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The Harris-Meek Libel Suit.

The Interesting Case that is on Trial in Clearfield this Week-The Editor of the Watchman Will Try to Prove His Assertion that the Next State Treasurer of Pennsylvania is a Bribe Taker-Trouble in Getting Witnesses There.

The first steps in the trial of the editor of this paper, who is charged with libeling State Treasurer-elect Frank G. Harris, were taken in Clearfield on Monday, when the grand jury found a true bill of indictment against him.

That the case was regarded as an important event in the history of the up-river county seat was everywhere apparent in the unusual activity on the streets of the town. Ordinarily court week causes a little more stir than the everyday life of a country town is accustomed to, but in Clearfield on Monday there was an air of far greater consequence than even the regular sitting of the quarter sessions' court spreads over the place.

The expectant hotel man was happy in the thought of entertaining so many distinguished personages as had been summoned to tell what they knew of the case on trial, while the native was just as alert to catch a glimpse of the men whose names had been so prominently brought before

W. I. Shope, A. L. Cole and A. H. Woodward announced early that they would present no further evidence than the editorial itself and seemed confident that they would be able to have ruled out all evidence that did not directly implicate Mr Harris in corruption. It was the general opinion at this time that if they should succeed in that, much of the interest would be taken out of the case, since it would preclude the possibility of showing up the enormous amounts of money that were used to push certain legislation through the last session. Mr. Meek's lawyers, Judge D. L. Krebs, Thomas A. Murray

and Taylor and Johnson were reticent, but it was understood that they would be pre-pared for such a *coup* and had enough direct evidence to justify the statement made by the WATCHMAN that Harris "might well lay claim to the title of king of the crooks" and that "from betraying his constituents in 1899 he became an unblushing bribe taker in 1901." It was understood that the defense would, produce a bill which Mr. Harris had presented to the

trustees of the Philipsburg hospital for services in helping to secure an appropria-tion for that institution. In addition to that bill it was intimated that he had been persuaded to vote for Quay, when in-structed to vote for Col. Irvin for U.S. Senator, for a consideration and in support for this Joseph G. Alexander, his colleague from Clearfield county, was to be called as a star witness.

These were the salient features of the case that were talked over in the hotel corridors late into the night. Every one was confident that the case would be called in the morning and that Judge Gordon would sit on it, notwithstanding the earlier pre-dictions that he would call in another indge, because of the fact that he would be desirous of keeping himself out of any complications that might affect his own candidacy for re-election to the bench next fall

One of the features of the day was the withdrawal of Smith V. Wilson, of counsel for Mr. Harris, from the case. He announced to the district attorney that he was no longer connected with the prosecution. No explanation for the withdrawal was given.

TUESDAY IN CLEARFIELD.

After the arrival of the morning trains it to be deferred at least another day, for many of the important witnesses had not appeared. Nothing of great importance prenas with impuguity. transpired except that the prosecution was When court opened Wednesday morning

no joke, and no play of hippodrome on the part of the defense. that the libel case was to go on. The

attachments for all absent witnesses demonstrated beyond any possible doubt that there was to be a fight, and that a great efevidence from even the unwilling statesmen who came and were coming to Clearfield much against their will.

Harris' friends all along claimed that the subpænaing of Governor Stone, Attorney General Elkin, Israel Durham and other prominent stalwarts was simply for spectacular effect and conceived in the hope that their reluctance to testify would force at last apparent to all who view the case night. from an unprejudiced standpoint.

the action of Meek's counsel was visible even to the onlooker. It was apparent to Pittsburg. everybody in the court room when Judge Krebs arose, and presented evidence that

The prosecution led by district attorney Late last night Insurance Commissioner Durham asserted that no testimony not Disposes of Mackintosh and Corset Covers, Along directly connecting Harris with things questionable would be admitted. Whether Durham knew or not was the question. Governor Stone said during the day that he wanted everything alleged against the last Legislature and himself, as well as his friends, brought out fully and without reserve, for the reason that it would prove to the people of the State just how little truth was in the cry that corruption ruled at Harrisburg last winter and since. Inasmuch as Durham said nothing of that nature would be admitted by the court, in was clear that the Governor was only jolly ing the boys

It is doubtful if the Governor of Pennsylvania ever visited a town the size of Clearfield for the first time and received as little homage from its people as was shown to Governor Stone and his party of followers since they broke bread in Clearfield Monday night. This was the first time Stone has ever been in the town and the first time for many of those in his party.

