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Mulcting a Sheriff for Doing His Duty.

There are few persons in Centre county who will not consider it crass injustice when they learn that by a finding of a jury in the civil court in session in this place last week former sheriff JOHN P. CONDO and his deputies are to be held responsible, in a pecuniary way, for the burning of the GOODMAN house at Woodward, in March, 1896.

The case was a peculiar one and decidedly complicated. The circumstances surrounding the Woodward tragedy are so well known that it is unnecessary to restate them here. Suffice it for a brief statement that constable JOHN BARBER, in the pursuit of his supposed duty, went to the GOODMAN house in Woodward to arrest ETTLINGER, who was the occupant of the house by lease.

Immediately the question arose as to who should pay for the destroyed property. There was an insurance on it, but no insurance company could be held to pay for such a loss. It was beyond reason that the GOODMAN estate should have to bear it, then there was no other source left to which to look for payment except the sheriff or the county.

Old Glory in Havana.

HAVANA, Dec. 12.—The Two Hundred and Second New York Regiment marched from the San Jose wharf to the Christina railroad station.

The route was not through the principal streets. There were only the ordinary number of people in the streets, and it was only occasionally that cries of "Vive Espana!" "Vive Americanos!" or "Vive Cuba Libre!" were heard.

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much, however, and carried their case to court with the result that an officer whose record for efficiency has never been surpassed by a Centre county sheriff, is to be mulcted of \$865 for doing his duty.

By every right of honor and fairness the county ought to pay this bill. If an honest, well meaning officer, acting under practically direct instructions is to be held for the expense of carrying them into effect then where can we expect to find competent, responsible men who will care to fill such positions.

Some of the jurymen actually thought that they were merely fixing the amount of damage. So they were, but in doing so they were fixing what Mr. CONDO should pay, for the suit was brought against him and his deputies.

Just to make public the real state of affairs we append four questions the court asked the jury to answer from the evidence that was adduced. The fact that every question was answered in the affirmative clearly demonstrates that the jury was convinced that Mr. CONDO was doing his duty in a manner of which it approved, yet it was placing itself in the anomalous position of mulcting him in the sum of \$865 for an act which it was approving in the same report.

1st. Whether John P. Condo, sheriff, was at Woodward on the 6th day of March, 1896, in the discharge of his official duty for the purpose of arresting a grave-roamer and suspected of having committed a grave-roaming such as the killing of constable Barber and that he had called upon the man so accused to surrender himself and that he refused that he had endeavored to make the arrest with a posse of deputies. Question answered in the affirmative.

2nd. Whether the sheriff and his deputies had used every legitimate means to make the arrest and had been exposed to the fire from a gun or deadly weapon of the supposed criminal concealed in the house. That the sheriff had exhausted all means that could be resorted to without unnecessarily endangering human life and that the person sought to be arrested was holding the entire party at bay. Ans. We so find.

3rd. Whether the burning of the premises in question were under all the evidence necessary in order to make the arrest of the accused person William D. Ettlenger. Ans. We do.

4th. Whether under the evidence no other means could have successfully been resorted to than the burning of the building to secure his arrest. Ans. No other means could have been resorted to.

If the jury could find such facts to have been the case how could it expect Mr. CONDO to be liable, any more than any other citizen of the county, for the expense of enforcement of the law? The people of Centre county cannot afford to have such an injustice done a man who served them so faithfully.

The Philadelphia Record Almanac for 1899 is out in a flaming red cover and a specially engraved frontispiece. However neither the cover nor the engraving are of material importance in comparison with the one-hundred-and-twenty-two pages of statistical and general information that the almanac contains. Probably the funny man of the Record, who edits the "In and About the City" paragraphs, suggested the idea of a red cover so that Berks county fortunates who get one would know that it is to be read and not use it to hold down a push album on the parlor centre table.

Russia, with the hope of getting an ice-free port on Norwegian territory, is suspected of trying to fan into a flame the spark of disruption that has lately been struck between Norway and Sweden. While the Swedes are stronger, by two to one, in both army and navy than their coalesced neighbor's on the other side of the Kiolen mountains, the Norwegians seem nothing daunted by their own weakness and are getting so gay that the growl of the Russian bear can almost be heard in their every movement.

They were extenuating circumstances. MARSH's return after seven years of exile, his many statements before the court and the fact that he did not profit by the Keystone bank's failure, that should have awakened clemency in the heart of Judge BUTLER. It was not justice, it was brutal to give him a sentence of twelve years.

