Democratic Watchman.	It Was not for Want of Facts but Denial of Chance to Prove Them, Brother Dern.	ON TRI	AL FOR	LIBEL.	THE 148TH REUNIONSpecial effort is being put forth to make the reunion of the
Bellefonte, Pa., February 14, 1902.	From the Altoona Tribune, (Rep.)		(Continned from page 2.)	and a second may have a second and	148th Pa. Vols. in this place on the 19th and 20th are especially interesting and en-
P. GRAY MEEK, - EDITOR	The jury in the case of the Common- wealth vs. P. Gray Meek, editor of the		the place on eligible lightness.	Belogies and access agenty Sanata Fe	joyable time for the survivors of that gallant
TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION,-Until further notice	Bellefonte WATCHMAN, returned a sealed verdict on Friday night on the assembling	ices would be well paid. He was positive	"You still believe these things are true." "I have not heard of him reforming."	the hospital bill. He said he had sent one bill himself without knowing Harris did	regiment. It will be their first exclusively regimental reunion and though there are
this paper will be furnished to subscribers at the	of the Clearfield court Saturday morning nobody was very greatly surprised to hear	on this. He said he did not instruct Zeig-	With this the defense rested.	the same. His came back unpaid. Harris	not many of them left plans are being laid
following rates : Paid strictly in advance	that the verdict acquitted editor Meek, but	Zeigler said he would pay Harris part of his	HARRIS IS CALLED TO STAND. Attorney Cole called Frank G. Harris	got it probably a year ago. Witness did not know whether it was be-	that will in some way make up for the long
Paid before expiration of year 1.50	imposed the costs upon him. There was absolutely nothing to the defense, but the	fee. Not long ago, he said, he told Meek about Harris' bill. About a year ago he	for a pyrotechnic examination, which be-	fore or after the matter became talked about. He know Harris had gone to Phil-	period of years the boys of the 148th have been without the annual gathering that has
Paid after expiration of year 2.00	perversity of the average jury is a matter	resigned from the Board of Trustees. Dr. E. M. Scheurer, the next witness,	gan with a long question whether he had ever received directly or indirectly a bribe	ipsburg himself. Trustee Lichtenthaler	proven such a pleasant feature in the later
Democratic County Committee for 1902.	of record and the special verdict under con- sideration had been predicted by the cor-	was called to prove Harris had received the	for any action or vote in the Legislature. Harris answered, ''I never did. I was nev-	detailed his conversation with Treasurer Secretary Duncan.	years of other regiments of the civil war.
John J. Bower, Chairman,	respondents. The friends of the editor who chanced to be on the jury could scarcely		er offered anything.	The Court ruled out ex-Judge Krebs' question why Harris was considered the	The program, as generally arranged, will be as follows :
Precinct. Name. P. O. Address. Bellefonte N.W. Jno. Trafford Bellefonte	have asked for any more favorable verdict.	he knew. The examination was ex-	Questions along the same line brought forth these answers :	only man able to get the appropriation. In	The comrades will meet in room of Gregg
" S W P. H. Gerrity, " W W Geo. R. Meek, "	Not only had he a very feeble defense; he was responsible for the dragging of poli-	to giving the lie to Scheurer. Dr. Scheurer	"I was nominated and elected without any conditions whatever. I never told any-	another form witness answered the question by saying Harris was a member of the Leg-	Post, No. 95, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon
Centre Hall Boro J. D. Dauberman, Centre Hall Howard "Abe Weber, Howard	ticians and officials from all parts of the State to Clearfield, when he must have	lives in Clearfield. The contest began on the first question. He answered : "Har-	body that I had received a letter from Ben-	islature. Busch, of Harrisburg, then made the	of the 19th.
Milesburg "George Noll, Milesburg Milheim "F. P. Musser, Millheim Philipsburg 1st W. J.W. Lukens Philipsburg	known that no evidence of a general char-	ris never showed me or told me of a check	jamin J. Haywood. I received only one political letter from Ben, who was a very	politicians squirm by his sworn corrobora-	The afternoon meeting on the 19th will be held in the court house beginning at two
" 2nd W Ed. J. Jones, " " 3rd W A, J. Graham, "	acter would be admitted. And the defen- dant admitted that he did not have a scintil-	from Benjamin Haywood to defray cam- paign expenses on condition that he vote as	dear friend. It was after my nomination in 1896, and I saved it because I wanted	tion of the many newspaper charges made during the session of the Legislature, that	o'clock p. m. It will be free and every-
