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Impending War on Trusts.

There are generous promises being made freely these days of a legal crusade against the trusts in the near future. The organization of the Northern Securities company, which is the legal title of the great railroad trust recently chartered in New Jersey, appears to be the straw which has broken the camel's back.

It is not surprising that the organization of the vast railroad trust has excited alarm. It contemplates vast conquests in the industrial and commercial world. Its capitalization is gigantic, \$400,000,000 in stocks and as much more in bonds with a power of expansion without limit or restraint.

We are not surprised, either, that the billion and a-half dollar steel trust is to be exempt from the hostile operations of the government. The charter for that industrial mammoth was drawn by the Attorney General and naturally he will not attack it.

—The man who rushed into the WATCHMAN office a few mornings ago and said: "I see you done a very bad thing in saying that the judge done right who sentenced four boys to a house of correction because they wouldn't go to school" is evidently the same fellow who "seen his duty and done it."

—Building battleships that are to cost between five and six million dollars and then inventing a new explosive, five cents worth of which will blow the bloom off battleships to Bremen and back is just the kind of profitable business the United States government might be expected to be in.

Tree Blown Off Church Tower. For Fifteen Years It Had Been One of the Curiosities of Utica.

UTICA, Nov. 24.—A tree which for over eighteen years had thrived on the top of the north tower of the Church of the Resurrection was blown down Saturday afternoon.

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NOVEMBER QUARTER SESSIONS.—The first week of the November quarter sessions court adjourned last evening after having disposed of all the cases on the calendar Monday, with Judge Love presiding.

The morning session was taken up with the usual routine of court business, viz: the presentation of petitions, hearing of reports of constables, etc. S. B. Row, of Philipsburg, was appointed foreman of the grand jury and after that body was charged it went to work at once on the nineteen bills of indictment presented to it.

J. Victor Royer, who has been a student in the law offices of Fortney and Walker for the past two years, was, upon motion of C. M. Bower, president of the board of examiners, admitted to the practice of law in the several courts of the county.

Two cases. This is the forgery case from Ferguson township, where the defendant issued two forged checks, one on F. L. Black and one on W. E. Meek, and passed one on the prosecutor, getting in return some goods and money, and the other to Mr. Foster, getting the money on it.

Commonwealth vs Geo. L. Spangler, of Eagleville, who was indicted for selling liquor without license and to minors. He entered his plea of guilty and waived the finding of the grand jury.

The first case called on the civil list for the week, James Nolan vs Rosa Pierce, of Philipsburg, being an appeal from the judgment rendered by a justice of the peace and from which an appeal was taken, was continued.

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sault and battery upon the person of Susan Geringich and the jury after being out for twenty minutes returned a verdict of not guilty and placed the costs upon the calendar Monday, with Judge Love presiding. It appeared from the evidence upon the trial of the case that Mrs. Geringich, was a charge upon the poor district of Benner township and that she was in the custody of the defendant in this case; that some of her household goods, etc., were in the possession of the overseer and when she went for them he would not deliver them to her.

Calvin Stiles, of Philipsburg, who was indicted for aggravated assault and battery with intent to kill, and with larceny from the person of Jeremiah Roan, changed his plea from not guilty to that of "guilty," after the evidence on the part of the Commonwealth was all in. From the evidence in the case, this defendant on or about the 4th of October last was in company with the prosecutor, Mr. Roan and a Mr. George and were indulging very freely with intoxicants.

Later in the evening Stiles and Roan were seen going down the Penna. R. R., toward Clearfield and about 6 o'clock the chief of police of Philipsburg was informed that some one had assaulted Mr. Roan and that he was lying on the R. R. track. He at once went to the place and found that Mr. Roan was bruised on considerably and stated that Stiles was the guilty party; that he was robbed of his money amounting to about sixteen dollars or more.

The policeman then went in search of Stiles and found him in the Barner house, and at once took him in custody. The next morning Mr. Roan identified Stiles as being the man who assaulted him and took from him his money. Most of the money had been recovered by the policeman when he made a search of the defendant. Sentenced to four years and four months in the western penitentiary.