Do you think that MARSH would have returned for punishment had he known he would be given a twelve year sentence? It was too much. He could have managed to keep fresh without so hard a salting.

United States Troops March Through the City With Flying Colors—Deep Emotion Shown by the Nations.

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General Garcia Dead. The Cuban Soldier Falls a Victim of Pneumonia—His Dies Pleading for Cuba—His Last Words Were Imaginary Orders for a Battle—The Change of Climate Was Too Sudden.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—General Calixto Garcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader, and the head of the Commission elected by the Cuban Assembly to visit this country, died here Sunday morning shortly after 10 o'clock at the Hotel Raleigh, of pneumonia. The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba, with the hardships he had there endured, to the wintry weather of the North was responsible for the sickness. He contracted a slight cold in New York, and on Tuesday morning shortly after 10 o'clock at the Hotel Raleigh, visited the place and diagnosed it. It is supposed to have been carried to Bedford by soldiers from Porto Rico.

For some time the disease has been prevailing but some doctors pronounced it to be chicken pox, and others said it was nothing more than a skin disease. But a day or two ago the malady became alarming and the word went out that the whole town was infected with small-pox. The town contains less than 3,000 people and 200 cases of the disease have already developed.

The Bedford physicians disagree. Dr. Atkinson, after a thorough examination says it is genuine small-pox. He, himself, counted 130 cases in the town, and believes there are fully 200 in all. Men, women and children, he declared, with small-pox crusts on their bodies and faces, have been traveling the streets day and night and visiting from house to house, unconscious of the true nature of their terrible affliction.

The rapid spread of the disease was due to the inability of the local physicians to diagnose it, not one of the practicing physicians of the town ever before having treated a small-pox case. Drastic measures were taken to prevent the contagion from spreading further.

The whole town is closely quarantined, police and guarded and heroic measures will be prosecuted to check the plague. The danger to the whole central part of the State is manifest as people of Bedford, while infected with disease, have been traveling far and near. George Martin, a member of Company A, Fifth regiment, of Huntingdon, who is afflicted with small-pox, contracted the disease while playing football in Bedford from an opposing Bedford player, who at the time showed the crusts of small-pox on his face.

The people of Bedford are indignant at Dr. Atkinson's report, for they say there are not more than a dozen cases in the town. They called a public meeting to protest against such a report being spread. But protest or no protest there is small-pox there. Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the state board of health, who returned to Philadelphia Monday night from a visit to the town of Bedford, where he went to investigate the reports of small-pox, discovered that there are a number of cases of the disease in the town and vicinity, but it is of a light form and that with strict care and the observance of proper precautions may be controlled and further spreading prevented. Soon after his return he sent the following telegram to Surgeon General Walter Wyman, of the United States marine hospital at Washington:

"Small-pox states in Bedford and suburbs, within one and a half miles, December 11th. Twenty cases of which twelve are in the borough limits and eight outside. Houses outside, ten of which seven are within the borough limits and three outside. Of the above eight are varioloid, of which two are within the borough limits and six outside, and twelve varioloid, of which ten are within the borough limits and two outside. Also in Bedford county within eight miles of Bedford are five cases of varioloid in two houses. Authorities active. All precautions taken. Spreading of the disease of the hold the district. Dr. Lee said: "When the war was thought to be drawing to a close and it was known that there was a great deal of small-pox in the eastern end of the island of Cuba, the state board held a meeting and got out a circular advising the doctors throughout the State that they must expect the appearance of the disease with the return of the soldiers from the infected island, and that they should exercise the greatest care in diagnosis and make instant report of the appearance of any eruptive disease that resembled small-pox. I think there is now no reason to fear anything approaching an epidemic."

ENDS HOPE OF CUBAN REPUBLIC. The death of General Garcia, in the opinion of thoughtful public men, ends all hope of the attainment of an independent Cuban Republic. General Garcia was the only Cuban leader of real prominence or wide influence who could maintain the movement for the creation of a Cuban Republic, temporary, if not permanent; and, now that he has gone, his associates in the committee he brought here to plead for that purpose feel bereft and defeated. General Garcia died of pneumonia, a Cuban patriot, but he did claim that, after the provisional military government which President McKinley proposed, and before that annexation to the United States which seemed to him likely to come eventually, there might be an independent Cuban Republic. He hoped to be President of it, and he hoped to see it materialize in substantial ways.