Heretofore when a Pennsylvania Governor went to Clearfield he was met at the station by half of the population and es-corted to the residence of some leading citizen, where he shook the hands of the people, who called until his host should interfere and order a halt. Even when ex-Governor Hastings goes to Clearfield he is besieged by citizens and given the glad hand, although he is known by sight to almost everybody. If Governor Stone has shaken hands with 200 people since he struck Clearfield it is the limit.

It could not be charged that State Treas- nature of a birthday gift from the Presiurer Elect Harris is to blame for this lack dent to his daughter. of appreciation for big men on the part of his neighbors. Harris tried very hard to get up some enthusiasm for the Governor, embassy designated to attend the coronabut he failed. The people would have tion ceremonies as an aide to Captain Clark. none of him and did not hesitate to express their opinions of such public servants as William A. Stone in very emphatic lan-guage. The fact that Harris is not popular as most men with his neighbors also had much to do with the cold reception accorded to the Governor.

NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED ON WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday brought the libel suit a little nearer trial but it was a very dull day in Clearfield. All those interested in the case who were already on the ground had to sit around and wait for the return of the became apparent that the case would have deputies sent out on Tuesday for witnesses who were under the impression that they could trifle with Clearfield county sub-

made to understand that the libel case was Mr. Harris endeavored to force the case to trial and insinuated that the absence of witnesses was only a pretext for purposes of State Treasurer-elect Frank G. Harris delay. They alleged that the absent witand his friends were made to realize fully nesses were not material and could not give any testimony in any way relevant to the prompt action of ex-Judge Krebs at the case. Mr. Woodward asked that the de-opening of court that morning in demanding fense be compelled to prove to the satisfaction of the Court that the men for whom attachments were issued were important witnesses. This the Court again refused fort would be made to wrest important to do, and it was then that the Commonwealth's attorneys promised to have Mr. Wolf in Clearfield Thursday. At the same time it was decided that the trial would go

on when the missing witnesses turned up. Mr. Wolf is the Philadelphia banker who is supposed to know far more about the traction grabs then he cares to tell. He plead illness, telegraphed physicans certificates and everything else to get out them to pull Harris off. That they had no of going but nothing would do and he left such idea and are honestly in earnest was Philadelphia in a special car Wednesday

Representative McTighe, for whom a That Harris' friends were surprised at warrant had been issued got in on Wednes-One of the incidents of the day was

erenade to the Governor by the

Woman's Will is a Wonder. With Button Hook and File.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5 .- For minutedetails the will of Annie George, admitted to probate to-day, is the most unique in the records of the orphans' court of Baltimore. It contains this provision :

"To my sister, Minnie George, my mackintosh, green and white silk dress, skirt with up and down ruffles of bamburg; and merriment with its gay music, gaudily white muslin gowns that have trimming in the yokes, my black flannel skirt and other flannel skirts I may have, and the rest of my corset covers; two large bordered towels and my old black box with flowers on it, and my pink and white toilet set.'

The will goes on ad-finitum with hundreds of similar bequests, such as "lawn wrappers," "quilt which is pieced," "my aprons, corsets, stockings and my set of jewels with pearl in the centre," all of which are left to sister Minnie.

To Carrie George-My small box the shape of a heart; it has scissors, buttonhook and file in it. Even a "scratch pad" is carefully described and left as a separate legacy

Miss Roosevelt will See the King. President's Objections Are Removed, and His Daughter Will Go.

WASHINGTON, February 3.-It was definitely ascertained to-day that Miss Alice Roosevelt will attend the coronation of King Edward. The President has given the consent. The mission comes in the

Commander Cowles, the President's brother-in-law, will be attached to special Commander Cowles will take his wife with him, and Miss Roosevelt will thus have her aunt as chaperon.

The arrangement above indicated will be carried out, unless contingencies at present unforeseen make it impossible for Miss Roosevelt to be present at the coronation ceremonies. The President's objection, the chief obstacle heretofore in the way of her going, has been removed, and only illness or some other misfortune will prevent Miss Alice from being present.

