

tion which his report recommends... While in 1899 sixteen thousand three hundred men cost the nation \$10,172,000...

THE NAVY. The report of the Secretary of the Navy exhibits the operations of that Department and of the navy during the year. A considerable reduction of the force has been effected.

THE POST-OFFICE. The Postmaster General's report furnishes a full and clear exhibit of the operations and condition of the postal service. The ordinary postal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898...

MEXICO. Our relations with Mexico during the year have been marked by an increasing growth of mutual confidence. The Mexican Government has not yet acted upon the three treaties received...

HAYTI AND ST. DOMINGO. I have been reluctantly obliged to ask explanation and satisfaction for the explanation and satisfaction for the President of Hayti. The political and social condition of the Republics of Hayti and St. Domingo is very unsatisfactory and painful.

MORE TERRITORY. The acquisition of Alaska was made with a view of extending national jurisdiction and republican principles in the American hemisphere. Believing that a further step could be taken in the same direction, I last year entered into a treaty with the King of Denmark...

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION. I renew the recommendation contained in my communication to Congress dated the 15th July last—a copy of which accompanies this message—that the judgment of the people should be taken on the propriety of so amending the Federal Constitution that it shall provide for the election of President and Vice-President by a direct vote of the people...

source of strength and power. Conforming my administration to these principles... I have no objection to lend support or toleration to unlawful rebellions so long as they are in the name of the Republic...

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS. The attention of the Senate and of Congress is again respectfully called to the treaty for the establishment of commercial reciprocity with the Hawaiian Kingdom, entered into last year, and already ratified by that government...

RUSSIA. The Emperor of Russia has acceded to the treaty negotiated here in January last for the security of trade-marks in the interest of manufacturers and commerce. I have invited his attention to the importance of establishing, now while it seems easy and practicable, a fair and equal regulation of the vast fisheries belonging to the two nations in the waters of the North Pacific ocean...

That portion of it which claims the most attention is the so-called "Republi- cation scheme." The President has declared that "it cannot be denied that we are paying an extravagant percentage for the money borrowed, which was paper currency greatly devalued. This fact is made apparent when we consider that bondholders receive from the Treasury, upon each dollar they own in government securities, six per cent. in gold, which is nearly or quite equal to nine per cent. in currency; that the bonds are then converted into capital for the national banks, upon which those institutions issue their circulation, bearing six per cent. interest; and that they are exempt from taxation by the government and the States, and thereby enhanced two per cent. in the hands of the holders. We thus have an aggregate of seventeen per cent. which may be received upon each dollar by the owners of government securities. A system that produces such results is justly regarded as favoring a few at the expense of the many, and has led to the further inquiry whether our bondholders, in view of the large profits which they have enjoyed, would themselves be averse to a plan which would give them a fair remuneration for the money they have lent to the taxpayers of the nation. On national credit should be sacredly observed; but in making provisions for our creditors we should not forget what is due to the masses of the people. It may be assumed that the holders of our securities have already received upon their bonds a larger amount than their original investment, measured by a gold standard. Upon this statement of facts it would seem but just and equitable that the government should be applied to the redemption of the principal semi-annual instalments, which in sixteen years and eight months would liquidate the entire national debt. Six per cent. in gold would at present rates be equal to nine per cent. in currency, and equivalent to the payment of the debt one and a half times in a fraction less than seventeen years. This, in connection with all the other advantages derived from their investment, would be a liberal compensation for the use of their capital, and with this they should be satisfied.

We are not prepared to endorse this scheme, but have no hesitation in saying that the proposition of paying off the principal of the 5-20 bonds in six years is a monstrous fraud on the people. These bonds were bought and paid for in currency, and by what right, either legal or equitable, do their holders claim gold? Let us illustrate: In 1864 a British nobleman sent to this country \$10,000 in gold. It was then at a premium of 2 1/2, and with it he bought \$27,500 in greenbacks. With these he received \$27,500 of 5-20 bonds. The latter received to this time alone amounts to \$10,000, and yet that Englishman prates about redemption, and says he must have besides this enormous interest \$27,500 in gold for the principal, which at present rates of

to office by the death, resignation or removal of both the President and Vice-President. For the election of Senators of the United States, directly by the people of the several States, instead of by the Legislatures; and for the limitation of a period of years of the terms of Federal Judges. Profoundly impressed with the propriety of making these important modifications in the Constitution, I respectfully submit them for the early and mature consideration of Congress. We should as far as possible remove all pretext for violations of the organic law by remedying such imperfections as time and experience may develop, ever remembering that "the Constitution which at any time exists, until changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all."

Minority Representation. The Sunbury Gazette has a very timely article on the subject, advocating its application to the election of members of the Legislature. We do not think the remedy consists in troubling the present number of Representatives. Senator Buckle's plan of Cumulative Voting is the only one that seems to us practicable and fair. It gives to each party, representation in proportion to its numbers, and voters in minority districts do not throw away their votes as now the case. We are glad to see the opposition press discussing the subject, because the reform must be inaugurated by them. We would not limit the principle to the election of members of the Legislature; but would extend it to County Commissioners, to the election of U. S. Senators, and of members of the lower House of Congress.

