

**COURT PROCEEDINGS.**—The regular April session of the Centre county court convened on Monday with a moderately numerous attendance and with a rather meager array of criminal cases. At the opening the usual number of petitions were presented by the attorneys and the constables' reports were received. Upon the grand jury being sworn in Mr. W. B. Mingle was appointed as foreman.

Upon the convening of court in the afternoon, the grand jury having present, ed no bills for trial, the civil action of Charles Witmer vs. Buffalo Run Railroad Company was taken up. This action was brought to recover the value of a cow which had been killed on the road by said company. The attorneys of the plaintiff seeing that they were unable to recover under the act of assembly covering such cases, suffered a voluntary nonsuit.

The grand jury by this time having returned several true bills, the following commonwealth cases were tried:

**Com. vs. Henry and Annie Keen,** charged with assault and battery. Prosecutors, Lizzie Keen. The difficulty occurred in Penn township, and the prosecuress alleged that her ather, Henry Keen, had choked her, in which assault her mother had participated. The dispute was about some personal property which had been levied on by writ of replevin. The jury found a verdict of guilty as to Henry Keen. The co-defendant, Annie Keen, was not able to attend the trial and the prosecution was continued as to her. Defendant sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and cost of prosecution.

**Com. vs. Foster Fannan;** assault and battery. The offense arose out of a dispute about the ownership of a bridle. Fannan wanted to take the bridle, and the prosecuress, Henry Burns, objected. An altercation ensued in which the defendant was alleged to have struck Burns. Verdict, guilty. Defendant sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and cost of prosecution.

**Com. vs. James Page.** The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of f and b. and received the usual sentence, and not being able to comply with it was sent to jail.

**Com. vs. James Ross,** charged with f and b; pleaded guilty and received the usual sentence.

**Com. vs. Fianna Colpitzer.** Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge of adultery and was sentenced to 6 months in jail.

**Com. vs. Gertrude Quick.** Defendant is a bad girl belonging to Bellefonte, who was found guilty of lewdness, fined \$1 and sent to jail for six months.

On Tuesday morning the case of **Com. vs. Frank Charles and Craig Crossmire** came up. These young men were charged with causing the train wreck at Milesburg some time ago in which fireman Cassett lost his life. District Attorney Meyer asked for their discharge, as no evidence could be found against them, and they were accordingly discharged.

The Zion callithumpian case was next in order. Some young men were arrested for being too noisy in celebrating the wedding of Mr. Lincoln Musser, and his father-in-law, Mr. David Solt, at whose residence the callithumpian performance took place, prosecuted them for disturbing the peace. The grand jury ignored the bill and put the costs on the prosecuress.

**Com. vs. D. P. Swartz.** The defendant was charged with defrauding Robert Confer, of Howard, by forging his name to an article of agreement. The prosecuress was a tenant on the farm of Swartz at the time of the alleged forgery. The prosecuress testified that the original agreement he had signed had been substituted by another agreement which he had never seen and to which his name had been placed without his knowledge. The testimony of the defense was to the effect that the prosecuress had signed the article in question. It was a question of veracity between the two parties. The jury considered the defendant guilty and brought in a verdict to that effect. Defendant asked for a new trial.

In the case of **Cesar and Charles LaPort,** the two young Frenchmen who were charged with having attempted to cause a wreck on the railroad near Phillipsburg, they were discharged, as the commonwealth had not sufficient evidence to convict them.

A man named Grimes and a young boy were brought before court for firing the woods near Millheim. Grimes is not considered of sound mind, and J. P. Gephart, Dr. Hibler and Dr. Hayes were appointed a committee to inquire into his sanity.

**GRAND JURY'S REPORT.** The grand inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring for the County of Centre, in all matters relating to the same, do respectfully report:

That they have acted upon seventeen bills of indictment, of which fifteen were found true bills and two were ignored.