It is generally believed that Cuba will now pass quietly from the military state to the state of annexation. General Gomez desires this to be the fate of the Republic, according to the statements of his friends here, and there is no other commanding general to oppose him.

FATHER OF A LARGE FAMILY. General Garcia left a large family. Justo a captain on his staff; his widow and Mercedes a child 17 years of age, who are at Thomastown, Co. Kerry, a son, 19 years of age; Colonel Carlos Garcia, another son, who is in Cuba, and a daughter, Leonora, who married an American is now living in Paris. General Garcia's mother is alive and resides in Havana.

General Garcia, whose name will be linked with those of other patriots who have fought against unequal odds for the freedom of his country, has had a most active and varied life. He was a man of culture and refinement, of splendid education and came from a distinguished family of Jiquini of Santiago de Cuba Province. He was born in Coquim, October 14th, 1839. General Garcia was educated in Havana and Spain. In 1864 he was married to Isabel Velaz.

Gideon Marsh Sentenced. To an Imprisonment of Twelve Years and Three Months.—Expected a Lighter Sentence.—Marsh Broke Down on Making a Statement and Was Unable to Proceed Further.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Gideon W. Marsh, former president of the Keystone National bank, was today sentenced by Judge Butler, in the United States district court, to an imprisonment of twelve years and three months and to pay a fine of \$500. The Keystone bank failed in March, 1891, and president Marsh and cashier Lawrence were placed under arrest, charged with conspiracy in making false entries in the books and issuing false reports to the comptroller of the currency. The cashier stood trial and was convicted and imprisoned, but Marsh disappeared and his bail of \$20,000 was forfeited. After wandering over the world for seven and a half years, the fugitive president returned on Nov. 3rd last, and surrendered to the authorities. He pleaded guilty when arraigned for trial.

It was thought probable that Marsh might be brought up for sentence, make a statement, implicating others with the wrecking of the bank, but he merely informed the court that his predecessor in the presidency of the bank had left a defalcation of over a million dollars and that he (Marsh) had never profited a dollar through the bank's losses. He broke down on making this statement and was unable to proceed further. He trembled perceptibly when sentence was pronounced and the expression on his face told that he had expected much lighter punishment.

Lock Haven people think that work is to be begun on the new railroad to Clearfield, by the river route, early in the spring.

Small-Pox Prevalent in Bedford. The Disease Carried to the Town by Soldiers From Porto Rico. First Reports Exaggerated—Thought to be Under Control Now.

The town of Bedford is boarded up so that no one can get in or out because genuine small-pox is raging there. The true nature of the plague was only discovered last Thursday when Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, visited the place and diagnosed it. It is supposed to have been carried to Bedford by soldiers from Porto Rico.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mt. Eagle's sand bank is being worked again.

The thermometer registered 4° above zero in this place yesterday morning at six o'clock.

Since Dr. Braucht has left Milesburg that town has no physician nearer than Bellefonte.

Elery Johnson, of Rote, will open a singing school at Mt. Eagle on Monday evening, Dec. 26th.

P. H. Meyer, of Boalsburg, is conducting a singing school at Linden Hall. He has forty students.

The largest line of 10ct. candies in the State at Sourbeck's.

S. H. Williams has bought Mrs. Barbara Rankin's property on the corner of High and Thomas streets for \$1,600.

Daniel Garman is confined to his home, at the corner of Spring and High street, with a slight attack of grip.

Wm. Robb's house at Romola caught fire one day last week and only the timely discovery of the flames by Mrs. Robb saved the building from being destroyed.

Liveryman Abe Baum was the first Bellefonter to appear in a sleigh this winter. He made the two inches of snow on Monday answer his purpose of leading them all.

County treasurer Harrison Kline has paid \$8,000 for the Hoy farm, east of Bellefonte. The farm was owned by Dr. H. K. Hoy, of Altoona, and contains over 200 acres. It is Mr. Kline's intention to move there in the spring and make it his future home.

On December 28th there will be held a session of equity court in the case of the administrators of the estate of the late George W. Jackson vs the Jackson, Hastings & Co. banking company. In the reorganization of that company it was agreed that it should exist for 10 years. This equity suit is brought for the purpose of dissolving the partnership as far as relates to the late George W. Jackson, as the administrators desire to settle up the estate immediately, while if the partnership is continued they could not do so for nearly ten years hence.