Court Proceedings—Continued. WEDNESDAY MORNING. Com. vs David P. Thomas. Indictment Assault with intent to commit Rape. A true bill. In the matter of the Proof of contract in the estate of Henry H. Fritz deceased. Court appointed Christian L. Moore, Guardian ad litem of Emanuel Moore, Margaret Fritz, Guardian ad litem of Emma Fritz, Tilla V. Fritz, James M. Fritz, Maggie C. Fritz and Clara J. Fritz. David Brobst vs Joseph Witts, Jacob S. Evans and Stephen Knorr. In this case moved J.G. Freetz substitution of Jacob S. Evans and Stephen Knorr who are sureties in this case to the right of David Brobst as plaintiff. Com. vs William C. Coxey. Indictment Assault with intent to commit Rape. Recognition of Defendant and his bail forfeited to be respited on appearance of Defendant at next Sessions. Com. vs Philip C. Evans. Indictment Assault with intent receiving stolen goods. A true bill. Com. vs James F. Kile and Jesse Hartman, Supervisors of Sugarloaf Twp. Indictment Refusing to open a Public Road. Defendants plead not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Verdict guilty in manner and form as they stand indicted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. J. B. Hazleton vs H. C. Hartman, civil suit for damages. Knorr and Whit-moyer for Piff. Clark for Def. It is agreed that Judgment be entered in the above case for one hundred dollars, that H. C. Hartman deliver all the furniture, photographic goods and materials and stock that were in the gallery at the time H. C. Hartman took possession thereof to J. B. Hazleton at the Lackawanna Depot, in good order for transportation. Signed H. C. Hartman, J. B. Hazleton. The above judgment was immediately upon the rendering of the same assigned to Samuel Knorr. Com. vs Wm. C. Coxey. Recognition Assault with intent to commit Rape. Ball in this case renewed. In the matter of the exceptions to the account of Charles H. Hess de'd. who was Administrator of E. H. Hess, as filed by Samuel Cressy Adm'r. of C. H. Hess de'd. On motion of E. H. Little Esq., John G. Freetz appointed Auditor on exceptions.

In the matter of the account of Silas Jackson de'd. On motion of Mr. Freetz. C. W. Miller Esq., appointed Auditor to distribute fund under the will to legatees and distributees. Geo. Sault vs Sarah Sault. (Divorce case) Publication ordered, and on motion of Mr. Abbott, C. B. Broekway Esq. appointed to take depositions in this case. In the matter of the estate of George Cramer late of Bloom Twp. de'd. On motion of Mr. Clark, G. M. Barkley Esq., appointed Auditor to make distribution of the balance in the hands of John R. Moyer Adm'r. of said de'd. among creditors.

Com. vs Mathias Shaffer. On motion attachment awarded against J. B. Hartman and M. Keller as witnesses. Com. vs Napoleon Samsel. Indictment Larceny and receiving stolen goods. A true bill. Com. vs Conrad Froland. Recognition selling Liqueur on Sunday without a license. Bill, ignored and Prosecution discontinued. Com. vs Jeremiah Snyder vs pay the costs. Com. vs Martin Walsh. Indictment assault and battery. Bill ignored, and Martin Muldoon to pay the cost. Com. vs John Seglinger. Indictment selling Liqueur on Sunday. Bill ignored and Conrad Froland, Prosecutor, to pay the costs. Eliza Martoney by her next friend John Vanpelt vs Daniel Martoney, Subpoena in Divorce. On motion of Wm. H. Abbott Esq.—appointed Commissioner to take Depositions.

Com. vs William H. Reinhold. Indictment receiving tax not assessed. Bill ignored and Daniel T. McKernan, Prosecutor, to pay the costs. Com. vs Humphrey Parker. Indictment selling Liqueur without License. A true bill. Def. pleads not guilty. Jurors called and sworn. 19 Dec verdict in favor of the State, guilty in manner and form as the standards indicted. John Trembly vs Fenstermacher Crevelling & Co. Judgment. On Petition of

Andrew Crevelling Court grant a rule to show cause why the Judgment should not be stricken off. Joseph Pobs vs Fenstermacher Crevelling & Co. Judgment. On Petition of Andrew Crevelling Court grant a rule to show cause why the Judgment should not be stricken off. In the matter of the Estate of C. H. Hess de'd. On motion the Court grant a rule upon the parties interested to appear in Court on the first day of next Term and accept or refuse the real estate of said de'd. at the valuation, or show cause why the same should not be sold in case the said parties should refuse or neglect to take and accept the same as aforesaid.

Com. vs Humphrey Parker. Sentence of the Court is that Def. pay a fine of ten dollars and costs of Prosecution, and stand committed until the sentence of the Court is complied with. Com. vs John M'Ninch. Recognition Malicious Mischief. Cause settled by the parties. Com. vs Harry Parker. Indictment selling Liqueur without License. Def. pleads guilty. Sentence of the Court is that Def. pay a fine of ten dollars and costs of Prosecution, and stand committed until sentence is complied with.

