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ESTATE OF JESSE ZANER, DECEASED.

The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to take proof of facts, and pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of Abraham Waltman, Executor of the estate of Jesse Zaner, late of Briarcreek township, deceased, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, in A. J. Evan's building, corner of Main and Iron streets, on Friday the 31st day of August, 1877, at 10 o'clock, a. m.
HERVEY E. SMITH,
July 20, '77-4w. Auditor.

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Sept. 18,1875.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of sundry writs to me directed will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, at one o'clock p. m. on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d, 1877,

the following real estate to-wit:

All that certain tract of unseated land situate in Mifflin township, Columbia county, bounded by land of Daniel Nungesser, Abram Schweppenheiser and others-containing two hundred acres more or less.

ALSO,

One lot of ground situate in the Town of Mifflinville, Columbia county, bounded and described as follows: On the north by 2d street, east by lot of Joseph Masteller, south by 3d or Main street, west by lot of A. J. Buckalew, whereon are erected a frame house, barn and out-buildings.

ALSO,

One lot of ground situate in Mifflinville, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by 2d street, east by —— street south by 3d or Main street, west by lot John of Keller, being 66 feet front and 230 feet deep.

ALSO,

All the defendant's title in one lot of ground situate in Mifflinville, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by 2d street, east by lot of John Keller, south by 3d or Main street and west by lot of Theodore Fedder.

ALSO,

All the defendant's title in four lots of ground situate in the town of Mifflinville, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by 3d or Main street, east by —— street, south by 4th street, and west by lot of Michael Knittle, containing one and-a-half acres more or less:

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of John Keller.

ALSO,

On all that certain lot of land situate in Briarcreek township Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows to wit: On the north by land of Jesse Hicks, east by lands of Daniel Purcel, south by Susquehanna River, and west by land of D. A. Bowman, containing one hundred and six acres and 17 perches; on which is erected a Two Story Brick Dwelling House, Frame Barn and other buildings, all improved.

ALSO,

An Island in the Susquehanna River opposite the above and to be sold in connection therewith containing about 14 acres.

ALSO,

One other piece of land adjoining the above containing 43 acres and 8 perches described in two pieces as follows: one bounded on the east by land of late Stephen Thomas, south by Susquehanna River, west by Wm. L. Freas and north by the Canal, containing 39 acres and 27 perches. The other bounded by land of Mrs. Sponenberger, Daniel Purcell, Public Road, and the Canal containing 4 acres and 81 perches.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Wm. L. Freas.

ALSO,

On the following described lot or piece of ground situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded on the north by an alley, east by Iron street, south by lot of Thomas Vannatta and west by lot of Jane McBride, being about one hundred feet front on Iron street and sixty-six feet deep on alley, whereon is erected a Frame Dwelling House, a Frame wagon-maker shop and blacksmith shop. Said lot will be sold to suit purchasers, either in the whole or in two parcels. One lot of about 50 feet front on Iron street, containg the wagon maker shop and smith shop, and the balance about 30 feet on same street, containing the dwelling house.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of A. S. Crossley.

ALSO,

All that certain real estate situate in Main township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by land of John Gearhart, on the east by land of Joseph Geiger, on the west by land of ——, on the south by public road, containing fifty-six acres more or less.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Isaac Yetter.

ALSO,

The following real estate situate in Madison township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, described as follows: Bounded on the north by James Kinlen and Funston, east by Kinney Shultz, south by heirs of J. W. Girton and west by Wm. McNinch et. al., containing eighty acres more or less, whereon are erected a frame dwelling house, frame barn and out-buildings.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Frank Graham and William Graham.

ALSO,

All that certain piece of land situate in Scott township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the north and west by land of Mary L. Hopper, on the south and east by public road, containing one-half acre more or less, whereon are erected a frame dwelling house with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of William Hopper.

ALSO,

The following tract of land situate in Montour township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: On the north by lands of Gideon Gist, east by land of Jacob Girton, south by land of widow Gigger, west by land of Elias Gigger, containing twenty-six acres more or less, whereon are erected a dwelling house, barnand out-buildings.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Christian Heist.

CONDITIONS OF SALE—Purchasers must pay ten per cent. of the purchase money, or at least enough to cover all costs at striking down of sale otherwise property to be resold at once.