Clearfield Cattle Thieves Put Gum Boots on Stolen Ball.

Cattle and horse thieves have had a field, Clearfield county, for some time. Among their booty was a 1,200 pound bull taken from Z. L. Hartshorn, of Pike township. To cover his tracks while driving him through Penfield the robbers put a

-Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of the Episcopal church, will preach at State

College Sunday morning and in the evening will fill the pulpit in St. John's church in this place.

Miss Ethel E. Kellerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kellerman, and opens at Parrish's this morning. Harry H. Auman, an employe of Sheffer and Son, were married Thursday evening, at the Episcopal rectory by the Rev. Geo. I. Brown.

BASKET BALL AND FENCING .- Mrs. Bonbright's spring class term of three urday evening Feb. 15th. months commences Feb. 7th. Terms for cises, which are optional. Further particu- at Garman's.

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE COL-LEGE. - The annual mid-winter benefit for the base ball team of State College was

held in the College armory, Saturday, Feb. 1st. This year it took the form of a very successful amateur circus performance-a variety of amusement now quite popular for college entertainments. A bona fide

decked performers, cosmopolitan audience and although we missed, in Saturday night's performance, our beautifully (?) rouged and tinseled lady of the tarletan skirts and many of the perennial clown jokes it was very like the real circus with its subterfuges, as the performing animals refused to work at the proper time, the polar bear was furless, the monkey's tail detachable, the elephant a calico caricature,

whose human four legs refused to move according to the laws of pedal progression. There was boxing, wrestling, tumbling, three parti-colored and parti-talented

laughter provoking clowns with their ring leader-the inimitable Earl Edward Hewitt in his favorite and realistic "havseed"

character. There was an exciting chariot race in which this modern Ben Hur showed as much skill in balancing himself in his miniature chariot and handling the ribbons of his spirited pacers, genus homo, as must have the original Ben Hur; there

were side shows with as hideous attractions as Barnum ever could have unearthed, a fat man-lady-strange freak of nature, a mummy whose years certainly could not be counted by scores, a Fiji Islander

not far removed from his native soil and many other manufactured abnormalities. The wily and real fakir was not there but his shekel--extracting game was carried on by girls of genuine-not paintedbeauty, who sold real-not artificiallemonade, peanuts and candy; there was a

very attractive German garden where ice cream, cake and coffee were served by maids and matrons in national costume. Instead of a grand (?) finale of harrowing rendezvous in the great forest east of Pen- circus concert music, there was music by the College hand and dancing until twelve

> o'clock. Mr. Barnum might have thought this performance not quite a "finished" one, but such an unusually early opening of the circus season precluded the presentation of some of the daring feats to be offered later by these amateur stars ! The show netted about \$240 for the ball team.

---- Millheim has four candidates for constable.

-The sale of seats of "Said Pasha"

----Clarence Long, the Rebersburg butcher, has moved to Mackeyville.

-Missioner Crittenden's Indian choir concert will be given in Bellefonte on Sat-

-Next Monday and Tuesday nights day and the officers found J. J. Sweeney in young people \$2 for physical culture, in- the opera on which Bellefonte amateurs cluding punching and skipping rope exer- have been working for months will be sung

The Second Week in Court

The second or civil week in court has been far busier than was the first week's sitting. In fact it was necessary to keep two courts going part of the time and Judge McClure, of Lewisburg, was called here to assist Judge Love.

Among the out of town attorneys present have been C. S. McCormick, of Lock Haven, and W. C. Crosby, of Philipsburg, besides court reporters Burrows and Faries. of Sunbury.

On account of the illness of one of the important witnesses the following cases were continued : Monroe H. Kulp & Co., Incorporated, vs Nathan Hough, ejectment; plea, not guilty. Emeline Hough vs Monroe H. Kulp & Co., Incorporated, ejectment; plea, not guilty. Emeline Hough vs Monroe H. Kulp, et al, trespass; plea, not guilty. Nathan Hough vs Mon-roe H. Kulp & Co., ejectment; plea not guilty

The first case called was that of Robert Kinkead vs Rosa L. Pierce, being an action in assumpsit to recover taxes due or alleged to be due plaintiff from defendant on her properties in Philipsburg for the years 1893, '94 and '96. The amount claimed to be due is about \$800. The claim of the plaintiff is that during the years 1893, '94, 95, and '96 the tax due by defendant was about \$1,600; that she has paid about \$1,-000 and that the amount due by her at this time, together with interest, is about \$800. The plaintiff moved to have pleadings amended, whereupon the defendant, by her counsel, entered the plea of "surprise" and the case was continued.