Com. vs John Brecheney. Indictment Perjury. Def. being arraigned pleads not guilty, Clark and for Freeze Com. Brockway & Luttifer Def. Jury called and sworn. Def. 10. Verdict of the Jury is that they find the Def. not guilty, and that he pay the costs of prosecution. Sentence of the Court, is that Def. pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed until the sentence is complied with. THURSDAY MORNING. Com. vs Allen Mann. Indictment Fornication and Bastardy. Allen Mann and Moses Schlicher his ball each ten in \$600.00 for appearance of Def. at next Sessions. Judgments taken at this period on motion for want of appearance and affidavits of defense. Sheriff Deed, to Parvins Green for two tracts of land situate in Greenwood Twp. consideration \$700. Sold by order of Court as the property of Joseph Pilkington de'd.

Com. vs James Kelly. Indictment assault and battery, a true bill. Defendant being arraigned pleads not guilty. Clark for Com. Abbott for Def. Jury called and sworn. Verdict of the Jury is that they find the Def. guilty in manner and form as he stands indicted. Sentence of the Court, Dec 12 is that you, James Kelly pay a fine of \$50.00 and undergo an imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of three calendar months, and pay the costs of prosecution and stand committed until the sentence be complied with. Com. vs Henry Ale. Indictment obstructing a Public Highway. A true bill. Def. being arraigned pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Court adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING. The above trial still in progress. Jury reported that they could not agree. Jury discharged by the Court, 12 Dec. Def. and his bail Geo. Cavenech each sent in \$200.00 for appearance of Def. at next Sessions. Com. vs Thomas Donakoe, John Duffy and Michael Prior. Warrant on commitment of Defs. to the custody of the Sheriff of Columbia co signed by Hon. James Ryan Pres. Judge of Seelyville co. filed Dec. 10th 1898, same day indictment against the prisoners for the murder of Alexander W. Rea returned a true bill. John Duffy one of the prisoners being brought personally in to Court, the District Attorney declares that the Commonwealth is ready to proceed with the arraignment and trial of the prisoners, whereupon John W. Ryan Esq. in behalf of the prisoners moves the Court to postpone the arraignment and trial until next term, after a hearing motion of prisoners sustained and case continued until next term. Prisoner John Duffy remanded to the Custody of the Sheriff and Jailor.

In the matter of the Petition of Bloom Twp. for extending Fourth St. in Bloomsburg. On motion of Samuel Knorr Esq. order appointing viewers continued. It is ordered that there be two weeks Court at February Term. That there be a venire issued in the Oyer and Terminer and also the Quarter Sessions for drawing and summoning fifty Petit Jurors for the first week, and that similar venires be issued for the second week for a like number of Petit Jurors, and also a venire in the common Pleas for the second week for a like number of Jurors. It is further ordered that one and the same panel for each week be added to each of said venires for the respective weeks. Com. vs David P. Thomas. Indictment with intent to commit a rape. Def. being arraigned pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Verdict finding Def. not guilty and County to pay costs.

Com. vs Joseph Vansiekle. Indictment Larceny. Indictment found at September Sessions last. Def. arraigned pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Verdict finding Def. not guilty. Com. vs Joseph Vansiekle. Indictment Larceny. Def. not guilty. Com. vs P. C. Evans. Recognition Larceny Def. sent in \$400.00 for his appearance at next Sessions. Com. vs Napoleon Samsel. Indictment Larceny. Def. arraigned pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Verdict finding Def. not guilty. Frederick Michael vs Henry Fedder and Bowman Trowbridge. Civil suit. On motion of C.W. Miller Esq. Atty. for Piff. court allow an amendment by striking off the name of Bowman Trowbridge. Com. vs Mathias Shaffer. Indictment compounding felony. Def. arraigned pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn. Verdict finding Def. not guilty and prosecutor Jesse D. Rice to pay the costs. John J. Shunk vs John Cain, civil suit in debt, jury called and sworn, jury withdrawn and judgment for piff. by consent for \$45.83. Com. vs John Kline Wm. Goodman, civil suit on contract, jury called & sworn.

Dec. 12 plaintiff counsel asks leave to amend the declaration, jurors granted. Defs. allege surprise jurors withdrawn cause continued. Aaron Beese one of the jurors in the above cause withdrawn by consent of counsel. SATURDAY MORNING. In the matter of the account of Sol. Buss Adm'r of John Peeler, Jr., de'd. On motion of Mr. Wirt, C. G. Barkley, Esq., appointed Auditor to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the adm'r.

In the matter of the account of J. C. Fritz and Samuel Achenbach, executors of the last will and testament of Wm. Fritz late of Orange Twp. de'd. On motion of Mr. Clark, Attorney for est., and the appointment of E. H. Little, Esq., as auditor to make distribution of the balance in the hands of said executors among creditors. Continued. In the matter of the partition and valuation of the real estate of Wm. Clark, late of Montour Twp., deceased. Return of inquest confirmed absolutely, and on motion of Mr. Clark, Attorney for est. Court granted rule upon the heirs and legal representatives of said deceased to appear in said Court on the first Monday of February next, and accept or refuse the said real estate at the valuation or show cause why the same should not be sold. Personal notice to be given to all the parties named in the said writ six weeks before the return day.