JOHN W. HOFFMAN,
aug. 10, 77-ts Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

By virtue of sundry writs of issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia co., and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg at two o'clock p. m. on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1877,

The following real estate situate in the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by D. L. & W. Railroads, east by lot of Peter Billmeyer, south by seventh street, and west by lot of Bloomsburg Gas Company, containing three-fourths of an acre more or less, whereon are erected a large two-story brick foundry and machine shop, a frame ware house, frame blacksmith shop, frame car shop, together with engine, and boilers, lathes, fans, drill press, belts, pulleys, grindstones, boring machines, flasks, patterns, and all fixtures, tools and machinery belonging thereto.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Samuel Turnbach and Silas M. Hess.

CONDITIONS OF SALE.—Purchasers must pay ten per cent of the purchase money, or at least enough to cover all costs at striking down of sale otherwise property to be resold at once.

ALSO,

On all that certain real estate situate in Green wood township, Columbia county,, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by land of Marvin Kline, east by land of Joseph Keller, south by land of H. Kitchen and others, and west by land of Marvin Kline, containing 40 acres more or less, on which are erected a frame dwelling house and barn with the appurtenances.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Leonard Kline.

JOHN W. HOFFMAN,
Aug. 3, '77-ts Sheriff.

PROTHONOTARY'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Henry D. Knorr, Committee of Levi Miller, a lunatic, has filed an account in the office of the Prothonotary of Columbia county, which will be presented to the Court for confirmation on the fourth day of September next and if no exceptions be filed within four days thereafter, the same will be confirmed.

Also the account of C. W. Miller, Trustee to receive and pay out moneys due on mortgages from Anna Miller and Levi A. Hidlay and E. E. Aikman to Levi A. Hidlay which will be presented to the Court at the same time and subject to the same conditions for confirmation as the above account.

Also, the account of E. J. McIlenny, Committee of Wellmer A. Kline, a lunatic, which will be presented to the Court at the same time, and subject to the same conditions for confirmation as the above accounts.

B. FRANK ZARR, Proth'y.
July 20, 1877—aug. 3-4w

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June 8, '77 June september and October 1 w & Co

Poetical.

THE FIRST CLIENT.

BY IRWIN RUSSELL.

[A LEGAL DITTY TO BE SUNG WITHOUT CHORUS TO THE AIR OF "THE KING'S OLD COURTIER."]

John Smith, a young attorney, just admitted to the bar,
Was solemn and sagacious as—as young attorneys are;
And a frown of deep abstraction held the seizin of his face,
The result of contemplation of the rule in Shelly's case.

One day in term-time Mr. Smith was sitting in the Court,
When some good men and true of the body of the county did on their oath report,
That heretofore, to wit: upon the second day of May,
A. D. 1877, about the hour of noon, in the county and State aforesaid, one Joseph Scroggs, late of said county, did then and there feloniously take, steal and carry away
One bay horse, of the value of fifty dollars, more or less,
(The same then and there being of the property, goods and chattels of one Hezekiah Hess);
Contrary to the statute in such case expressly made
And provided; and against the peace and dignity of the State wherein the venue had been laid.

The prisoner, Joseph Scroggs, was then arraigned upon this charge,
And plead not guilty, and of this he threw himself upon the country at large;
And said Joseph being poor, the Court did graciously appoint
Mr. Smith to defend him-much on the same principle that obtains in every charity hospital, where a young medical student is often sent to rectify a serious injury to an organ or a joint.

The witnesses seemed prejudiced against poor Mr. Scroggs;
And the district attorney made a thrilling speech, in which he told the jury that if they didn't find for the State he reckoned he'd have to "walk their logs;"
Then Mr. Smith arose and made his speech for the defense,
Wherein he quoted Shakespeare, Blackstone, Chitty Archbold, Joaquin Miller, Story, Kent, Tupper, Smedes and Marshall, and many other writers, and everybody said they "never heered sich a burst of eloquence."

And he said: "On 'this' hypothesis, my client must go free;"
And: "Again, on 'this' hypothesis it's morally impossible that he could be guilty, don't you see?"
And: "Then, on 'this' hypothesis, you really can't convict;"
And so on with forty-six more hypotheses, upon none of which, Mr. Smith ably demonstrated, could Scroggs be derelict.

But the jury, never stirring from the box wherein they sat, returned a verdict of 'guilty,' and his Honor straightway sentenced Scroggs to a three-year term in the penitentiary, and a heavy fine, and the costs on top of that;
And the prisoner, in wild delight, got up and danced and sung;
And when they asked him the reason of this strange behavior, he said: "It's because I got off so easy, for if there'd ha' been a few more of them darned 'hypothesises' I should certainly have been hung!"