S. Philipsburg Harry C. Wilcox, " State College Boro M. S. McDowell, State College	la of evidence against Mr. Harris, save vague and general rumor. All that was	instructed for United States Senator and for the Becker bill and other measures."	his autograph."	the Legislative reports were deliberately falsified by padding the vote. Busch says	
Unionville "Geo. W. Rumberger, Fleming Benner Twp. N P J. F. Grove, Bellefonte	proven by the defense was that Representa-	Ex-Judge Krebs repeated the question	Harris produced a letter. It congratu- lated him, and the writer said he was glad	he was a general clerk of the last House for	county, are invited to this meeting and to join in the greetings given to their comrades
Boggs Twp. N P Orvis Ferzer, Yarnell.	tive Harris had sent a bill for \$100 for pro- fessional services to the Philipsburg hos-	with elaborations. "No, sir, never," said the witness.	Harris' colleague, Alexander, could be "ad- vised." Harris then said he became a can-	31 days, and its stenographer.	of the 148th. At this meeting papers as a
" E P G. H. Lyman, Roland " W P Jas. W. Fulmer, Milesburg	pital corporation, although it was shown that he never received the amount de-	"Did you not tell me at my office steps of such a letter from Haywood ?"	didate for the Legislature very reluctantly	BUSCH STIRS UP LEGISLATORS. During the remainder of the session.	basis of the history of the Regiment and
Burnside Twp. Wm. Hipple, Pine Glenn College * I. J. Dreese, Lemont Curtin * Peter Rob's, Jr. Romola	manded. The costs in this case will reach	"If you leave the check out. There was	in 1896, and hesitated two weeks. He de- clared he had never counted on the United	with an assistant, he took down verbatim	those who took part in the many battles of the war will be read by Col. Jas. F. Weaver,
Ferguson " E P Wm. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills " " W P Isaac Harpster, Gatesburg	\$1,000, it is said, and nine-tenths thereof was accumulated by the reckless course of	no consideration. Those were the condi- tions of his nomination."	States Senatorship, or anything else, but	reports. He said : "I deny that the reports are in-	Col. R. H. Travis, Lieut. (Rev.) William
Gregg Twp. N P Geo. F. Weaver, Penns Cave E P Frank Fisher, Penn Hall		"Don't you know you told me that?"	went to Harrisburg as a Republican and voted with a majority of his party. The		Gemmill, Ad't., J. W. Muffley, Rev. E. M.
"WP William Pealer, Spring Mills Haines Twp. WP F. W, Keister, Aaronsburg	justice which demands that the defendant	ATTORNEYS DISAGREE. "We object," shouted Cole, "as incom-	witness related the story of the hospital ap- propriation, and testified that he had a con-	but to get them from the Chief Clerk. Of-	Stevenson, (son of Chaplin), drum-major R. A. Cassidy, Lieut. J. E. Hall, M. D.,
E P E. M. Boone, Feidler Half Moon Twp. J. P. Sebring, Loveville	shall liquidate the bill.	petent, irrelevant, insulting to the Court	versation with W. P. Duncan by telephone	tentimes, when I took a roll call, I was obliged to throw it away and take the one	Ad'i. Charles A Ramsey Gen'l Tames A
Harris "R.B. Harrison, Boalsburg Howard "Robert Confer, Howard Huston "John Murphy Julian	Brother Meek has much reason to con-	and the witness, and, indeed, unprofes- sional." Cole was on his feet.	in which he was asked to go to Harrisburg. He said :	from the Chief Clerk. I took orders, but I was responsible. I knew that members not	Beaver, and others.
Huston " John Murphy Julian Liberty " E. W. Gardner, Blanchard Marion " J. W. Orr, Walker	gratulate himself upon his good fortune. He was fortunate in that he libeled a citi-	Krebs jumped up and came forward with uplifted hands. He was boiling over with	ACTED ONLY AS ATTORNEY.	present were recorded as voting. The roll	These papers will not all be read on the
Miles Twp E. P. Wm. H. Zeigler, Wolfs Store M. P. Jno, N. Moyer, Rebersburg	zen of Clearfield who had just stepped out of office and was about to enter upon the	indignation. "Your honor," he said,	"I was acting for the law firm of Harris & Urey. The hospital never paid me a	call was not right, simply because the Chief Clerk made it wrong."	same afternoon, as the meetings are to con- tinue all day of the 20th.
W P E. H. Zeigler Madisonburg Patton Twp. Thos. M. Huey, Buffalo Run	duties of another. We will not say that	"I don't have to take lessons in professional decency from this counsel."	dime. Trustee G. H. Lichtenthaler asked me for a bill." As to Meek, Harris	This testimony was almost entirely un- expected. It closed the evidence and the	On the afternoon of the 19th, from five