Rudolph Shuman vs Geo. Shuman et al. Summons in partition in common Pleas. On motion of Mr. Clark, Judge presiding quod partio fiat inter partes praeiudicium. Flora Shuman et al vs Andrew Clark Summons in partition common Pleas. Return of inquest confirmed absolutely and on motion of Mr. Clark, Atty. for the piff., Court grant a rule on all parties named in the writ, commanding them to appear on the first Monday of February next and accept or refuse the said real estate described in said writ at the valuation or show cause why the same should not be sold. Personal notice to be served on the said parties six weeks before the return day of the said writ.

In the matter of the account of John B. and Isiah Dietterich Adm'r. of the estate of John Dietterich late of Montour Twp. de'd. Account confirmed absolutely, and on motion of Mr. Clark, Atty. for the est. Court appointed J. G. Freetz Esq., Auditor to ascertain debts against said deceased, and the indebtedness of the heirs of said de'd. to said deceased, and distribute the money in the hands of said Administrators, and in the hands of Isiah Dietterich to whom the real estate of said de'd. was awarded by the Court, to the creditors and heirs and legal representatives of said de'd., and make report to the next General Orphan's Court to be held at Bloomsburg in and for said county.

In the matter of the Partition and valuation of the real estate of Solomon Hartman late of Fishing Creek Twp. de'd. Rule returned served personally on all the parties and none of them appearing to accept, or refuse the said real est. at the valuation. The Court on motion of Mr. Clark Atty. for said est. direct the Adm'r. of said est. to sell the real estate at Public Sale upon the premises, upon the following terms to wit:—Ten per cent of one fourth of the purchase money to be paid on day of sale. One fourth less the ten per cent on the confirmation of the sale, and the balance in one year from the first day of April next, with interest from the first day of April next. Administrator to give bill in the sum of double the amount of the appraised value. Wm. B. Koons approved as security.

It is ordered that the number of persons to be selected as Jurors for the ensuing year be fixed at four hundred. Michael F. Eyerly appointed Auditor to Audit and report accounts of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder and Sheriff with the commonwealth and county. On motion of court appoint Robert F. Clark, J. B. Robison and John G. Freetz Esquires, a committee to serve as committee of the law Library of the said court in pursuance of the Act of Assembly passed the third day of March A. D. 1899 entitled "An Act relative to the establishment of a law Library in the county of Columbia."

In the matter of the Bond of Philip Mowry for the support of his wife. It is ordered that Philip Mowry be released from the bonds entered into for the support of his wife. Overseers of the Poor of Bloom Twp., vs Overseers of the Poor of Hemlock Twp. Appeal by Bloom Twp., from the order of removal in this case, continued. P. A. Sell vs Norman Hendershot, certiorari to be given to piff. A Dennis vs John Christian, certiorari, no notice to piff. continued. Fred. Miller vs David Yenger, certiorari, proceedings reversed and set aside. Poor Overseers of Centre Twp., vs Jno. Stiner and Benj. Stiner, rule on defendants to show cause why they should not support their mother, argued Dec. 12, 1898.

In the matter of the report of a road in Briar Creek Twp., near Evans Mill, argued Dec. 7, 1898, proceedings set aside. Robert Gorrell vs Bernard M'Brearty certiorari, continued. In the matter of the report of a road in Hemlock Twp., near Wanlich's bridge, exceptions sustained and report set aside Dec. 12 1898. Reuben Keeser vs James Thomas, case in law, exceptions to piff. bill of costs, to be taxed before Prothonotary. Conyngham Twp., vs F. R. Wohlforth, case stated, argued Dec. 7. Stephen Thomas vs John L. Kline, Supervisor of Conyngham Twp., rule to show cause, continued.

In the matter of the petition for the removal of the school Directors of Conyngham Twp. rule granted to show cause etc. Not served. In the matter of the account of Chas. H. Hess Adm'r. of E. H. Hess, de'd., as filed by Samuel Cressy, Adm'r. of Chas. H. Hess de'd. Auditor appointed. In the matter of the report of a road in Hemlock Twp., near Andrew Ohl's, confirmed finally Dec. 12, 1898. Martia Moughan vs Conyngham Twp. certiorari. No. 75 to 133 Dec. T. 1898. Diminution of record suggested. In the matter of a report of a road in Greenwood Twp., near Catharine Thomason, continued. Jacob Shoemaker vs Michael Conon, Exceptions to auditors report distributing monies arising from Sheriff's sale of Def. real estate. Argued Dec. 12, 1898.