—*In Scribner.*

CHOOSING A NAME.

CHARLES LAMB.

I have got a new-born sister;
I was nigh the first that kissed her,
When the nursing woman brought her
To Papa, his infant daughter,
How Papa's dear eyes did glisten!
She will shortly be to christen;
And Papa has made the offer
I shall have the naming of her.
Now I wonder what would please her,
Charlotte, Julia or Louisa.
Ann and Mary, they're too common;
Joan's too formal for a woman;
Jane's a prettier name beside;
But we had a Jane that died.
They would say, if 'twas Rebecca,
That she was a little Quaker,
Edith's pretty, but that looks
Better in old English books.
Ellen's left off long ago;
Blanche is out of fashion now.
None that I have named as yet
Are so good as Margaret.
Emily is neat and fine.
What do you think of Caroline?
How I'm puzzled and perplext
What to choose or think of next!
I am in a little fever.
Lest the name that I shall give her
Should disgrace her or defame her,
I will leave papa to name her.

Miscellaneous.

HELENE JEGADO.

THE STORY OF THE GREATEST OF MODERN PRISONERS.

I.

Four days after the *coup de'etat* of December 2, 1851, an immense crowd of Bretons pressed to Rennes to witness the trial of the servant, Helene Jegado, author of thirty-four poisonings, of which twenty-seven had resulted fatally, these crimes extending over a period of eighteen years and having been committed with a facility and an impunity only explicable because of the superstitious ignorance, the sordid avarice, and the repugnance to figuring in court proceedings still so conspicuous in the Western provinces of France. In fact to bring this monster to book it was necessary that her last three crimes should be committed at Rennes, the seat of the Court of Morbihan, and in the very family of a professor of law. The poisoner, then already legendary in Brittany was forty-eight years old, heavily built and highly colored, wearing a high and stiffly starched jacket, a coarse wincey skirt and a cotton apron, and having at her neck a silver cross. She entered with her hands interlaced and her eyes cast down, and took her seat on the prisoners' bench, where her abject ugliness, her hard stare, her mouth curved with a sinister smile, caused a universal feeling of disgust that betrayed itself in an involuntary shudder.

II.

The indictment was a document fearful to read, not alone because of the crimes it recited, but also by reason of the incredible stupidity of the families against which she had so long practised, but whose members had refused to bring her to justice, and had even opposed the taking of evidence or expressing of suspicions in the case.

Helene Jegado was born at Plouhinec (Morbihan) in 1803. Left an orphan at seven, she found a home with M. Riallan, cure of Bubry with whom lived her two aunts. After seventeen years' service there she removed with one of these latter, Helene Liscouet, to the house of the cure Conan, at Seglien, where it is recorded a little shepherd girl found in one of her broths some particulary unhealthy ingredients.

In 1833 Helene became house servant and cook to M. LeDrago, cure of Guern. In his house seven persons died between the 28th of June and the 3d of October, among whom were himself, his father and his mother, and Helene's sister Anna. All died with the same symptoms, copious vomitings and acute abdominal pains; all had eaten of dishes prepared by Helene, and had been attended by her in their last moments, and over each death-bed she had wept bitterly, but remarked with sinister significance, "This will not be the last." Only one corpse was examined, that of the priest, and then Dr. Gabzain contented himself with saying that there had been inflammation of the intestines and serious disorders of the digestive organs. Another physician, Dr. Martel, felt nearly convinced that there had been foul play, but so pious was the conduct of the suspected woman that he did not care to insist upon this theory?

III.

Helene's next engagement was with the new cure of Bubry, M. Lorho, where she succeeded her sister Anna. There three persons died in as many months—Marie Jeanne Lisconet, her aunt, and the priest's sister and niece. They all exhibited the same symptoms which had attended upon the death of the invalids of Guern. Helene passed many nights watching beside their bedsides, and M. Lorho's sister was so convinced of her devotion that she would accept a drink from no other hand.