Penn "A. L. Auman, Coburn Potter S P F. A. Carson, Potters Mills		"Did you tell anybody," the witness was asked.	swore: "I have known P. Gray Meek	speeches to the jury began after a brief ar-	to seven o'clock, Gregg post will entertain
" " N P D, K, Keller, Centre Hall " W P P. B, Jordon, Colyer Rush " N P Wm Frank, Phillipsburg	the jury of trial. That would be a reflec- tion upon the impartiality of the twelve	There was objection, and the Court said	by reputation since 1862, and he has known me and bowed to me for the last five or six	gument on the following points of law, submitted by the defense :	the comrades of the 148th at dinner in the post rooms.
Rush "N P Wm. Frank, Philipsburg "S P John J. Wayne, Osceola Mills Snow Shoe E P Martin McLaughlin, Snow Shoe	gentlemen. Other editors have not been	the witness could not tell what he said. Ex-Judge Krebs produced a decision to	years. The last time was a few months ago	First-The publication complained of in the indictment relates to one who then held	On the evening of the 19th a public
"W P Wm. Kern, Moshannon Spring Twp. N P Jas. C. Carson, Bellefonte		show that direct examination may take the form of cross-examination where the wit-	in the train shed at Tyrone." Ex-Judge Krebs, in cross-examination,	a public office, and was also a candidate for	meeting will be held in the court house.
" S P James H. Corl, Pleasant Gap W P Jno. L. Dunlop, Bellefonte	unconsidered statement of a reporter, al- though his statement was harmless com-	ness called appears to be in the interest of	asked Harris: "Was there any agreement or talk that you should be Speaker of the	public office, and if the subject matter thereof is found to the satisfaction of the	At this meeting an address of welcome on the part of the municipality will be deliver-
Taylor Twp. J. T. Merryman, Hannah Union "A. B. Hall, Fleming	pared to the savage criticism of candidate	the adverse party. Dr. Schenrer says he could not tell where he got his informa-	House after violating the instructions of	jury to be proper for public information, and not to have been maliciously or negli-	ed by Edmund Blanchard, chief burgess,
Walker Twp E P S. Peck, Nittany " M P J. D. Miller, Hublersburg " W P S. H. Shaffer, Zion	Harris by brother Meek's WATCHMAN. Other editors have had equally unpleasant	tion. "Do you deny that you got this infor-	the convention which nominated you that you should vote for Colonel E. A. Irvin for	gently made, the verdict of the jury must	and by Hon. John G. Love, on part of the
Worth W P S. H. Shaffer, Zion Worth W. T. Hoover, Port Matilda	encounters with the libel laws of this Com- monwealth, so that, on the whole, Mr.	mation from Mr. Harris?"	United States Senator ?" "No. sir."	be not guilty.	other comrades of the county. To this a response will be made by T. W. Myton
OUR EXCHANGES ON THE VERDICT.	Meek's experience has been rather fortunate	"I deny any recollection of Mr. Harris speaking to me on this subject."	"Were you a candidate for Speaker ?"	prove that the allegations in the publica- tion are true. If the information be deriv-	Esq., of Huntingdon, and Hon. Robert A.
(Concluded from page 1.)	than otherwise. But let no editor take en- couragement from this verdict to sharpen	"Do you deny making this statement to me?"	"I was." "Did you go to Washington to see Sena-	ed from other persons who were reputable	Cassidy, of Canton, O. An address will
A Stunning Verdict.	his arrows of criticism, intending to pene- trate the skin of some political or social	Objection to this was sustained, the	tor Quay?"	and had opportunity for knowledge of the matters referred to was such as would be	also be delivered on the same night by Gen. St. Clair A. Mulholland
From the Pittsburg Dispatch (Rep.)	sinner. For the chances are that he would	Court saying : "I see nothing in the con- duct of the witness to justify the ques-	"Did you press him to make you Speak-	satisfactory to a prudent man then he had	These exercises will be interspersed by
The verdict in the Harris-Meek libel suit is a currous and significant one. It is	be found guilty by the jury in manner and form as indicted. It is the unexpected	tion."	"Not very hard."	the right to rely on that information and the representations so made to him, and if	old war songs and other patriotic songs by
a striking example of the way of a jury,	that comes from the "deliberations" of the	Major A. M. Brown, -Thomas S. Bige- low and Representative W. W. Nisbet were	Harris explained that he was not a caudi- date for State Treasurer until March, 1901,	at the time of publication he believed that to be true, the verdict of the jury must find	a large choir under charge of Philip and J.
and it is an undoubted reflection of the	average jury. aspet HeW to doors use .	excused at this point and left the curt room	when he "pressed his claime "	the defendant not guilty.	a la contrat se stati la selle all'al become