Harry Miller, colored, who was indicted for malicious mischief was acquitted. The evidence was to the effect that some time about the first of August some one had turned the switch on the C. R. one track below the depot in Belleville and that when the night train came up it was partly derailed. Some time afterwards, about two weeks, it seems that county detective Rightmeyer took young Miller to superintendent Gephart's office, where he, (Miller) stated that he had turned the switch half way and could not get it back into place. He also stated the same facts to Mr. Walsh and to Squire Keichline. The defense was to the effect that Mr. Rightmeyer told Miller that if he would go and tell Mr. Gephart that he did it he would very likely drop the matter, and upon the advice of the county detective he alleges that he confessed to a crime that he was not guilty of.

The first case called on the civil list was that of Hanscom vs Jacob Quiggle, which was an appeal from the judgment rendered by a justice of the peace. The defendant nor his counsel appeared and a verdict was taken in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$54.68.

A voluntary non suit was entered in the case of W. H. Garbrick vs A. J. Garbrick. This was also an appeal from the judgment rendered by a justice of the peace.

The report of S. Kline Woodring Esq., auditor in the Geo. W. Hoover estate, was confirmed by the court.

In the case of John G. Dubbs vs John Herman to recover for a ton and a half of phosphate which prosecutor had sold to defendant, Herman said the sale was conditional that his land-lord, Adam Wagner, would pay half, but the latter had previously notified Dubbs that he would not do so then suit was brought to recover the half which Herman had declined to pay. Verdict for prosecutor in sum of \$17.11.

D. Z. Frain vs C. R. R. of Pa. Suit to recover for ties delivered to the defendants at Nittany. He claimed pay for 100 No. 1 and 60 No. 2 ties, but the inspection made it 41 No. 1, 105 No. 2 and 16 rejected. Mr. Frain claimed that the inspection had been too close. The defendants made a tender of \$42.65 but it was refused and suit brought for \$55. Verdict for defendant for \$51.50.

After the jurors for the McCormick-Riebel case were drawn all the others were discharged from further attendance at court and that case was taken up on Wednesday afternoon.

The case of McCormick & Co. vs John Riebel, the Benner township farmer, to recover \$110, the price of a McCormick binder they allege to have sold to him last July, was taken up Wednesday evening and given to the jury at noon yesterday. Mr. Riebel set up the defense that he had not actually purchased the machine, but had only taken it on trial. The jury was still out at 5 o'clock last evening but a few moments later came in with a verdict of \$112.69 for McCormick & Co.

To the Honorable the Judges of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Centre, Nor. sessions, 1901. 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 nineteen bills of indictment of which sixteen were found true bills, and three were ignored.

We beg leave further to report: That we have visited and inspected the county buildings and find them in good condition. We further report that the petition to appropriate \$5,000 towards the erection of the soldiers and sailors monument was considered and approved.

And further we respectfully recommend that if feasible the room now occupied by the district attorney be converted into a ladies waiting room.

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

The Teachers and Directors of the Public Schools of Centre County.

A Complete List of Those Who Will Attend Institute in this Place During the Week of Dec. 9th to 13th, 1901.

Table listing names of teachers and directors from various townships including Belleville, Potter, Heston, and others, along with their respective schools and positions.

Four Burned to Death.

Aufal Results of Starting a Fire With Kerosene.

PITTSBURG, November 25.—Four persons were burned to death and two seriously injured in a fire at 4:30 o'clock this morning, which destroyed the residence of J. G. Miller, on Charles street, Knoxville, a suburb of this city. The names of the dead are: Rose Miller, aged 23 years, terribly burned, and died on the way to the hospital; Amelia Miller, aged 19 years, suffocated by the smoke; Amanda Miller, aged 16 years, suffocated; Sylvia Miller, aged 9 years, suffocated.

The injured are, J. G. Miller, the father, who jumped from the second story window, leg broken, and burned, will recover; Mrs. Miller, badly burned and on verge of nervous prostration. Two other daughters, aged 11 and 13 years, escaped without injury.