TRIAL LIST. Samuel Peifer for the use of Peter Schug vs William A. Case and Robert S. Howland Appeal. Continued. The West Branch Insurance Company vs Simon C. Shive. Assumpsit. Continued. Edward McCall et al vs John Sweeney Esq. Continued. F. H. Person vs John Cain, Trespass Continued. Thomas J. Vanderslice vs Robert Howell. Case for deceit. Continued. John Coleman vs Michael Cronan, Slander. Continued. J. B. Hazleton vs W. C. Hartman. Dec. 9, 1898 Judgt. for piff for one hundred dollars and cause settled as per agreement. John Cooper vs Daniel Howe et al Appeal. Continued. John Gilroy vs William E. Steiner. Debt, continued. Isaac Fogely vs James W. Sankey. Debt, arbitrated. Gilbert Fowler vs Reuben Miller, debt Judgt. for piff. as per writing filed for \$124 and costs. Geo. J. Davis vs Parvin Eves Jr., and Geo. M' Ewen, Trespass on the case etc. Settled. Elias George vs Aaron Person, Sci Fa Sar Mechanics Lien, Judgt. for piff. by consent for \$933.19 and costs Dec. 8, 1898 stay of execution one year. Chas. R. Green vs Peter Schug, trespass Malicious prosecution, continued. Samuel Benner vs John Hinterliter, debt, continued. Lucas N. Moyer vs G. W. Collamer, Sci Fa Sar Mechanics Lien, continued. David Lewis Guardian of Sarah, Maria and Berlanda Hess, heirs of John Hess, de'd., vs Collins Suttif, appeal continued. Wm. Heiler vs John Savage and Jno. Heil, debt, continued. Joseph Thomas vs John Raup, replevin, continued. Christiana Fox vs John Jones, debt, continued. Henry J. Yeaple vs Isaac Drumm, with notice to Samuel Thomas, tenant, Sci Fa, continued. Same vs same Sci Fa, continued. Elias Snyder vs Adam Schuyler and Lewis H. Schuyler, appeal, continued. Frederick Michael vs Henry Fedder, and Bowman Trowbridge, appeal, continued. John Aggregate vs Thos. Folk, two cases in ejectment, continued. Charles Kreisher by his next friend and father vs Henry Knapp, slander, continued. Geo. Killy vs Geo. Vansiekle, appeal, continued. Simon C. Shive vs Hannah E. Armstrong, appeal, continued.

ORPHANS' COURT. Dec. 11, 1898, Martin W. B. Yorks appointed guardian of the minor children of Wm. T. Caedeman, de'd. Dec. 7, 1898, on petition Wm. Kramer appointed guardian of the minor children of Mathias Crossley, de'd. Dec. 8, on petition Geo. Markle appointed guardian of Franklin P. Markle. Dec. 8, on petition Geo. Markle appointed guardian of Celestia Agnes Markle. Dec. 7, on petition Henry Hollingshead appointed guardian of Geo. Sharpless. Dec. 7, on petition Harriet Reifensnyder appointed guardian of Sarah Reifensnyder. Dec. 7, on petition Harriet Reifensnyder appointed guardian of George W. Reifensnyder. Dec. 7, on petition Elwood Hughes discharged from his guardianship as guardian of Robert Kinney, Seth Bower and Alfred Kester. Dec. 7, on petition James Kocher appointed guardian of Seth Bower and Robert Kinney. Dec. 7, on petition James Kocher appointed guardian of Alfred Kester. Dec. 7, on petition Samuel Yetter chosen and appointed guardian of Mary and Lewis Yetter, Elias Weaver chosen and appointed Guardian of Miles and Harriet Yetter. Dec. 12, on petition sale of the real estate of Gideon Stecker ordered for payment of debts. Dec. 8, on petitions citations in specific performance of contract order in the estate of Henry H. Fritz, deceased between Henry H. Fritz & Jesse H. Fritz, Henry H. & Josiah B. Fritz, Henry H. & Geo. Fritz, Robert H. & Maria Fritz. In the matter of the citation in specific performance of contract between Chas. H. Hess, de'd., and Jeremiah and Michael Hess. Leroy Thompson appointed a commissioner to take testimony in the case and report the same to the next Court. On petition M. E. Jackson appointed Trustee of the estate of Samuel Blank, and sale of said deceased's real estate ordered. Dec. 7, on petition, B. H. Eaton, Esq. appointed auditor to report facts in the matter of the petition of M. P. Fowler guardian of the minor children of Silas E. Fowler, de'd. Dec. 7, on petition citation awarded against Aaron Boon, guardian of Sam'l W. Boon to file his account. Dec. 9, on petition Court order and direct that an allowance of ten dollars per month be granted for the support and education of the minor children of Charles H. Warner, and the Guardian is hereby directed to appropriate the said sum of ten dollars to the purpose aforesaid. Said allowance to date from June 1, 1897. Dec. 9, on petition Court order and direct that an allowance of eight dollars per month be granted for the support and education of the minor children of George A. Denel, de'd., and the Guardian is hereby directed to appropriate the said sum of eight dollars to the purpose aforesaid. Said allowance to date from April 12, 1897. Dec. 7, on petition inquest awarded in the estate of John Hess late of Fishing Creek Twp., de'd. Dec. 7, on petition inquest awarded in the estate of Daniel Yetter late of Main Twp. de'd. Dec. 9, Recognition of Wm. Raup & Wesley Perry, his surety approved & distribution filed. Dec. 7, Report of sale of real estate of Mary John a lunatic, confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Report of sale of real estate of