public disgnst with the moral standard of our politics. It can hardly be disputed that the verdict is not in accordance with the evidence that was given to the jury. Under the re-strictions imposed by the court the defense did not establish a valid justification for the assertions concerning the prosecuting witness. Whether it would have succeeded any better if it had been allowed to go into the wide field it proposed is somewhat doubtful. But after hearing the case the jury comes to the conclusion that the pros-coutor was not libeled, which carries a very stunning Dinference. Of course, a thrifty county jury would take care that the county should not lose the costs. The prosecution takes refuge in the as-

Though You Can't See It. From the Philadelphia Record. called to stand the severe ordeal of a cross-The outcome of the Meek-Harris libel

The Caterwanling Tells You it is a Cat,

suit might have been readily forecasted by anyone experienced in the determination of litigations of this character. The people, who go to Harrisburg to buy improper legislation and the scoundrels who are ready to make sale of improper legislation do not carry on their bargaining in the open day. They do not let their left hands know th iniquity of their right hands. It is im-possible to get rascally legislation without making a blackening record when the favoring votes are cast and counted; but there

is no such record of the money changing sertion that a majority of the jury were Democrats. But the case was brought in Mr. Harris' home county, where both he and the District Attorney were thoroughparties when the goods are delivered. The for this article." corruption of the late Legislature was so apparent and undisguised that denial was ssible: but the detail could not be traced by such proofs as are required in a court of justice. We may know the whereabouts of a black tom cat on a dark night by his caterwauling when we cannot otherwise locate him. It was Mr. Meek's difficulty that he could not lay bare machine deviltries by getting into the witness box the principals and the go-betweens, who could have given directly neriminating information. But the jury was so well satisfied with the accuracy of Mr. Meek's accusations and of the propriety of the publication that it acquitted him of libeling State Treasurer Harris, With strange inconsistency, however, the costs of the suit were saddled upon Mr. Meek. This punishment could only have been

to catch a train.

examination on his testimony of yesterday. It is generally known here that he did not write the alleged libelous article. In his testimony yesterday he gave the Harris let-ter to the hospital and the Haywood letter as part of his reasons for believing Harris a,"crook," and "a bribetaker." Attorney Cole cross-examined. "You say you did not know Mr. Harris

until you came here this week ?" "I never saw him that I remember of." 'And you wrote this article about him ?'