From Bubry Helene moved to Locmine, where she bound herself out to a washwoman, Leboucher. Her mistress and a daughter died, but the other child, a boy, taking an aversion to Helene, refused to receive food or medicine from her hands, and recovered. Helene left the house speedily, saying "I fear I may be accused of all these deaths. Wherever I go Death follows me!" This was true. The widow Lorey took her in, ate one of her soups and died. "Unhappy woman that I am," said Helene, falling on her dead mistress's neck, "wherever I go they die." May 9, 1835, she hired out to Mme. Toussaint, at Locmine, where four persons did not hesitate to die, her mistress and her husband, the lady's maid and at last the daughter of household, who perished almost immediately after eating one of Helene's broths. Thence the woman went to a convent at Auray, whence she was expelled for maliciously damaging property. Sister Anne Lecorvec, who conducted a public mission at some little distance, received, her and died within forty-eight hours. On the day of the burial Helene left and took service with Mme. Anne Lefur. She fell sick, but, having her suspicions, got rid of her servant and recovered. The servant then went to one Mme. Hetel, but this woman's son, having heard of her conduct at the convent, put her out of doors. Too late, however. Mme. Hetel had eaten of several dishes prepared by her servant, and her death ensued in a few days. Helene's fatal record did not prevent her from finding employment in the family of one M. Jouanno, whose son, aged fourteen, speedly died; but, as the boy had been in the habit of drinking vinegar, the doctor laid the intestinal pains and inflammations to the account of that habit. Not long thereafter Helene found a home at Hennebon with a M. Kerallie, who was just recovering from an intermittent fever. A cup of tea prepared by her hands and her sleepless ministering beside his bed ended him. In 1839 the same servant was employed by a Mme. Neron, and this mistress died as speedily and with exhibition of the same symptoms. In 1841 she was found at Lorient, engaged as cook in the family of M. Dupuy de Lome. A little grand daughter, aged two years and a half, died almost immediately, and next day the other three members of the family fell ill. They all recovered, but for many years thereafter felt the workings of the poison in their frames. In the eight years from 1832 to 1841, a period which, by the way, was covered under the ten years' prescription law, Helene Jegado had taken twenty-three lives, besides making five murderous attempts.

IV.

It was not till seven years thereafter that this egregious criminal was again heard of. She filled several positions in the interior, at nearly all being accused or proven guilty of theft. November 6, 1849, M. Reebot, of Rennes, engaged her; December 20 his son died. The child had been ill for some time but grew rapidly worse under the treatment of the Jegado during the last nine days of its life, a dish of soup served by her ending its existence. February 3, 1850, the father gave her warning, and the next day he and his wife were smitten down. After ridding themselves of the girl they recovered, though for years they were sensible of the effects of the drugs administered. Thence Helene went to the house of the Ozannes and almost immediately their baby died with vomitings and convulsions. The next day she changed her quarters to an inn. The innkeeper's mother-in-law reproached her with untidiness, fell sick at dinner the same day and did not completely overcome her illness for eighteen months. Her fellow-servant, a girl named Mace, attracted her dislike and at once fell sick. They were rivals for the affection of an hostler, and he showed his preference unmistakably for Mace, who died in great anguish with the symptoms of vomiting pains in the stomach, swelling of the members, &c. The doctors suspected the presence of poison, but the girl's family refused to permit an autopsy lest it might reveal that she was *enceinte*. A fortnight thereafter Helene engaged with M. Bidard, Professor of Law, November 7, 1850, a fellow-servant, Rose Tessier died, her death being attributed to rupture of the diaphragm. Francoise Huriaux succeeded her and fell sick with the same symptoms, but having an incurable antipathy towards Helene, insisted on being taken home, where she recovered. A third housemaid, Rosalie Sarrazin had meanwhile been engaged. She was a strong and healthy girl of nineteen, and six weeks after her engagement fell sick, languished and died. Justice could no longer halt after this, and the doctors laid information against Helene Jegado, who alone had fed and nursed the victims of this singular epidemic, alleging that so strong and unmistakeable were the symptoms of poisoning that even if no poison were to be found on autopsy and analysis in the viscera, none the less would they insist upon their professional honor and reputation, that the girls had all been done to death by some toxic agent. The Judge d'Instruction on visiting the house was met at the door by the cook, Helene Jegado; who, of her own motion cried, "I'm innocent!" "Innocent of what? No one accuses you," replied the officer, and concluded at once, and very naturally, that he was guilty.

V.

