cited on the occasion of every criminal trial where conviction hinges upon circumstantial evidence.

W. A. Stokes, Esq., for the Commonwealth, commenced at the close of Mr. Banks' plea. He opened with a beautiful exordium, and then reviewed the history of the case, beginning with McKim's residence at Dunleith, and going over the whole ground connected with the fearful tragedy. Never have we heard a case based upon circumstantial evidence handled with more legal ability than was displayed by Mr. Stokes in this case. One by one he demolished the proofs set up by the defence, until the defence itself seems like the "baseless fabric of a vision." He having spoken just four hours, during which time he was listened to with intense interest by as many people as could conveniently be crowded into the Court House, many of whom were ladies.

After the absence of an hour and a quarter, the jury returned to the Court Room, which was very much crowded. The foreman delivered his verdict as follows: "We find the defendant, David S. McKim, guilty of Murder in the First Degree, in manner and form as indicted."

Mr. Hays was the counsel for the defence, immediately gave notice of a motion in arrest of judgment; but there can be little doubt that it will be overruled. The prisoner was removed to the jail, to await the sentence of the Court and the decision of the Governor in regard to his execution. So ends a trial which has excited an extraordinary interest in this county. It has been fairly and ably conducted, and the prisoner was defended with zeal and talent. Still it is impossible, after having heard the evidence, to doubt that he is fairly convicted, and that he will justly suffer on the gallows.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, May 8. The Court met this morning at the usual hour, and was crowded to excess. The motion for arrest of judgment was overruled. McKim was brought into Court and as a condemned man, excited more than ordinary curiosity. The Judge informed him of his conviction and in the ordinary form asked him if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him.

McKim rose and declared in the most decided manner that he had entirely innocently asserted that he had been convicted unfairly and by means of perjury. The Judge then addressed him in a very solemn and impressive manner, assuring him that he had been fairly tried, ably defended and legally convicted of the murder of his friend and travelling companion, and he then proceeded to pronounce the sentence of death.

McKim was then taken back to jail to await the signing of the death-warrant, by the Governor.

NEW BANKS. The following is a list of the bills passed by both Houses of the Legislature chartering new banks with the amount of the capital of each, and also those for an increase of capital. The aggregate increase of the Banking capital of the State is about eight and a half millions:—

Table listing various banks and their capital amounts, including Union Bank, Fayette County, Corn Exchange, Lewisburg, Kittingau, Allegheny, Jersey Shore, Octorara, Beaver County, Hancockville, Schuylkill Haven, Commonwealth, Tioga County, Doylestown, Shamokin, Iron City, Wayneburg, Citizens' Deposit, Pittsburg, Easton, Union Bank, York County, Manufacturers and Mechanics, Central Bank, Pottstown, Centre County, Crawford County, McKean County, Lebanon Valley, Potter County.

WHEAT AND FRUIT.—We have now received recent reports of the grain and fruit crops from nearly every portion of the State of Maryland, and are happy to remark that in spite of many previous unfavorable circumstances and much alarm, there is a prospect of a good crop of both. And in this connection it gives us still further joy to repeat a former opinion, confirmed by more recent observation of the reports of our exchange papers, that the wheat prospect generally is that of more than an average crop, though in some districts it will doubtless be short in proportion to the amount sown. The fruit, too, except in the more Southern States is said to promise abundance.—Baltimore American.

The New York Courier publishes a table of the marine losses for the past month, showing an aggregate of fifty-three vessels, of which eleven were ships, seven barks, five brigs, twenty-nine schooners and one sloop. The total value of property lost was over a million, six hundred and forty-six thousand seven hundred dollars. The aggregate losses for the year so far, are \$5,161,600.

The Coal Trade.—The quantity sent by Railroad this week is \$3,840,000 tons—by Canal 29,289—by the week 54,229 tons. Total by Railroad 624,313 1/2 against 652,777 1/2 tons—Do. by Canal 142,406 1/2 against 143,343 05 tons for the corresponding week last year.—Miners' Journal.

The Legislature has so far passed thirty-two bank bills, with an aggregate capital of \$5,559,000.

NEW VARIETY AND NOTION STORE.

Market Street 4 doors East of Chas. Weaver's Hotel, Sunbury, Penna.

MRS. M. A. FUNK has just opened a lot of Performing Art Articles, &c., for ladies and gentlemen, consisting of Hosiery for ladies, gents and children. Embroidery and embroidery floss, worsted perferated paper and canvas. Tidy and darning Cotton, Gloves of all sizes. Note Paper and Envelopes, Ladies and Gents' Writing Papers, Pencils and Rubbers for Bonnets, Wall-bone and Brass Hoops, &c., &c., &c., and Call and See.