The fire was caused by the eldest daughter, Rose, pouring kerosene in the stove to start the fire for breakfast. The oil in the can ignited and the explosion which followed scattered the burning oil over the room. The flames spread so quickly that Mr. Miller was forced from the second-story window after rescuing his wife and two of his younger daughters.

Rose was burned almost to a crisp and died before reaching the hospital. The daughters were found in their rooms after the fire had been extinguished. Mrs. Miller was just recovering from a severe illness, and is almost distracted over the terrible affair. Fears are entertained that she will not survive the shock.

A Series of Tragedies.

MARIETTA, Ohio, November 25.—Robert Wilkin, a prosperous farmer living near Beverly, this county, in an intoxicated condition last night, was beating his little son with a board when his wife picked up the child and ran with it to her father's home nearby. Wilkin followed with a gun and when his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stokes, came on their porch to see what the trouble was, Wilkin shot them both. An 18 year old son of Stokes then procured a gun and shot Wilkin dead. The elder Stokes will die before morning and Mrs Stokes' condition is serious. The Stokes family is very prominent and wealthy.

A Lack of Information.

From the Crowley (La.) News. The slowness of the Samar Islanders to believe in their pacification is accounted for by the limited circulation of Republican newspapers in that region.

Hubbersburg.

Rev. Geo. S. Bright, of Shellyville, Ohio, is spending a few days at the home of his father-in-law, E. L. Brestrester.

On account of the inclement weather Sunday Rev. Crow was unable to make the trip to Marsh Creek.

Mrs. Julia Brown returned home after a serious illness at Millheim. She is slightly convalescent and is being cared for by Mrs. Robb, of Eagleville.

Charles Kass, a traveling salesman for the Jayne Medical company, spent several days at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. I. Crow.

Mrs. David Vonada is seriously ill at this writing. Old age has affected her and she is, perfectly helpless.

A Union Thanksgiving service was held in the Evangelical church Thursday morning.

Wm. Bell, of Belleville, helped his son-in-law F. L. Kessinger to butcher last week.

Spring Mills.

Edwin Ruhl the village landlord, reports a satisfactory business.

Mrs. Mary Grouble, after an illness of six weeks or two months, is slowly convalescing.

Mrs. W. R. Donnelly, of Lewisburg, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hering, for the last ten days, has returned home.

Hunters return to our village by twos and threes, very few make any flattering reports. Rabbits appear to be quite numerous on the mountains, but the larger quadrupeds seem very scarce—or else have transferred themselves to safer quarters.

F. C. Hettinger, of Blairsville, but formerly of our village, was here last week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hettinger was a student in our railroad station for a considerable time, but left several years for pastures new, and by close attention to the business has been advanced to the position of regular station agent at Blairsville.

For some days past, we in this neighborhood, were apprehensive of a water famine, as many of our wells and cisterns were exceedingly low, and a few about dry, and fears were entertained that winter would set in suddenly, and of course in that case a water famine would be inevitable. But happily the recent rains has averted that calamity, and we are now all as serene and happy as huge sunflowers.

C. A. Krape of the shoe emporium has just received a large invoice of first quality rubber goods, purchased at a bankrupt sale in New York, of course the goods were slaughtered. In consequence Mr. Krape is selling rubber boots and shoes at low prices. Mr. Krape is also our postmaster and the office occupies part of the store room. But no matter how thorough the store is with customers or how urgent the business is, there is never a moment's delay in the mailing department. His efficient and affable deputy is always at her post.

What has become of the question of lighting our streets, has it died out? or are we waiting for some belated pilgrim and his dulcinea, to step into a mud hole or off the boardwalk, and then making the surrounding atmosphere sulphurous with astounding expletives. Of course then we'll agitate the question vigorously—with determination, and proceed with all possible haste to—procrastinate as usual. And there too, is the foot log bridge over Penns creek. The flooring of this bridge is in a deplorable, if not villainous condition and absolutely unsafe. The flooring has been patched and repatched with nearly as many pieces of boards as Joseph coat had colors. I presume we will wait patiently until some unexpected villager breaks through, and unexpectedly receives a cold water bath. Then we'll discuss the question of a new flooring and finally put on another patch—possibly two patches and call the job finished.