MR. MEEK IS RE-CALLED.

Editor Meek, the defendant, was re

"I knew him from his record. "Did you write this article?"

"I am responsible for it." "Answer the question."

date !"

wered it. I am resp Ex-Judge Krebs objected to the anestion because Meek was indicted for the alleged The court said Meek must answer. libel Meek did "I did not, sir-I read it before it went into print. "Then it was not composed on the strength of what Mr. Krebs told you ?" "I cannot tell. I do not know how much information the author had. Foster gave me the first intimation of the hospita matter along in April or May last summer." "What do you mean by the word crook ?"

date for State Treasurer until March, 1901, when he "pressed his claims." to be true, the verdict of the jury must find the defendant not guilty. On the when he "pressed his claims." "What were your claims ?"

"Simply that I was a Republican ; had been one for 30 years, and because Clearfield county never had a candidate on the the real state of the facts embraced in the State ticket.' publication were as therein contained, of the honest and reasonable belief of the

"Wasn't Colonel Irvin made a candidate for United States, Senator by the County Convention a year before that ?'' TRIES TO EXPLAIN VIOLATED PROMISE.

negligently, and without probable cause, the verdict must be not guilty. Harris told the old story of his violation of instructions, saying Irvin himself releas-ed him. Judge Krebs called it "treachery" dence that there was a reasonable ground for suspicion, supported by circumstances in his questions. Harris said there was no reward for this. such as would warrant an ordinarily pru-

"Did you at any time endorse notes for dent man in believing the matters containpersons in consideration of which they would give you support while a candi-Harris remembered none. There were

objections to a question whether he had en-dorsed for Democratic leaders. Harris left the stand, whispered to his attorneys and guilty. the objections were withdrawn. The next question was :

On the 20th the meetings will be public

and may be held in the court house, if not there, in the post rooms, and the time will be put in in reading and discussing some of the papers already mentioned and arranging information to go into the history of the Regiment. On the evening of the 20th a lecture will be delivered by J. W. Muffley, Ad'j., on the reminiscences of the war.

Major Gen. Brooks, who commanded the Brigade to which the Regiment belonged in the early part of the war, will also be in attendance and deliver an address some time during the course of the meeting.

there was such appearance of their truth arising from the facts and circumstances misapprehended or misanderstood so far as to produce belief on the part of the defend-

ly acquainted. They must have been well informed if any jurors were liable to be swayed by political prejudice, and their acceptance of the jury precludes this plea and makes the verdict especially crushing. as a reflection of popular opinion

Such a verdict rendered in his own county seems particularly severe on the State Treasurer, and that aspect of it will no doubt be dwelt upon by his political' enemies. But it is not correct to regard its'adverse imputation as applying peculiarly to him as the representative of a political system that has disgusted the public by its ally concealed corruption, its open and flagrant deals and its cynical repudiation of reform pledges. It is all the more crushing in that light because it is inconsistent with the evidence and the rules of law in the case.

The Rights of the Defendant Denied.

From the Star-Independent.

The verdict of the Clearfield county jury in the Harris-Meek libel case will hardly be satisfactory to either of the litigants. "Not guilty but pay the costs," is far from a vindication of the prosecutor and hard-ly just to the defeudant. In other words it doesn't clear the prosecutor of the accu-sation while it punishes the defendant for a crime of which the jury declared him in-nocent. If the costs had been a trifle, such punishment would not have mattered much But being considerable, the fact that they are imposed by a jury on a man pronounced by the se who composed it innocent, is a hardship.