A part of the House for RENT. Sunbury, May 9, 1857.—31

NEW MILLINERY STORE.

MISS LOUISE SWISSLER, respectfully informs the citizens of Trevorton and surrounding country, that she has opened a new store of Millinery and Fancy Goods, at Trevorton in Shamokin street, nearly opposite Knouse's Tavern, where all kinds of Bonnets and Fancy Goods can be had at the lowest terms. Dress making also attended to in the best manner and latest style. April 25, 1857.—11

PUBLIC SALE.

SPLENDID MILL PROPERTY: WILL be sold at Public Sale, on the premises, on SATURDAY the 30th day of May next, all that certain MILL PROPERTY, known as

"VINCENT'S MILL," situated in Delaware township, Northumberland county, but a short distance from the Watsonum Depot of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, and from the Canal Basin and Station near the mouth of the Warrior Run.

The MILL is erected on the Warrior Run, a short distance from its mouth—has a first rate WATER POWER—the power covers about two acres of land, and attached to the Mill is a good building lot containing about one acre. The advantages of location and fitting up as a Flouring Mill, are superior to any in the country. It is fitted up with four runs of superior stone, and a Plaster Mill. The pool has never been known to dry up a supply of water for the purpose of the Mill.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock of said day, when the terms will be made known and due attendance given by

MARIA C. VINCENT, HEIR AT LAW, Executrix of James Vincent, dec'd.

Witness: C. W. TRAPP, Esq. Delawaretp, May 2, 1857.—31

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BOOT STORE,

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BOOTS, Shoes, Gaiters, &c., promptly made to order in the very best style, and of the best material.

Philadelphia, May 9, 1857.—

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HENRY HAUPT, JR.

Successor to A. J. Stroh,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Sunbury and the public generally, that he has taken the establishment lately occupied by A. J. Stroh and is prepared to turn out work in line of business equal to any made in this section of the country. Orders promptly executed and all kinds of produce taken in Exchange Sunbury, May 9, 1857.—17

NEW Drugs, Paints, &c.

New supply of Drugs, Paints, Oils, Fluid, &c., just received and for sale by

A. W. FISHER, Sunbury, May 2, 1857.—

Centre Turnpike Road.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election for Managers and other officers of the Centre Turnpike Road to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the house of G. S. Brown, in Northumberland, on Monday the first day of June, next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

J. R. PRIESTLEY, President. May 2, 1857.—10

A Retired Physician

Whose hands of life have nearly run, discovered while in the East Indies, a certain cure for Consumption, Asthma, &c. The coughs, Croup and General Debility. The cure was discovered by him when his only child, a daughter, was given up to die. Wishing to do as much good as possible, he will send to such of his afflicted fellow-beings as request it, this receipt, with full and explicit directions for making it up and successfully using it. He requests each applicant to enclose him one shilling which each applicant is to be returned as postage on the receipt, and the remainder to be applied to the payment of this advertisement. Address

Dr. H. JAMES, No. 19 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J. April 26, 1857.—1m

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A Good second-hand Puff. Apply at this office.

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IRA SAYRS. Port Trevorton, April 25, 1857.—11

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Office in Deer Street, immediately opposite the Public School House.

All business promptly attended to. Monies collected and all ordinary writings done. Sunbury, April 25, 1857.—11

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DANIEL FELIX, JEREMIAH MARTIN. Shamokin, April 11, 1857.—11

Estate of Alfred R. Howland, dec'd.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of Administration have been granted to the subscriber on the estate of Alfred R. Howland, dec'd., late of Trevorton, Northumberland county. All persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

GEO. MOWTON, Adm'r. Trevorton, April 11, 1857.—6t

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Of the most Fashionable Style. Sofas, Divans and Lounges. Bureaus, Secretaries, Sideboards, SOFA, BREAKFAST AND DINING TABLES, AND VENETIAN BLINDS, equal to Philadelphia manufacture.

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including varieties never before to be had in Sunbury, such as MARGRAT, BLACK WALNUT AND CEDAR MAPLE GREEN; AND WINDSOR CHAIRS, AND FANCY PIANO STOOLS, which are of the latest styles, and warranted to be excelled by none manufactured in the Cities or elsewhere.

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ISAAC M. WILKERSON. Sunbury, April 18, 1857.—11

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR, 1856.

George Bright, Esq., Treasurer of Northumberland County, in account with the same respecting Militia Fines.

Dn.