Daniel G. Ent, de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 8, Report of sale of real estate of Lavina Hutchison de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 8, Report of sale of real estate of Peter Melick de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 10, Report of sale of real estate of John Baylor de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 10, on petition the real estate of Jonathan Knittle, late of said county de'd., ordered to be sold for payment of debts. Dec. 7, Report of sale of the real est. of Peter Weaver de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Return of inquest on estate of Wm. Myers de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Return of inquest on estate of Deborah Myers de'd., confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Return of inquest on estate of Frederick Rohr de'd., confirmed nisi. ROAD PETITIONS AND REPORTS. Dec. 7, Report on the division of Briar Creek Twp. filed; further order continued to next term if no exceptions by that time election will be ordered. Dec. 9, Report of a Private road in Catawissa Twp. from C. B. Ludwig's to James Reader's, confirmed nisi and width fixed at twenty feet. Dec. 9, Report of a Public road in Benton Twp. from near Samuel Krickbaum's to Elizabeth Kline's confirmed nisi, and width of road fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 9, Report of a Public road in Montour Twp., at Rupert on land of Lloyd Paxton Confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 7, Report of reviewers of Public road in Madison Twp. from near the house of John Christians to near Widow Reichard's. Confirmed nisi and width of road laid fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 9, Report of viewers of a Public road in Greenwood Twp. on line between Jackson Robbin's and Chandler Eves's, and ending at corner of land of A. P. Heller. Confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 7, Report of review of a Public road in Greenwood Twp. near Theodore Lemons and ending at David C. Albertson's. Confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Report of reviewers of a Public road in Sugarloaf and Benton Twp. from near Ezekiel Cole's to Bridge across Fishing Creek at Edson's. Confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Report of viewers of a Public road in Centre Twp. from near John Hill's. Confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 7, Report of viewers of a Public road in Catawissa Twp. from South St. in the town of Catawissa and to end at the corner of intersection of Second St. and Lumber St. Confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at thirty-three feet. Dec. 7, Report of reviewers of a Public road in Conyngham Twp. from the Borough line of Centralia at a road leading from John M'Donald's and ending at a road leading from Centralia to Big Nine Run. Confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at thirty three feet. Dec. 7, Report of a review of a road in Fishing Creek Twp. from a road near Still Water church and to intersect a road between Joseph Fullmer's and Noah Baker's, confirmed nisi and width of road fixed at 33 feet. Dec. 7, Report of viewers on vacating a road in Jackson Twp. from Gale's saw mill in Sugarloaf Twp. to Union School House in Jackson Twp. confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, On application the viewers appointed to view a road in Fishing Creek Twp. from near the house of Daniel Bogart, continued. Dec. 7, Report of viewers appointed on petition to vacate a road from near Adam Freas & Co. confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Report of viewers of a road in Benton Twp. from the residence of Silas Karns & Co., confirmed nisi. Dec. 7, Depositions filed in the case of a road view in Briar Creek Twp. Dec. 10, On petition John Lora, Ira Pursell and John Whitmore appointed viewers for road in Madison Twp. from the house of Jacob Kiser to near the house of John D. Essicks. Dec. 10, On petition John Allen, Jacob Swisher and John Smith appointed viewers of a Road in Greenwood Twp. at or near the house of Frederick Bugle to near the house of Charles Brunstetler. Dec. 10, On petition Joseph Lilly, Usal Ent and Samuel Kline appointed viewers for road in Centre Twp. near Adam Hill's & Co. Dec. 11, On petition Wm. Howell, Geo. Oman and Eric Keler appointed viewers for a road in Mountpleasant and Madison Twp. near Savill's Factory & Co. Dec. 10, On petition of commissioners John C. Doty, Peter Case and John Weaver appointed viewers to view workmanship of Bridge built by W. A. Kile, over Coles creek in Sugarloaf Twp. Dec. 10, On petition of commissioners Hiram R. Kline, David Achenbach and John Megarrell appointed viewers to view workmanship of a Bridge built by Daniel M'Henry over Haven creek in Fishing Creek Twp. Dec. 10, On petition Lucas Fähringer, Jacob Stine and John Yeager appointed viewers to view and vacate a road in Catawissa and Franklin Twp. from near the Foundry of Geo. Hughes & Son to land of John Howe. Dec. 10, On petition Washington Parr Joseph Kistler and Hamilton F. Clark appointed viewers to view and vacate a road in Locust Twp. from near A. S. Knittle's. Dec. 10, On petition Lewis Yetter, Stephen Baldy and James M'Ninch appointed viewers to view and vacate a road in Conyngham Twp. from Centralia to Little Mine Run. In the matter of the report of viewers of a road in Greenwood Twp. from near the house of Catharine Thomas, returned May 6, 1898 and confirmed nisi. Exceptions filed May 6, 1898, referred back Sept 10 1898, continued Dec. 12, 1898. Dec. 11, Report of viewers of a road in Millin Twp. from near Yohs's Grist L. Continued.

Dec. 12 plaintiff counsel asks leave to amend the declaration, jurors granted. Defs. allege surprise jurors withdrawn cause continued. Aaron Beese one of the jurors in the above cause withdrawn by consent of counsel. SATURDAY MORNING. In the matter of the account of Sol. Buss Adm'r of John Peeler, Jr., de'd. On motion of Mr. Wirt, C. G. Barkley, Esq., appointed Auditor to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the adm'r.