In the case of M. C. Gephart vs the Bellefonte Central R. R. Co., for injuries sustained in the wreck at Alto some time ago there was a continuance at the cost of the plaintiff. It was rather ludicrous, too. for the attorney had stated in his declaration that it was his clients' right arm that was hurt and the first thing Mr. Gephart did upon taking the stand was to assert that his left arm was the injured one. Of course this decrepancy was more a matter of error than anything else, but resulted in the continuance.

John G. Love et al, executors of Adam Hoy, Dec'd, vs. The German-American Insurance Co., being an action of assumpsit, was settled.

Lilly Fleck vs Valentine A. Fleck, be ing an action for a divorce. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff. From the evidence the grounds of divorce were cruelty, etc.

Henry J. Rothrock vs Chas. Rothrock. administrator c. t. a. of etc., of Dr. Thos. Rothrock, deceased, was called Monday afternoon at about 4:30 o'clock before Hon. H. M. McClure, of the Union-Snyder district. The plaintiff was represented by the firm of Fortney & Walker, W. E. Gray Esq., and Harry Keller Esq., the defen-dant by Hon. A. O. Furst, Reeder & Quigley and Clement Dale Esqs. The case is founded on a judgment note given in Feb. 1878, after remaining on record about twenty years application was made to open the said judgment to ascertain how much was due upon the note, it being admitted that at the time the note was given for the sum of \$2,500 that much did not pass as the consideration. One of the reasons that the matter has not heretofore been settled was that the fund out of which the money advanced at the time the note was made was to be paid was not available until after the death of Mrs. Nancy Rothrock, which occurred some time in 1894

Since that time the estate has been under process of settlement and the fund was only recently made available under a certain decision of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania.

It is alleged on the part of the defendant that the note in question was given -Leroy Scholl, of Williamsport, the only as collateral security in consideration that the plaintiff, together with other persons, should enter into a recognizance for the appearance of Dr. Thos. Rothrock at physical director and foot ball coach, and the court of oyer and terminer of Clinton county, who was charged with a very serious crime and which was to be tried at the February term of court. 1878, in the city of Lock Haven. This phase of the case, however, the plaintiff as well as many witnesses called deny, and insist that the said note was given for money that was advanced at the time of the trial to aid in the doctor's defense. It is also alleged, as well as supported by testimony of plaintiff's witnesses, that at the time this note was signed \$550 was paid over to the defendant by the plaintiff, as well as a large amount of money during the trial of the case at Lock Haven. Later the doctor was arrested in Centre county, charged with a similar crime, at which time, from the testimony, the plaintiff gave to the defendant sums of money for the attorneys, witnesses, etc., to aid in the defense of the doctor, and which sums of money it was agreed between the parties was to be secured by the note upon which

gum boot on each hoof of the beast ADDITIONAL LOCALS

public during the notorious sessions the last Legislature.

Up to Monday evening many of the notables had failed to put in an appearance, but the late trains brought their quota and by 10 o'clock the hotels were alive with big and little politicians. Governor William A. Stone got in under

the wire. The last train reaching the town brought him and Captain James M. Clark, of the bureau of industrial statistics. Attorney General John P. Elkin and T. Larry Eyre, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, got in during the afternoon. While they are high priests of the machine and close friends of State Treasurer-Elect Frank G. Harris, the prosecutor, were called in by the defense to show that Harris was corrupt.

The Governor and his cabinet officers all said that they had no idea what they were supposed to testify about. They, of course, know of no corruption.

Representive Frank G. Edwards, of Bucks, wired that he would be there Wednesday morning. Representative J. P Mc-Tighe sent word that he would not come, as his costs had not been offered to him Subpoena servers said he did not ask for his fees or costs, and would have been offered them had he done so. Mr. Meek's side pointed to law and judicial opinion to the effect that the defendant in a criminal case, even if unable to pay costs, is entitled to compulsory process, and the subpoenaed person, in his duty to the Commonwealth, must take chances on whether he can get anything as fees and mileage or Ex-Judge Krebs said no witness would be excused without good cause. If the witness be sick, he said, a physician's certificate would be required.