To amount of outstanding tax for 1855 and previous years, \$9,412 71

" amount of county tax assessed for 1856, 17,340 64

" amount of county road and school tax, for 1854 & 1855, 3,761 42

cash received for jury funds, 198 17

" for given to George Kuntz overpayment of State tax for 1850, 36 02

" order to D Buoy, overpayment of State tax for 1850, 20 81

" order to D M Swartz, overpayment of State tax for '55, 14 98

" order to Geo Kuntz, overpayment of State tax for 1855, 17 86

" order to M Bachman, overpayment of State tax, 2 04

" order to D M Swartz, overpayment of State tax, 67

" order to P Hiteman, overpayment of militia tax for 1854, 5 00

" order to J Simpson, overpayment of militia tax, 1 13

\$9,821 45

Cr.

By outstanding County tax for 1856 and previous years, \$12,114 97

" Exonerations allowed Collectors for '56 and previous, 598 86

" Commissions, do, 648 76

" Cash paid on Commissioners orders issued in 1855, 3,499 22

" Cash paid on Commissioners orders issued in 1856, 13,305 55

" Treasurer's commission on \$16,804 77 at 2 1/2 per cent, 420 11 1/2

" Cash paid Eastern Penitentiary, 119 12

" Treasurer's commission on \$119 12 at 2 1/2 per cent, 2 97

" Treasurer's services for county for 1855, 3 25

" Balance due the County by the Treasurer, 108 63

\$20,821 45 1/2

George Bright, Esq., Treasurer of Northumberland County, in account with the same respecting State tax on real and personal property.

Dn.

To amount State tax on real and personal estate, for 1855 and previous years, as per Auditors' Report of 1855, \$7,006 06 1/2

" amount of State tax assessed for the year of the Commonwealth for 1856, as per statement of the county Commissioners filed with the Treasurer, 17,164 47

" amount of said tax received on unassessed lands for 1855 and previous years, 1,582 02

" Interest on D P Caul's duplicate for 1853, 12 50

\$25,765 05 1/2

Cr.

By cash paid State Treasurer on account of tax for 1856 and previous, as per receipt dated July 22d and December 17th, \$14,081 09

" Exonerations allowed Collectors for '56 and previous, 751 99

" Treasurer's commission on \$14,781 09, at 1 per cent, 146 81

" Outstanding tax for 1856, and previous years, 7,503 05

" Five per cent abatement on State tax for 1856, 578 94

" Balance due the Commonwealth by the County Treasurer, 1,033 81

\$25,765 05

George Bright, Esq., Treasurer of Northumberland County, in account with the same, respecting Tavern, Distillery, and Eating House Licenses, &c.

Dn.

To amount of Tavern Licenses granted by the court of Quarter Sessions for 1856, 1,350 00

" Licenses granted, January, 1856, for selling liquor, 30 00

" amount of Retailers license for 1856, 1,006 15

" Eating house and Restaurant license for 1856, 140 00

" Distillers, Brewers, &c., 200 00

" Billiard Tables, and places of amusement, 55 00

" Lumber and Coal, 15 50

" Balance duo Treasurer, 10 32

\$2,806 97

Cr.

By cash paid State Treasurer as per receipt dated May 20th, 1856, 1,491 50

" Cash paid State Treasurer as per receipt dated December 17th, 1856, 1,140 00

" Cash paid J G & A A Young man for publishing Mercantile Appraisers list, 15 00

" Cash paid C O Bachman for same, 14 90

" Treasurer's commission on \$2,631 50 at 6 per cent, 151 60

" Exonerations allowed, 14 00

2,806 97

George Bright, Esq., Treasurer of Northumberland County, in account with the same respecting Militia Fines.

Dn.

To amount of said fines outstanding for '55 and previous, \$1,673 96

" amount of militia fines assessed for 1856, 976 00

\$2,649 96

Cr.

By amount of said said fines remaining uncollected for 1856 and previous years, \$1,206 77

" Exonerations allowed collectors for '56 and previous, 632 51

" Five per cent commission allowed collectors for 1856 and previous years on \$932 80, 46 64

" amount paid county Commissioners for time occupied in militia business in 1855, 18 00

" amount paid for books and stationery used by Commissioners for military purposes in 1855, 8 00

\$1,912 96

Outstanding Taxes for 1856 and previous years, on the 31st December, 1856.

Names of Collectors, Townships, Year, County, State, Militia.

Jacob Bigeman, Lower Mahanoy, 1851, 86 00

Wm B Irwin, Delaware, 1853, 82 13 1/2 203 04

James Beard, Delaware, 1854, 59 50

Martin Bachman, Lower Mahanoy, 17 10

James Eckbert, Milton, 32 50