The largest stock of candies we ever had and lower prices. Special price to churches and schools at Sourbeck's.

A musical treat is in store for those who go to the Boston ladies' military band at Garman's to-morrow night.

Frank Kamp, of Boalsburg, had his leg broken while kneeling on Tuesday, while working on the Linden Hall lumber mill.

Owing to the indisposition of Rev. Dr. H. C. Holloway there were no preaching services held in the Lutheran church on Sunday.

We make all our own clear toys and candies. They are pure and fresh at Sourbeck's.

There is an increase of nine public school teachers in Clearfield county over last year. There are 451 teachers over there now.

During Sunday's storm the straw stack on the farm of J. Felding, at Linden Hall, blew over and killed three fine shoats.

Miss Lydia Shreffler and Charley Houser are to be married next Wednesday evening. Both are well known young people in Bellefonte.

W. R. Braebill has secured the contract for supplying the new oak seats that are to replace the old benches in the auditorium of the court house.

Bishop McCabe preached in the first Methodist church in Altoona on Sunday in the interest of missions. His sermon brought pledges for \$965 for the cause.

The Milesburg Methodist Sunday school is preparing for a fine Christmas entertainment in which "Santa Claus," "Father Time" and "Uncle Sam" are to be conspicuous figures.

The largest line of Christmas tree decorations in town at Sourbeck's.

The site for Mill Hall's new electric light plant has been changed, owing to the failure to get a siding to the one originally selected. The old Stover coal property has been secured and a building 22x42 will be erected.

According to the appraiser's return the estate of the late Balsler Weber is valued at nearly a quarter of a million dollars. The personal property amounting to \$199,077, while there is sufficient realty to run it up to \$250,000.

During his trip to Pittsburg to take Wm. Hanna to the penitentiary sheriff Cronister severely sprained his right ankle. The injury was bad enough to keep him confined to his home for several days and he is still walking with a cane.

Four fine attractions are booked for Bellefonte next week. First comes the Kane opera company on Monday night; Wallace Bruce, Tuesday evening; Dr. John B. DeMotte, Wednesday evening; Gen'l. John B. Gordon, Thursday evening.

The first convention of the newly organized state Dairy Union closed its sessions in Williamsport on Tuesday. The convention was largely attended. Harry Haywood, of the state Experiment station, at State College, was elected secretary of the Union for the ensuing year.

The Methodists out at Valentines' iron works are having a wonderful revival. Within the past two weeks eighteen conversions have been effected and nine penitents are seeking forgiveness of their sins. Rev. Williams is said to be preaching very effective sermons nightly.

A full line of all kind of fruits and nuts at Sourbeck's.

R. A. Beck, the most popular fireman in town, has introduced something new into the working plans of the Logan company, to which he belongs. He has purchased himself a fine silver bugle and a code of signals has been adopted, so that while at work at a fire he can signal directions to the men at the nozzles, plugs and engine.

There was a meeting of the new telephone company in this place on Wednesday at which it was decided to extend lines to Centre Hall, Potters Mills, Millheim and Woodward. Thirty subscribers have been secured in that vicinity. Lines will be strung in Lock Haven just as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be completed.

In his report, at the 26th annual convention of the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Williamsport, on Tuesday, worthy master Leonard Rhone stated that three new granges have been organized during the past year with 48 charter members; four granges with 68 members have been reorganized, and 1,400 persons have been initiated, making a total increase in membership of 1,516.

An alarm of fire was rung in from the North ward, about noon, on Saturday. A spark from the chimney had set fire to the roof of a double house on North Penn street, owned by M. W. Cowdick, of Niagara Falls, and occupied by Edward Lindsey. The high wind fanned the fire into a blaze, but the prompt arrival of the fire department saved the property and prevented what might have been a very destructive fire.

For fine chocolates, bon bons and fine box candies we lead them all. At Sourbeck's.

The 29th annual dance of the Logan engine company will be given in the armory Friday evening, Dec. 30th. A fine orchestra has been secured and an enjoyable evening's pleasure is guaranteed to those who attend.