Such was the indictment framed against her; during the reading of which the prisoner was suddenly seized with a hysterical attack, and lifting her hands to Heaven furiously called, in an almost inarticulate babble, upon God and the Holy Virgin to attest her innocence and deliver her. At the same time the witnesses who were present began crying aloud for justice upon her, this bidding her restore a wife, that a mother, the other a child, making furious attempts the while to get at the prisoner and tear her to pieces; so that it was with the utmost difficulty that the gendarmes could save her and restore quiet. The prisoner had strenuously denied her crime, and declared that she had never used arsenic, neither ever bought any, neither had any one ever seen any arsenic in her possession. Indeed, though science clearly showed that the deaths of the latest victims had resulted from arsenical poisoning, no trace of the deadly drug was to be found, was ever found in the prisoner's boxes or haunts, nor could any one be discovered who knew of her having it.

VI.

Her examination presented nothing that was sensational. She denied everything, admitted that she had tended the dying beds of those with whose deaths she was charged, but laid their perishing to her ill-luck—ill-luck which she could not understand. Her language, strongly infused with Breton idioms, was clear, intelligible, and even mocking. She recurred repeatedly to her pet phrases, "Oh, for certain;" "I speak truth as if it was the angelus;" "I dearly love the child, because, like myself, she had Sainte-Helene for patroness;" "The blessed Sainte-Anne can say if I am lying," and so on. Pressed with the facts of the deaths of her late fellow servants, she said: "If God ever places me beside a sick person; not a bite nor a drop will I give that person even if he were dying; see what my good nature has brought me to. I know nothing about any poison and, Lord willing, I never will. I have suffered much, but God will give me grace to endure all. If I did not die while in prison it was because Jesus sustained me. He knew all about me."

"In three months," said the Judge, "three servants working with you fell asleep; all three showed symptoms of poisoning with arsenic; no one but you fed and nursed them, and yet you claim to be innocent! If you are you must have very bad luck some how or other."

"Exactly, sir; that is just it—I have very bad luck."

VII.

There were seventy-one witnesses examined. Marie Leboucher said that when she engaged Helene her mother had a whitlow on her finger. "I fear she will die said the prisoner. "Impossible; a whitlow is a trivial thing." "Yes; but wherever I go death comes in at the door." The widow Cadic testified that Helene had cried upon her neck, and said she was a most unhappy woman, for wherever she went death followed her. "They said in the town," continued the worthy widow Cadic, "that her liver was white, so that whenever she breathed on any one that person died. I was so afraid of her that when we went to the confessional together I would not enter it after her." A doctor, M. Toussaint, whose father and mother had been poisoned, and his supicions especially as he had seen the prisoner using a white powder in a mess she was cooking, but did not care to make an autopsy. "My family," said he, "opposed the proposition, as they considered that the prisoner's manifest piety removed her from the scope of suspicion." A woman of Auray said, vividly: "Talking with her was talking with death." Another had seen her in company with a dark man, apparently a soldier, but "really the Devil, to whom she had sold herself." The Mayor of Auray testified that the cure had warned him one day at dinner, when Helene served the repast, that the woman's presence was fatal. Two day's later the Mayor's mother-in-law died, and he had great difficulty in inducing the daughter to discharge the woman, because she had nursed poor ma so tenderly and used to go to church so regularly." M. Bidard told how, when Rosalie, the last victim, died in Helene's arms, the cure said to him seeing that the dying girl was kissing the hands of her murderess and insisting on having her by her bedside until the last. "There, sir, you see together the most perfect innocence and the most complete guilt on this earth."

VIII.

In the defense it was testified by medical experts that the prisoner was an anomaly," that some organ must be unaccountably and immeasurably defective, thus irresistibly impelling her to crime. "If she were set at liberty to-morrow she would begin again to take life. Killing is with her an instinct, a necessity. Her organic nature is perverse; and her science discharges a holy mission in declaring, for the honor of humanity, that this woman is one of Nature's mistakes. It may be objected that the murderous instinct does not necessarily involve exclusive resort to toxic means. I reply that it is with murder as it is with suicide—each does after his or her temperament. Women drown themselves, old men hang themselves, young folk asphyxiate themselves. If Helene has resorted to poisoning it is only a question of temperament and a consequence of her sedentary life."

December 14, after an absence of half an hour, the jury found her guilty, without a recommendation to mercy. When sentence was passed upon her she said: "I am innocent and resigned. I would sooner die innocent than live guilty or suspected. You have judged me; God will judge you. He will judge M. Bidard and all the false witnesses that came here