Despite rumors, general expectation was that the trial would proceed at once. Its duration depending on the courts' ruling on the Meek sides claim of right to put pointed questions to the political chieftains and their friends, the capitalists, who di-rectly interested themselves in certain nobills before the last Legislature.

Under the jury law enacted last year, each side is entitled to six peremptory challenges in addition to challenges for cause, in selecting the jurors from the panel of

The defense planned to offer the last Democratic State platform, which in effect represented the late Legislature to be the worst in the history of the Commonwealth. By Lieutenant Governor Gobin and by

many other prominent men it was propose to show that the Legislature was all that the Democratic platform represented. It was to be claimed for Mr. Meek that

until the new libel law the editorial in the WATCHMAN of August 30th, upon which and W. W. Nesbit arrived in Clearfield the suit is based was privileged as simply a political article, proper for public in-formation, and published in good faith and without negligence or malice. It is claimed that in addition to the newspaper reports Mr. Meek based his charge upon con-siderable information gathered by himself, including statements from many acquaint-when they were called upon by Durham ances familiar with affairs in the Legislature; and that his investigation showed hees and Stulb were admitted. It is that Harris had voted for all of the most alleged Durham and Elkin wanted Bigelature; and that his investigation showed odious bills and those surrounded with the greatest suspicion. It was evident from the first that Mr.

Harris was not pleased with the jury panel, which was made up of 38 Democrats, 20

although the subpoenas for a large number of witnesses had been legally executed, those witnesses were not in court as com manded and he asked for attachments. He then read a list of witnesses in which

the names of Thomas S. Bigelow, Major A. M. Brown, Israel W. Durham, J. Clayton Erb, Charles R. Voorhees, Theodore S. Stulb, Clarence Wolf, ex-Lieutenant Governor Lyon, Lieutenant Governor Gobin Speaker Marshall, John P. McTighe, J. J. Sweeney, W. W. Nisbit, John H. Smith, Ward R. Bliss, James D. Emery, and several others.

District Attorney Swoope, wanted the court to compel the defense to make clear whether or not the witnesses for whom attachments were asked would be material. but the court told Mr. Swoope that his noint was not was well taken. The writs for the absentees were accordingly issued. Before the officers with the write could

leave town Messrs. Bigelow. Brown, Durham, Nisbet, Erb, Gobin, Voorhees and Stulb arrived. Others of those wanted later sent telegrams that they would be there Wednesday and at midnight there were but few stars unaccounted for-Wolf, Lyon, Smith, Sweeny and Bliss, John P. McTighe and Senator J. D. Emery wired they would be there in the morn-

One of the elements entering into the discomfiture of the prosecution more than any other at this particular juncture was the presence there of half dozen or over of present and ex-hospital trustees from neighboring institutions receiving State aid. Those men were not going around the hotels, as were Durham, Erb, Voorhees and Eyre, saying they considered the ac-

tion of the defense in bringing them a big bluff, but were discreetly quiet and it was this silence that was disturbing the minds of the Harris people.

They know at least two or more of the trustees are vigorous anti-administration Republicans and have publicly expressed themselves as opposed to the division of state appropriations to charitable institutions with the leaders in control at Harrisburg. Harris' friends feared these men

were willing witnesses. Mr. Meek's counsel Tuesday stated that they had not the most remote doubt of heing able to completely acouit their client with the evidence now at hand, but they wanted to bring out all the facts connected with the corrupt practices of the last Legislature and thus do much to prevent any

possibility of another such a law-making body being returned to power by the voters of the State.