In the matter of the account of J. C. Fritz and Samuel Achenbach, executors of the last will and testament of Wm. Fritz late of Orange Twp. de'd. On motion of Mr. Clark, Attorney for est., and the appointment of E. H. Little, Esq., as auditor to make distribution of the balance in the hands of said executors among creditors. Continued. In the matter of the partition and valuation of the real estate of Wm. Clark, late of Montour Twp., deceased. Return of inquest confirmed absolutely, and on motion of Mr. Clark, Attorney for est. Court granted rule upon the heirs and legal representatives of said deceased to appear in said Court on the first Monday of February next, and accept or refuse the said real estate at the valuation or show cause why the same should not be sold. Personal notice to be given to all the parties named in the said writ six weeks before the return day.

Rudolph Shuman vs Geo. Shuman et al. Summons in partition in common Pleas. On motion of Mr. Clark, Judge presiding quod partio fiat inter partes praeiudicium. Flora Shuman et al vs Andrew Clark Summons in partition common Pleas. Return of inquest confirmed absolutely and on motion of Mr. Clark, Atty. for the piff., Court grant a rule on all parties named in the writ, commanding them to appear on the first Monday of February next and accept or refuse the said real estate described in said writ at the valuation or show cause why the same should not be sold. Personal notice to be served on the said parties six weeks before the return day of the said writ.

In the matter of the account of John B. and Isiah Dietterich Adm'r. of the estate of John Dietterich late of Montour Twp. de'd. Account confirmed absolutely, and on motion of Mr. Clark, Atty. for the est. Court appointed J. G. Freetz Esq., Auditor to ascertain debts against said deceased, and the indebtedness of the heirs of said de'd. to said deceased, and distribute the money in the hands of said Administrators, and in the hands of Isiah Dietterich to whom the real estate of said de'd. was awarded by the Court, to the creditors and heirs and legal representatives of said de'd., and make report to the next General Orphan's Court to be held at Bloomsburg in and for said county.

In the matter of the Partition and valuation of the real estate of Solomon Hartman late of Fishing Creek Twp. de'd. Rule returned served personally on all the parties and none of them appearing to accept, or refuse the said real est. at the valuation. The Court on motion of Mr. Clark Atty. for said est. direct the Adm'r. of said est. to sell the real estate at Public Sale upon the premises, upon the following terms to wit:—Ten per cent of one fourth of the purchase money to be paid on day of sale. One fourth less the ten per cent on the confirmation of the sale, and the balance in one year from the first day of April next, with interest from the first day of April next. Administrator to give bill in the sum of double the amount of the appraised value. Wm. B. Koons approved as security.

It is ordered that the number of persons to be selected as Jurors for the ensuing year be fixed at four hundred. Michael F. Eyerly appointed Auditor to Audit and report accounts of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder and Sheriff with the commonwealth and county. On motion of court appoint Robert F. Clark, J. B. Robison and John G. Freetz Esquires, a committee to serve as committee of the law Library of the said court in pursuance of the Act of Assembly passed the third day of March A. D. 1899 entitled "An Act relative to the establishment of a law Library in the county of Columbia."

In the matter of the Bond of Philip Mowry for the support of his wife. It is ordered that Philip Mowry be released from the bonds entered into for the support of his wife. Overseers of the Poor of Bloom Twp., vs Overseers of the Poor of Hemlock Twp. Appeal by Bloom Twp., from the order of removal in this case, continued. P. A. Sell vs Norman Hendershot, certiorari to be given to piff. A Dennis vs John Christian, certiorari, no notice to piff. continued. Fred. Miller vs David Yenger, certiorari, proceedings reversed and set aside. Poor Overseers of Centre Twp., vs Jno. Stiner and Benj. Stiner, rule on defendants to show cause why they should not support their mother, argued Dec. 12, 1898.

In the matter of the report of a road in Briar Creek Twp., near Evans Mill, argued Dec. 7, 1898, proceedings set aside. Robert Gorrell vs Bernard M'Brearty certiorari, continued. In the matter of the report of a road in Hemlock Twp., near Wanlich's bridge, exceptions sustained and report set aside Dec. 12 1898. Reuben Keeser vs James Thomas, case in law, exceptions to piff. bill of costs, to be taxed before Prothonotary. Conyngham Twp., vs F. R. Wohlforth, case stated, argued Dec. 7. Stephen Thomas vs John L. Kline, Supervisor of Conyngham Twp., rule to show cause, continued.

In the matter of the petition for the removal of the school Directors of Conyngham Twp. rule granted to show cause etc. Not served. In the matter of the account of Chas. H. Hess Adm'r. of E. H. Hess, de'd., as filed by Samuel Cressy, Adm'r. of Chas. H. Hess de'd. Auditor appointed. In the matter of the report of a road in Hemlock Twp., near Andrew Ohl's, confirmed finally Dec. 12, 1898. Martia Moughan vs Conyngham Twp. certiorari. No. 75 to 133 Dec. T. 1898. Diminution of record suggested. In the matter of a report of a road in Greenwood Twp., near Catharine Thomason, continued. Jacob Shoemaker vs Michael Conon, Exceptions to auditors report distributing monies arising from Sheriff's sale of Def. real estate. Argued Dec. 12, 1898.