The case was the first tried in the State under the new libel law, but it is not likely to be accepted as a final judicial inter-pretation of the act. The opportunity to justify the publication by showing not ony probable, but actual cause for believing the charge to be true, was denied to the defendant absolutely. The learned and able counsel for the accused cited numerous authorities in support of a contention that evidence of conditions existing in Harrisburg during the last session of the Legislature, not as currently reported but as universally believed should have been ad-mitted to establish cause. But the court took the opposite view and the defense was

The case was one of great interest and was conducted with signal ability. Coun-sel for the defendant, Hon. David L. Krebs Messrs, Murray & Smith and Taylor and Johnston revealed not only profound ability, but great learning. They stumbled at no point in the preparation or trial of the cause and their arguments to the court your share of such bargains. were as overwhelmingly forceful as they were absolutely unavailing. It is a pity in one respect that their management was so faultless The interests of justice might have been promoted if the defendant had found guilty for in that event an appeal would have forced an interpretation of the law and probably relieved the defendant from punishment for a crime of which he was declared "not guilty."

The jury in the Harris-Meek libel suit returned a Scotch verdict—"Not guilty— defendant to pay the costs." While this is an illogical verdict, it is, in reality, a vic-tory for Mr. Meek, although a rather costly one. A whole lot of witnesses in the case, however, had about as narrow an es-Service in the

logically inflicted if the jury had believed that he had been in some way remiss in his defense, which involved the exposure of crime compromising the good name of the Common wealth.

Court's Effort to Prevent Acquittal.

om the Johnstown Tribune; (Rep.) Judge Gordon is evidently bound that editor Meek shall not be acquitted of libel in the Clearfield court this week if he can prevent it. His rulings thus far have been o pronounced against the newspaper man that it will be a surprise if his decisions are not carried to a higher court for interpreta ion under the new libel law. He insists that there shall be admitted as a basis for the publication only what Mr. Meek re ceived from "reliable and trust-worthy"

ources. It wouldn't do for the information to be one of these alone. It must be both. We presume Judge Gordon would rule out as "incompetent, irrelevant, and immaterial generally" what a man saw with his own yes or heard with his own ears. In order to have any weight with him it must be both seen and heard, and if it should happen to be something that wasn't subject to both these senses it couldn't be considered.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

-"Little Trixie," the rollicking farce comedy that has been seen several times at Garman's during past years, will be seen here again on Wednesday night, Feb. 19th.

-Lyon and Co. are advertising a spec ial kid glove sale this week. They are offering some values worth having. All and possibly thunder and lightning. This

-Group 6 of the State Banker's asso ciation, comprising Blair, Huntingdon, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield and Bedford counties, met in this place on Wednesday. The financiers were welcomed by Col. Jas. P. Coburn, who made a most happy little address to them, and after a general tour of

sight-seeing around the town the business before the body was transacted and J. G. Davis, cashier of the Altoona bank, was e lected president and F K. Lukenba ch. cashier of the First national of Philipsburg was re-elected secretary for the next year. Later in the alternoon a bauquet was serv ed at the Bush house, at which twenty-one covers were laid. · · · · ·

DEFINITION OF A CROOK.

"I understand the word 'crook' to mean one who uses his position to make money who votes for crooked Legislation for pay who introduces pinch hills and withdraws them when paid for doing so; in other words a 'Rooster.' Members have ofter told me of Mr. Harris' "crooked" work but you have shut out that testimony." Attorney Cole was interrupting frequent

Ex-Judge Krebs protested that Cole lv. must cease "lecturing the witnesses." Cole retorted : "The counsel for the de fense has evidently lectured and instructed the witness." Ex-Judge Krebs jumped to his feet and with raised hands exclaimed his voice boiling with indignation :

"Your Honor, I shall insist that a rule he entered that Mr. Cole shall show canse why he should not be disbarred, unles such remarks cease immediately." Judge Gordon said the remark was withdrawn Cole sat down muttering and mad.

The witness was asked how he couoladed Harris was a bribetaker. "I concluded," he said, "that asking a bribe is the same as taking a bribe."

"Are you here reiterating your charge : "According to my understanding, yes." "Did you write this article entitled, "An "I did."