The program for the Clearfield county public school teachers' institute has been issued and announces that the 35th annual session will be held in the opera house, in Clearfield, December 19th to 23rd. The evening entertainers are to be William Hawley Smith, the Ariel sextette, Hon. Champ Clark, of Bowling Green, Mo.; and Rev. Frank Bristol, of Washington, D. C. The instructors are Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent; Dr. A. E. Winship, Boston; Frank Fox, Columbus, Ohio; Lella Patridge, Lansdowne, Pa.; and W. L. Green, DuBois.

A MERITED HONOR.—The determination of prothonotary-elect Mitchell I. Gardner to retain the present deputy, Mr. Arthur Kimpfort, for the present brings to mind the high favor in which the latter is held by all persons who have had business of any sort in the prothonotary's office.

Aside from his personal knowledge of the worth of Mr. Kimpfort Mr. Gardner received a petition signed by almost every attorney at the bar urging that the present deputy be retained. Such an action cannot but be gratifying to Mr. Kimpfort, for it reveals to him that his courtesy and care in the office to which Mr. Smith appointed him has been appreciated by the public.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Clayton Royer and Minerva E. Hoy, both of Benner township.

Harvey E. Mark, of Penn Hall, and Martha E. Goodhart, of Centre Hall.

Ellis Freeman and Carrie M. Gearhart, both of Philipsburg.

George E. Bechdel, of Blanchard, and Bessie B. Shay, of Howard.

Francis M. Lather, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and Jane Rapsy, of Rush township.

George Warren Sheesley, of Coburn, and Sarah Jane Logg, of Millheim.

Byran Geuris succeeds John McClellan as lamp-lighter for the borough.

Progress Grange held its first regular meeting in the new town hall, Saturday.

The public schools of the borough will have but one week's vacation, that being during institute.

Mrs. D. W. Bradford on Thursday gave a dinner party at her home, south of here to which a number of ladies from town were invited.

Aaron Thomas killed the largest hogs fattened in the borough this fall. They dressed near the five hundred mark. This wasn't a good season for big porkers hereabouts.

B. D. Brislin next week will go to New York and be absent for a short time. He will be accompanied home by Mrs. Brislin, who at present is visiting her daughter in that State.

The merchants are making the usual preparations for the holiday season. Hard times are not felt in and about Centre Hall, judging from the many purchases that are made at this season of the year.

George Royer, in excavating a cellar for a new house on Hofer street, secured some of the finest building stones imaginable. They are lime stone, and are anywhere from two to five feet and more in length.

Miss Emma Wolf, daughter of J. W. Wolf, on Tuesday, returned from Philadelphia, where she had been treated in a hospital for spinal disease. The readers will be pleased to know that she is improving under treatment mainly physical.

Miss Mattie Goodhart and Harry Marks were married, Wednesday noon, by Rev. S. H. Eisenberg at the residence of the bride's mother in this place. The groom is a resident of near Penn Hall, which place the couple will make their home and engage in farming.

Among many others who will spend the holiday season at Centre Hall are Miss Tracy Kreamer and her sister, Mrs. Jennie Heckman, of Lock Haven. Miss Tracy has been absent for some weeks. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kreamer and wife will be very glad to see them home again.

The crematory at the station came near going up in smoke one day last week. During the night the engine house took fire from the engine and in the morning when the employees went to work they discovered a brisk little fire that would have played hob had the night been a little longer.

It is reported that William Strunk and his son Oliver and their families will become residents of this place in the spring and engage in threshing. Mr. Strunk at present occupies the Rishel farm at the Stone Mill. Rev. C. W. Rishel contemplates purchasing the stock and machinery of Mr. Strunk and hire a farmer by the year or month.

The local telephone company is booming matters this way. Sufficient subscribers have already been secured to insure an exchange in this place, and a room on the second floor of the Penns-valley bank building has been secured for the purpose. It appears that about all, with the exception of one or two, of the Bell subscribers will take the local company's service.

A dog fight at the station was ended rather suddenly and with rather serious results to one of the participants. Frank Smith, of the firm of Smith & Crawford, owned a very fine bird dog, and at the time mentioned was looking around the station to see whether new there was in that section, when another pup out for fight pounced upon him. To shield himself the bird dog ran under a moving freight and the consequences were that both doggies were turned a half dozen summersaults and in the melee one of the freight wheels caught the bird-dog's hind-quarters and badly crushed it. The "Shark-ey" of this setto came out unharmed, as did also the engine and freight train. But the poor bird dog was killed to end its sufferings.