TRIAL LIST. Samuel Peifer for the use of Peter Schug vs William A. Case and Robert S. Howland Appeal. Continued. The West Branch Insurance Company vs Simon C. Shive. Assumpsit. Continued. Edward McCall et al vs John Sweeney Esq. Continued. F. H. Person vs John Cain, Trespass Continued. Thomas J. Vanderslice vs Robert Howell. Case for deceit. Continued. John Coleman vs Michael Cronan, Slander. Continued. J. B. Hazleton vs W. C. Hartman. Dec. 9, 1898 Judgt. for piff for one hundred dollars and cause settled as per agreement. John Cooper vs Daniel Howe et al Appeal. Continued. John Gilroy vs William E. Steiner. Debt, continued. Isaac Fogely vs James W. Sankey. Debt, arbitrated. Gilbert Fowler vs Reuben Miller, debt Judgt. for piff. as per writing filed for \$124 and costs. Geo. J. Davis vs Parvin Eves Jr., and Geo. M' Ewen, Trespass on the case etc. Settled. Elias George vs Aaron Person, Sci Fa Sar Mechanics Lien, Judgt. for piff. by consent for \$933.19 and costs Dec. 8, 1898 stay of execution one year. Chas. R. Green vs Peter Schug, trespass Malicious prosecution, continued. Samuel Benner vs John Hinterliter, debt, continued. Lucas N. Moyer vs G. W. Collamer, Sci Fa Sar Mechanics Lien, continued. David Lewis Guardian of Sarah, Maria and Berlanda Hess, heirs of John Hess, de'd., vs Collins Suttif, appeal continued. Wm. Heiler vs John Savage and Jno. Heil, debt, continued. Joseph Thomas vs John Raup, replevin, continued. Christiana Fox vs John Jones, debt, continued. Henry J. Yeaple vs Isaac Drumm, with notice to Samuel Thomas, tenant, Sci Fa, continued. Same vs same Sci Fa, continued. Elias Snyder vs Adam Schuyler and Lewis H. Schuyler, appeal, continued. Frederick Michael vs Henry Fedder, and Bowman Trowbridge, appeal, continued. John Aggregate vs Thos. Folk, two cases in ejectment, continued. Charles Kreisher by his next friend and father vs Henry Knapp, slander, continued. Geo. Killy vs Geo. Vansiekle, appeal, continued. Simon C. Shive vs Hannah E. Armstrong, appeal, continued.

ORPHANS' COURT. Dec. 11, 1898, Martin W. B. Yorks appointed guardian of the minor children of Wm. T. Caedeman, de'd. Dec. 7, 1898, on petition Wm. Kramer appointed guardian of the minor children of Mathias Crossley, de'd. Dec. 8, on petition Geo. Markle appointed guardian of Franklin P. Markle. Dec. 8, on petition Geo. Markle appointed guardian of Celestia Agnes Markle. Dec. 7, on petition Henry Hollingshead appointed guardian of Geo. Sharpless. Dec. 7, on petition Harriet Reifensnyder appointed guardian of Sarah Reifensnyder. Dec. 7, on petition Harriet Reifensnyder appointed guardian of George W. Reifensnyder. Dec. 7, on petition Elwood Hughes discharged from his guardianship as guardian of Robert Kinney, Seth Bower and Alfred Kester. Dec. 7, on petition James Kocher appointed guardian of Seth Bower and Robert Kinney. Dec. 7, on petition James Kocher appointed guardian of Alfred Kester. Dec. 7, on petition Samuel Yetter chosen and appointed guardian of Mary and Lewis Yetter, Elias Weaver chosen and appointed Guardian of Miles and Harriet Yetter. Dec. 12, on petition sale of the real estate of Gideon Stecker ordered for payment of debts. Dec. 8, on petitions citations in specific performance of contract order in the estate of Henry H. Fritz, deceased between Henry H. Fritz & Jesse H. Fritz, Henry H. & Josiah B. Fritz, Henry H. & Geo. Fritz, Robert H. & Maria Fritz. In the matter of the citation in specific performance of contract between Chas. H. Hess, de'd., and Jeremiah and Michael Hess. Leroy Thompson appointed a commissioner to take testimony in the case and report the same to the next Court. On petition M. E. Jackson appointed Trustee of the estate of Samuel Blank, and sale of said deceased's real estate ordered. Dec. 7, on petition, B. H. Eaton, Esq. appointed auditor to report facts in the matter of the petition of M. P. Fowler guardian of the minor children of Silas E. Fowler, de'd. Dec. 7, on petition citation awarded against Aaron Boon, guardian of Sam'l W. Boon to file his account. Dec. 9, on petition Court order and direct that an allowance of ten dollars per month be granted for the support and education of the minor children of Charles H. Warner, and the Guardian is hereby directed to appropriate the said sum of ten dollars to the purpose aforesaid. Said allowance to date from June 1, 1897. Dec. 9, on petition Court order and direct that an allowance of eight dollars per month be granted for the support and education of the minor children of George A. Denel, de'd., and the Guardian is hereby directed to