We beg leave to further report that we have visited and inspected the county buildings and find the locks at the jail worn and insecure, and recommend that the commissioners at once replace the old locks with new and secure ones. We find the gates in the fences in front

of the jail, the grate in the kitchen range, the roof on the watch hall and the cess pool in jail yard need repairing, and recommend that the commissioners at once make such repairs as are necessary.

We would also call attention to the water closet in rear of court house, as it is in our opinion a nuisance in its present condition and should be removed and replaced by one more suitable for the place.

We find the office rooms in the court house in fair condition.

We beg leave further to recommend the providing of a room for the accommodation and comfort of female witnesses obliged to attend court.

We respectfully tender our thanks to the honorable judges and district attorney for their courtesy and assistance rendered us during our deliberations.

**WM. B. MINGLE,** foreman.

**CIVIL SUITS.**—Of the civil suits tried this week, in the case of Margaret Motter vs. Harry Simler, the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$57.95. The defendant, through his counsel, at once moved for a new trial. In the case of Dale, Hart & Co. vs. W. H. Hoover, agent, the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff in the sum of \$40.02. A motion for a new trial was made and granted.

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**THE WEATHER FOR MAY.**—Rev. Hicks makes the following forecast of the weather for the month of May:

On the first morning in May it will be generally quite cool, with cold and frost in many parts of this and other countries. But the temperature will rise rapidly, causing a phenomenal warm wave to pass from west to east, which will be the forerunner of very heavy storm disturbances central on the 3rd. The period running from about the 1st to 3rd, besides the usual cause, will have present as extra disturbing factors Mercury on April 29th, moon's last quarter on May 1st and the equinox of the planet Mars on the 4th. We will venture to name the third, fourth and fifth, as days of very probable danger. A very warm, sultry atmosphere in all southern and middle parts of this continent, will be ample and urgent reasons for watching all storm clouds that may arise. Regions to the northwest will share in the very warm wave, but need not be surprised at sudden revolutions of temperature, with snow, followed with cold and frost from the 4th to 7th. About the 8th it will turn rapidly warmer, resulting in hard reactionary storms about the 9th and 10th. Another wave of fresh—perhaps frosty air, will follow after these storms. No harm to watch! Lovers of meteorological science and conjecture will curiously watch and note results of new moon on the 8th, so nearly combined with the transit of Mercury on the 9th. Don't be alarmed at possible earthquake shivers.

The next regular storm period runs from the 14th to 17th, inclusive, with moon's first quarter combined centrally with Vulcan on the 15th. Another excessively warm wave is sure to make itself generally felt during this period. It will culminate in active, dangerous storms, and be followed by very cool nights. The 21st and 22nd are days of secondary storm movements, on which the temperature will reach a high reading, and result in many atmospheric disturbances. On the 23rd, sun, earth and moon will be on a direct line, resulting in a partial eclipse of the moon, with a possible disturbance of the normal magnetic and electric state of our globe. The eclipse will be visible only on the opposite side of the earth.

The latest period for May will be central on the 25th, reach from the 26th to 29th. During these, and the day next before and after, all the phases of a regular meteorological troch, or perturbation will make themselves felt, first growing very warm in the west—moving to the east attended by clouds of rain, wind and thunder, and followed by change of air currents and lower temperature. The closing days and nights of May promise to be fair, pleasant and bright, with rising temperature on the 31st, preparatory to reactionary storms on June 1st. Let us watch and see.

**A STREAK OF GOOD LUCK.**—Mr. R. C. Fishburn has struck a 5 ft. 4 inch vein of Moshannon coal on the Russell farm, near Pennville, in addition to a fine vein of 3 ft. coal of the D. Prime Measure, which he opened up at the same place last fall. When Dick Moran, who is Mr. Fishburn's superintendent at the Russell farm, struck the Moshannon vein he immediately went to Pennville town and reported the find. Squire Farwell, of Pennville, who is a landowner and deeply interested in the development of the territory, was one of the first men Dick told about the find, and the Squire was so excited over the glad news that when he sat down to his dinner he absently put a table spoonful of molasses in his coffee, and then poured a lot of sugar on his plate and tried to sop it up with his bread.—*Phillipsburg Journal.*

**Personal.**

—Wm. A. Tobias came up from Millheim on Monday morning to attend court.

—Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gerberick, of Thomas street, spent part of last week with their daughter, Mrs. C. U. Hoffer, in Phillipsburg.

—Messrs Robert and George Valentine have been spending this week at the Bush House. They are here looking up the workings of the new Valentine Iron Company.

—W. C. Heinle, Charles Noll, I. J. Swavely, Wm. B. Rankin and Col. and Mrs. Eyre Pyle were Bellefonte visitors to Snow Shoe last week. All were called thither on business.

—J. A. Miller, Esq., of Rock Spring, is in town as a traverse juror. Mr. Miller reports every thing in good condition up his way and believes that the prospects are good for a prosperous season.

—F. Potts Green and Wilbur Twimire left, at 5:20, on Wednesday afternoon, for Harrison, Tenn. They are going down to see the wonderful growth of the place, and if it comes up to their expectations they will invest.

—Mr. Jacob A. Shaffer, a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman from Madisonburg, was on the grand jury this term of court. After the jury was discharged he did not forget to pay his respects to the Wagoner. Come often, Mr. Shaffer; we will always be glad to see you.

**For the Watchman.**

**License Jugglery.**

Among the applications for a hotel license presented at our License Court in March last, was that of Gottlieb Haag. Mr. Haag is the owner of the hotel on Bishop street known as the Cummings House. For a number of years Mr. Brown kept this house and was regularly licensed from year to year, and not until Mr. Haag became the owner of this property was a license refused to the person occupying it. Notwithstanding the fact that year after year the court has refused his license, he kept the place as a hotel, and to-day has as large a patronage from the traveling public as any hotel in Bellefonte. This year again he made an application for a license for his house. At the regular hearing in March his application was continued, and held over from time to time, until last Monday, when the license asked for was refused.

In making a final disposition of the application Judge Furst delivered quite a lengthy opinion, giving his reasons for refusing a license to Mr. Haag. The opinion is certainly a very remarkable one, and the reasons given for the conclusion arrived at by the court are peculiar, to say the least. Besides the regular petition presented by Mr. Haag he had special petitions presented, asking for the granting of this license, containing 1296 names of the very best citizens of the county. It was also shown conclusively on the hearing of this application that Mr. Haag's hotel had a custom equal to any in the town, and that if any hotel in the county was necessary this one was. Yet in the face of these facts the application was refused and Mr. Haag was put off with the usual promises for the future.

In determining these license applications great stress is always put upon the question of necessity. Nothing else seems to be taken into consideration, if you may judge from the official utterances of the court. A close examination, however, will reveal the true inwardness of the motive governing the action of the court. In a number of instances licenses are granted regularly every year to applicants for hotels where there is practically no travel; where there is very little necessity, if any at all, for hotels; and where the place so licensed are simply local drinking places. And again, in other instances, the number of licenses are increased where the travel is not materially increased, and the increase of population but very slight. In these instances the applicants were Republicans, and in most cases local leaders in the party.

In Mr. Haag's case the patronage is mostly from the democratic sections of the county, and he himself a democrat, although not an active politician. Party considerations, or possibly votes for the judgment in the future, seem to weigh heavier in the determination of the license question than the fact of the necessity of a hotel and the proper accommodation of the traveling public. We do not insist that this is the case, but the evidence points very strongly in that direction, and many of the very best citizens of the county are rapidly coming to that conclusion. This must necessarily result in a loss of confidence in the court and in the administration of justice generally. Such a condition of affairs is deplorable, and it behooves the court to deal with this class of cases in such a manner as not to give any cause for suspicion. Mr. Haag was as much entitled to a license as many others who have received licenses at the hands of the court; the necessity for his hotel was admitted by the court in the opinion given at the time the license was refused, and a refusal under such circumstances cannot be explained away by an adroit piece of special pleading. The court may as well note this fact now as later, because the people will not be hoodwinked and juggled any longer.

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