Tuesday evening, they went to the same hotel, sheltering the huge and powerful form of Governor Stone; also Messrs. Elkin, Durham and the smaller fry of the stalwart machine. Mr. Bigelow and the and Elkin. Shortly afterward Eyre, Voorlow and Brown to meet the Governor and

"talk the thing over." Bigelow emphat-ically declined, and Major Brown in-dorsed the decision with surprising alacrity. which was made up of 38 Democrats, 20 Later, to some of the newspaper reporters, Republicans, one Socialist and one Prohibi- Mr. Bigelow said that under no circumstances would he speak to the Governor. 2 3

ment band, but no one turned out to hear it and there weren't enough gathered to cheer when they were proposed for the

THE CASE CALLED.

enthusiasm.

witnesses the case was finally called yester- of the time until a few moments before his day morning and district attorney Swoope opened for the prosecution. After he had made his address to the jury he called Mr. Harris, the plaintiff, to the but before the stand, latter responded Messrs Woodward and Cole explained to the district attorney that it was not desirable to have Mr. Harris on the stand. Then Matt. Savage, editor of the Clearfield Public Spirit, M. L. McQuown, editor of the Raftsman's Journal, and John H. Martin, all of Clearfield, testified to having read the libelous article-in the WATCHMAN of August 30th With this the prosecution rested and the

defense opened, hut before it was able to Daniel Martz, of the Branch, had just represent anything an offer was made in which the court was asked to rule out all testimony not directly implicating Harris, the court granted the rule and Mr. Meek was called to the stand. He had not been there long until it be-

came evident that every effort would be that have come up from Nittany valley made to restrict his testimony. Mr. Meek undertook to show by his evidence that he had justification for making the charge, but the restrictions placed upon his testimony were such that he had little opportunity to tell what he did know.

There was quite a lively little legal tilt over some of the questions that were put to the witness and the court reserved a ruling on them until this morning. It hap- anything until he was well into Sugar pened, however, that the defense was able to get the matter of the Heywood letter, mentioned above, and the Philipsburg ho pital matter before the jury, though the prosecution objected and the court reserv- snng in its den. Having only a double ed a ruling on that until this morning. These were instances in which HARRIS

was directly connected and if they are to be cut out then there can be no hope of a defense at all. After Mr. Meek had been on the stand

for an hour he was withdrawn and Mr. Bigelow called. He was asked if he had been interested in any of the legislation during the last session, to which he answered in the affirmative. Then he was asked if he knew of any money being used at Harrisburg to promote certain bills, but before he could answer the prosecution objected and another sparring match between the legal authorities began and continued until court adjourned.

Big Gun Bursts on the Keprsarge

WASHINGTON, February 3.-A dispatch was received at the Navy department today from Admiral Higginson, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron, telling of the bursting of a five-inch gun on the Kearsarge during target practice.

He said the cause was unknown. The department expects a detailed port later, which will give the origin of the accident. It is assumed here that a shell burst inside the gun. There is no mention in Admiral Higgin

on's report of any casualties. . from The Kearsarge is now on the way Porto Rico to Cuba.

lars, inquire at 21 N. Allegheny street.

-----Edward Schofield, who has served Governor. It was as much of a failure as two years in the Philippines, surprised his fered a position at Iowa state university as was every other effort to raise any Stone parents and all of his friends by returning home on the 8:15 train last evening. It has accepted it. was known that he was to be here soon, After three days of tireless hunting for but his anxious parents had no knowledge arrival. He is looking fine.

> KILLED NEAR CHICAGO .- John Thomas, the eldest son of Orlando Thomas, of Shingletown, this county, was killed on the railroad near Chicago on Tuesday. He was a farmer and in crossing the tracks got bewildered and in getting out of the way of one train got in front of another. Mr. Thomas left Centre county when a boy and had become quite wealthy in Illinois. His aged mother and his sister, Mrs. turned from a visit to him.

added to the many thrilling bear stories night. and this time Ad Yocum is the hero of a battle with bruin that will take a prominent place among the stories that will be told about hunting camp fires in the future. With gun and dog he struck for the mountains last Friday morning and wandered from crest to crest without finding valley. He had almost given up hope of finding game that day when he suddenly barreled shot gun Yocum decided to try one shot at bruin and, after taking careful aim, fired. The effect of the shot was just enough to waken the critter up and put it slayer the bear made for the hunter who soon got into such close quarters that he was unable to shoot his other barrel. Then, using the gun for a club, he resorted to the one chauce he had left. It was a hand to hand encounter.

At the first blow the butt of the gun gave way and Yocum was left with only the barrels to defend himself. The situation growing more furious every instant and the hunter more exhausted. Finally he rallied himself and got into a good position

it put up a great deal finer fight.

famous State foot ball tackle, has been of-

-Samuel J. Meade and A. Morris Carey, of Baltimore, with Joseph Harrison, of Winber, were here over Sunday and during the fore-part of the week holding some special meetings among the Friends.