HICKS' FEBRUARY WEATHER PREDIC-TIONS .- In his predictions for the present month weather prophet Hicks, who after saying February 2nd and 3rd, will be storm days, with rising temperature and southerly winds, followed by rain and snow goes on to say a Vulcan storm period will be central on the 7th, covering a period from 5th to the 10th. At this time there will be a tendency to high temperatures

the prices are 75 cents and you should get will be followed by blizzards and drifting blockades through much of the west and north. From the 13th to the 25th another

> reactionary storm period will occur, marked by warmer weather and a general tendency | Penna State College class of 1890, are to rain and snow, and the weather will remain unsettled until about the 18th.

The latter half of February is under the influence of the Vernal Equinox and storms on and about the 18th to 20th, will show traces of tropical influence. Lightning and thunder, especially southward, will be natural with rain thawing, but the northern and western areas of these storms utilized for the new improvements. The will turn to snow, sleet and freezing. The storms of the Vulcan period from there are more who would come if they

the 17th to the 20th, will hardly subside could be accommodated.

note?" "I did."

Matt was in the custody of a constable for debts. He was also under arrest on a criminal charge. His political enemies were trying to rain him. I endorsed with out conditions, and Matt Savage paid every do'lar like a man."

Harris explained that James B. Stover, a Republican, owned the building in which Savage had his newspaper plant, but as-signed the debt to James A. Moore. He endorsed renewals as late as last fall. Cross-examined on the Haywood letter he produced, Harris was asked what Haywood meant by saying Alexander could be "ad-vised." Harris did not understand what it meant.

On the Hospital letter he said : "I made no charge for work on the floor of the House. I put that in to call attention to what I had done. I was not practicing law on the floor of the House. The four days' work was no part of the claim for \$100. I made out the bill to myself by arrangement with my partner."

VOTED FOR ANY OLD THING.

In turn Harris said he had voted for Quay as Senator and Marshall as Speaker, for the Pittsburg ripper, for the franchise or trolley bills and probably for the Philadelphia fifth court bill. On the authenticity of the Legislative Record he said : "If the Record says so it is probably correct, but not necessarily. The records are sometimes very misleading. The Legislative reporter gets a man wrong about as often as he gets him right." Bertram Busch, stenographer of the House, was sitting at Harris' elbow. He looked surprised, then indignant. A little later he had some revenge. John M. Urey, Harris' law partner, corroborated Harris on

until the reactionary disturbances due from 23rd to 25th, will make themselves felt: the moon being full on the 21st and 22d, very early equinoctial storms are probable. Heavy vernal rains will follow to the 23rd, and blizzards in the north of snow and sleet will occur. And the month will end with another storm period brewing.

-The thirty-fourth annual convention of the State Young Men's Christian Association will be held at Warren from Feb. 20th to 23rd. Gen. James A. Beaver, of this place, and H. Walton Mitchell Esq., of Pittsburg, the latter a graduate of The among the long list of convention speakers. deficit of \$33,936.

-The trustees of the Academy have decided to fit up the entire third floor of the building for dormitory purposes. Three new rooms and a bath room have just been completed and as they are so comfortable and attractive the entire third floor will be Academy is now crowded with students and

ant, the verdict of the inry must be not Fifth-If upon a careful consideration of

the whole testimony the jury are not con-vinced beyond a reasonable doubt that the "Did you ever endorse Matt Savage's defendant published the article complained of maliciously or negligently the verdict

QUESTION IS OF MALICE.

defendant, and unless the jury are satisfied

beyond a reasonable doubt that the defend-

ant published the article maliciously or

Fourth-If the jury find from the evi-

Third-It is not a question of whether

but

must be not guilty. A score of witnesses were not called, ow ing to the exclusion of testimony offered. Among these were Gov. William A. Stone. Lieutenant Governor J. P. S. Gobin. Attorney General John P. Elkin, Insurance Commissioner, Israel W. Durham, Speaker W. G. Marshali, Major A. M. Brown, T. Larry Eyre, "Cappy" Clark, of Lawrence, Representatives McTighe, Nishit and Sweeney, of Allegheny, Edwards, of Bucks. Bliss, of Delaware, Voorhees and Stulb, of Philadelphia, Senator Emery, of Venango, and a group of newspaper correspondents The case, after a most forcible and elo-quent speech by Judge Krebs, for the deense and a bitter and vindictive effort by Mr. Cole for the plaintiff was given to the jury composed of the following gentlemen : C. H. Thurston, laborer, Republican; Simon Rainey, merchant, Democrat; J. B. Gelnet, farmer, Independent; G. W. Smith miller, Republican; John C. McClain. laborer Democrat: W. F. Kirk, farmer, Independent; John C. McClain, laborer Democrat; F. C. Rooney, tinner, Republican; Matthew Bloom, laborer, Democrat; Austin McGarvey, laborer Democrat; J. W Pace, carpenter, Democrat, Peter Brown, farmer, Democrat, and J. A. Wrigley, Republican.