-Cap't. J. Wendel Muffly, of the 148th Pa. Vols., will be here during the reunion of that famous old regiment and will deliver his great lecture on Snotsylvania in the court house on Thursday evening, Feb. 20th.

-----The Brooklyn Eagle says "the Parker concert company received such a warm and enthusiastic welcome, that they must feel they have a strong hold on the music-AD YOCUM'S THRILLING ENCOUNTER loving citizens of Brooklyn." This com-WITH A BEAR .- Another chapter has been pany will appear at the court house to-

> -E. J. Eckenroth, who intends to revolutionize the wall paper and house decorating business in Bellefonte, announces that he will open his fine new store in the Arcade on Saturday. He will be ready then to exhibit the exclusive single room designs which he is making a specialty of and you can leave your order for spring work.

-Are you going to the opera on Monday or Tuesday evenings? It will be a came up to a great bear that was lying great show and includes the following principals, in addition to a well trained chorus of fifty voices : John M. Bullock, Sam Hart, Hard P. Harris, James Harris, Geo. R. Meek, M. F. Hazel, Russell Blair, Miss Jennie Harper, Mrs. Farish, Miss in a mood for fight. Seeing its would-be Elizabeth Faxon, Miss Otalie Hughes and Miss Mary Brown. The production will by costumed by Tams, of New York and given under the direction of Hard P. Harris. Joseph Katz will have charge of the orchestra and Christy Smith will conduct. Joseph Lose will look after the light effects.

THE MILESBURG FIRE CO. ELECTS OFFICERS.-At a regular meeting of the was becoming desperate. The bear was Milesburg Fire Co. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President, George Scheckler; vice president, E. L. Noll; corresponding secretary, where, bending every energy, he brought Herbert Hassinger: assistant secretary, the barrels down on the beast's head with Osear E. Miles; financial secretary, Prof. such terrific force that it rolled over dead. Jas. Gregg; treasurer, Jas. B. Noll; fore-A lumber team, passing soon after the man, Jas. B. Noll; 1st assistant, Samuel battle, was secured to haul the bear to Nit- Swarm; 2nd assistant, Geo. Scheckler; tany, where it was put on a sled and taken delegate to state convention, Jas. Gregg; to the happy hunter's home. Though it alternate, Geo. Scheekler; delegate to diswas thin, weighing only a little over 100 trict convention, Samuel Swarm; alternate, pounds, it had a fine pelt and Yooum says Leeds Lambert; trustees, E. L. Noll, Samuel-Swarm and Leeds Lambert.

judgment was entered in 1878. A verdict for defendant was returned Wednesday.

The following cases were continued Wednesday morning generally : Elmer W Moore, receiver of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, Pa., vs J. H. Reifsnyder; same vs Jesse B. Piper; same vs J. B. Ard and P. F. Bottorf; same vs Jacob Keller; summoned in each of the four cases in assumpsit and payment with leave, etc.

J. W. Beckwith, use of John A. Logue and W. A. Hartsock, administrators of, etc., of Josephine Williams, deceased, vs. The National Insurance Company, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Lehigh Valley Coal Co., vs Jacob F. Folmer, Adm. et al. Summons in assumpsit. The plaintiffs took a voluntary non suit.

W. C. Farmer et al trustees of the Centre Hall congregation of the Evangelical Association vs. Joseph Alters, et al. Summons in ejectment. A juror was withdrawn and the case continued.

Richard J. Gibbs vs. II. A. Brungard et al was on trial last evening when this edition went to press. It was an ejectment snit.

-----The wedding of Mr. Joseph Kelleher, of this place, to Miss Elizabeth Miller, of Lock Haven, has been announced for Tuesday morning. Feb. 11th, and will be celebrated in St. Agnes church in that city. The groom-elect is the popular conductor of the P. R. R. shifter crew located here.

-The storm was so severe about Madisonburg on Sunday that Rev. Wetzel could not reach that place to fill his preaching engagement there. He started from his home at Rebersburg, but was turned back by the storm.

----- "Said Pasha," the beautiful comic opera at Garman's on Monday and Tuesday nights, should be greeted by crowded houses.