The verdict was agreed upon by the jury after being out about two hours. It sealed and delivered to the Court on Saturday morning, and read as follows: "We find the defendant not guilty and

sess him with the costs." The Commonwealth costs in the case

were \$47.62 while the costs of the defense will be less than \$1,000.

LOCAL RAILROAD STATISTICS-The preliminary report of the Inter-state comnerce commission on the income account of the railroads of the United States contains some data that will be of more than ordinary interest to residents of this county because of its showing of the condition of our several local railroad lines.

The Central R. R. of Pa. is given as operating 32.6 miles of track. For the year ending June 30th, 1901, its passenger business amounted to \$15,759 and its freight to \$51,102. The operating expenses of the road were \$48,852, showing a net earning of \$19,190 as against \$19,723 in 1900. After paying interest on its bonds it had a

The Nittany Valley railroad is given as operating 4.7 miles of track. There were to receipts from passenger traffic and the freight tonnage yielded \$917, with enough earnings from other sources to make the total \$1,268. The expenses of operation were \$1,518, leaving a deficit of \$250 in 1901 as ompared with earnings of \$1,447 in 1900. The grand deficit for the year was \$4,977. No report is published for the Bellefonte Central R. R. 100 - 2740 5 gra 10 - 1444 10 - 1407 1 22,7456 - 22,7 - 402 - 27,1 - 1

for the men who rendered great service to the country when it was needed as possible.

KELLERHEE--MILLER.-A very pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated in St. Agnes' Catholic church in Lock Haven, at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, when Rev. Father James Sass united Mr. Joseph Kellerher, and Miss Elizabeth Miller in marriage. The church was artistically decorated with palms and out flowers and a large number of guests were present.

The bride, who was attended by her sister. Miss Ella Miller, wore a blue cloth traveling gown and looked a perfect picture of loveliness as she proceeded to the altar with her groom, who had for his best man Thomas Sexton Esq., of this place. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother after the ceremony and later the couple departed for a trip to eastern cities.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Annie Miller, of Lock Haven, and is quite a popular young lady in that city. Mr. Kellerher is formerly from Tyrone, but for several years has been a resident of Bellefonte, where he has charge of the P. R. R. shifter crew. During his short residence here he has made hosts of friends who will join in our wish that his married life may be a continuation of happy days.

-James McNichol and Miss Ella Kelly were married at the residence of Rev. Father McArdle, on Bisbop street, Tuesday evening, at 7:30. There were no others present than Edward Gross and Miss Elizabeth Vallance, who stood with them during the ceremony. Their marriage was quite a surprise to their many friends. though it was none the less a happy event. Both are popular young people in the town and there will be many to wish them well on life's journey.

MARRIED IN LOCK HAVEN .-- Cephas S . Royer and Miss Amanda M. Yearick were married at the parsonage of St. Luke's Reformed church, in Lock Haven, on Tuesday afternoou, by the Rev. Warren J. Johnston. Both of the young people are from Zion and immediately after the ceremony they returned to the bride's home, where a reception was given them.

----While running from the mines of the Penna. Fire Brick Co. to Beech Creek, Thursday evening, engineer Harry Long. noticed a fawn lying by the track. He stopped his train and with fireman George Smith succeeded in catching the little deer. which had had a back leg broken by a shot and was almost perished. The men took the little creature to their home and will try to raise it though it has since been neoessary to amputate the broken leg: