

VANDERSLICE VS. SNYDER.

Verdict for the Plaintiff.

Our report of this case last week ended on Thursday morning, when Dr. P. Frazer of Philadelphia was on the witness stand. His examination occupied a full day. He testified that the opinion reached by him, after several different tests, was that the signature of Thos. J. Morris was simulated. The defendants offered to show by him that the test by composite photography had also been used, but after a long legal battle the court excluded the testimony.

Mrs. Maney of Berwick testified that in conversation with Mary G. Vanderslice, the latter had declared that the paper in question had been fixed up by Joseph and Samuel Adams. Mr. Maney testified to a similar declaration on the part of Mrs. Vanderslice. He also swore to a declaration of Augustus Vanderslice on the night of his death that his father, Joseph R. Vanderslice had brought him home from Williamsport, and made him forge the Snyder paper. Dr. T. C. Harter testified to a conversation with S. W. Adams in which the latter told him that he and Joseph R. Vanderslice entered Mrs. Snyder's house by the back door, and that T. J. Morris was not present.

In rebuttal the plaintiff called Agnes Vanderslice, who testified to having gone with her father to Mrs. Snyder's house, in 1879, and that her father asked Mrs. Snyder to pay him all or a part of the guaranty paper, and that Mrs. Snyder replied that the agreement when she signed it was that she would not have to pay it during her lifetime. Dr. McReynolds testified that at the time of the conversation spoken of by Mrs. Maney, Mrs. Vanderslice, his sister, was physically and mentally weak. Mrs. Maney said on cross examination that she did not consider Mrs. Vanderslice responsible for all she said. Dr. McRea of Berwick testified that he attended Augustus in his last illness, and the night before he died he found him unconscious, and he did not think the patient would rally from it, but that he might have done so.

This is only a brief outline of the case. The cross examination of each witness on both sides was long and searching. On Friday afternoon argument to the jury began. Mr. Barkley opened for the defense, and was followed by Fred Ikelor, Mr. Scarlet closing for the plaintiff. All of the speeches were able efforts and the interest shown by the public has not appeared to be so great in any case since the trial of the Mollie Maguires in 1877. The court house was crowded at every session, and on Friday evening during Mr. Scarlet's speech there was scarcely standing room. On Saturday morning Judge Rice charged the jury in his clear, able and impartial manner, occupying less than one hour, and the jury retired at ten o'clock. In the afternoon about three o'clock they sent word to the Judge that they would come in, and the session of the Agricultural Society was interrupted for that purpose. The clerk asked them if they had agreed, and some one replied that they had not. The Judge asked if they desired further instructions, but no one seemed to know what they had come in for, and so the Judge sent them back to their room until they could agree. At about seven o'clock Saturday evening the jury came out with a sealed verdict, which was presented in court on Monday morning. It was in favor of the plaintiff.

Steam Heat vs. Stove Heat.

Because of a recent injury by fire to the steam-heating plant in Pottsville, last Sunday was a chilly day in that town to all who were entirely reliant upon the steam warmth this company supplies. It afforded a good excuse to those who prefer to have some excuse for not going to church, and accordingly there was no worship attempted in a half-dozen steam heated churches. About 200 private families and business places very sensibly felt the coolness of the bracing atmosphere and shivered in their homes; in many cases taking their meals with wraps and overcoats on.

Steam heat, like natural gas, is all right so long as you get a steady flow. But experience demonstrates that both your natural gas and steam heat may refuse to flow under disturbed conditions, and that was what was the matter in Pottsville last Sunday. The loss to the company was to the extent of \$3,000, with no insurance; and the loss to the owners of adjoining property is estimated at about as much more.

Five per cent. will be added on the school tax of Greenwood township after Feb. 1, 1895.

THE TOWN ELECTION.

Never before in the history of Bloomsburg has it been more important to have a council composed of level headed business men, than now. We are confronted with a condition of things that requires cool, calm judgment. The bonded indebtedness is about up to the limit allowed by law. There are orders outstanding to the amount of \$5,000, and if the Riagroze verdict is finally sustained by the courts, it will be \$5,000 more, besides the interest and costs, and this with unpaid street damages, will run the floating indebtedness up to twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. This debt must be provided for in some way. How shall it be done? As stated above, bonds for that amount cannot be issued, because it would carry the bonded indebtedness beyond the constitutional limit. By a vote of the people the bonded debt may be increased to a certain extent, or the council can increase the tax rate for a few years until this floating debt is paid off, or a special tax can be ordered by the court. In one of these three ways the situation must be met, and the next council must decide which it shall be. Unless something be done, litigation and costs are almost sure to follow. It is therefore important that men competent to grapple with this condition of things, be selected as councilmen. The question cannot be dodged; it must be met and disposed of in some manner. Every tax-payer is interested, and the meetings for nominating town officers should be attended by everybody. It will not do to permit a few to get together and nominate whomsoever they choose regardless of fitness. Grumbling at the result after the election will be of no avail. The time for work is now, and at the caucuses.

A GOOD TIME COMING.

The people of Bloomsburg will have the privilege of hearing the celebrated DeVoss family on Thursday evening, next. They were passing through enroute for New York, where they sing and play on the 22d of February, and will stop off here for one evening. They were the Musical Sovereigns of the World's Fair and gave pleasure to many thousands. Those who could not go to the great fair may hear these charming songsters at the Lutheran church next Thursday evening. They are not only singers, but composers as well—authors of the Columbian Souvenir Songs, and other compositions. In their popular entertainment, they present quartettes, glees, anthems, patriotic and sacred songs, interspersed with instrumental selections on forty-five musical instruments constituting eight bands. Violin band, Spanish mandolin band, French ocarina band, banjo band, martial band, cornet band, Chinese Ngee Sine band, and Xylophone band.

Mr. Henry DeMoss will play two tunes on the organ while singing "Home, Sweet Home," three tunes at once. Mr. George DeMoss will play soprano on one cornet and alto on another cornet, two cornets at once, also will play the guitar and banjo at once. Misses Lizzie and Minnie DeMoss will play duets on the Columbian hand bells. This is the 22d annual tour of the bards. Don't miss this rare musical treat.

Charles Kline, son of M. L. Kline, the harnessmaker, while passing out of the gate on his way to school, on Monday, fell on the ice and cut his face over the eye quite badly. Dr. Bierman was called and sewed up the wound. This is but one of many accidents that have happened because of slippery footing, which is simply unavoidable when the elements conspire to coat everything with ice. The pavements of Bloomsburg are as clean and safe as pavements generally are in winter.

The county auditors on Monday issued a subpoena requiring the attendance of County Superintendent Johnston, in order that he might submit a statement of his account, showing the purposes for which he had expended the \$200 drawn by him from the county for the teachers' institute, as required by law. He appeared on Tuesday, and submitted his account.

Andrew Tolshi, not strange to relate got crazy drunk on Hazleton whiskey on Monday, and securing a revolver, he went on a regular rampage through town, shooting right and left. Having exhausted his cartridges and shot one man he was punctually arrested. It was only an ordinary drunk, after all, with Tolshi.

THE FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT.

Notwithstanding the court-house entertainment on the evening set apart for the Luella Wagner or home-talent concert, in the Opera-House, the attendance was near a fair average and the renditions of those who participated met with applause. While Miss Wagner may have done herself an injustice in attempting to sing while laboring under a severe cold, yet, notwithstanding that fact, her effort was sufficient to display her mastery of the finer points in vocal music. However, she was obliged to retire from the stage after the first effort. After a march rendered in artistic style by the Elwell orchestra, the Slumber Song of Miss Miller, (who was most ably assisted by her brother, with the flute, and Miss Runyon, with the piano) was particularly sweet to the ear in many of its passages. To the taste of the writer this was the superlatively musical piece of the entertainment. We may be partial to the sweet blending of the flute and human voice, but to our taste there can be no sweeter music than just the flute and a good and well trained human voice. Here all the sweeter ecstasies of music can be found and produced in their sweetest expression.

In the violin solo rendered by Prof. C. P. Elwell we noticed his artistic bowing quite as much as his music. His bowing is such as is acquired by those only who aspire to do more than ordinary fiddling. Mr. Elwell can render as well as teach music. In the next number Miss Breakstone captivated the audience. In her inimitable mimicry and impersonation of various characters she is not properly in the amateur category; but will stand criticism among star performers. She is, further more, a self-made graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory of Boston.

Mr. Bliss who kindly volunteered to fill some of the omitted numbers of Miss Wagner acquitted himself so well as to elicit repeated encores from the audience. This home-talent concert, while not marked with great financial success, was yet a rich musical treat to those who heard it.

Another Bloomsburg Citizen Dead.

After a lingering illness James Cadman expired this life on the morning of the 18th instant. Being of English nativity he came to this country with his parents when quite young. Having settled in Bloomsburg, as he grew up he identified himself with some of the business interests of the place, but more particularly that of cabinet-making. During the war he entered the army at the age of 17, and from this or other cause his health was lost beyond recovery. Born in 1843 he died in 1895, at the age of 52 years, leaving a wife and a son to mourn his loss. His burial took place in Rosemont Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. P. A. Heilman, of the Lutheran church, officiating. His comrades in war, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in attending his funeral paid his remains their last mark of respect.

High Kicking.

We don't like to be boastful of the pretty village of Bloomsburg, of her handsome ladies, or of the many bright and shining qualities of her more talented denizens; but we would like to be permitted to remark this morning (while mourning the loss of a tooth kicked out by a Bloomsburg lawyer, one who is very affectionate when the pavements are not slippery, and while wearing a swelled jaw the result of his recent fall down and high kick up) that for high kicking Bloomsburg has a star performer in the galaxy of her legal fraternity. But, owing to the monopoly the ladies now control in this line of theatrical entertainment, his name is withheld for the present. But the very next kick he makes of this kind we hereby threaten to expose him to public scorn and contempt as a high kicker while flat on his back.

The unusual number of passengers coming to town on the B. & S. on Monday morning were not particularly dry-looking themselves, but for the most part they were particularly interested in securing license to quench the thirst of those who generally are dry. Monday being the commencement of license court it was a rather popular day in Bloomsburg. And, there being several sprags thrown right in among the license gearing haste was made rather slowly as a natural consequence.

C. H. Diddine of Greenwood township filed nomination papers on Wednesday, as an independent candidate for director of Bloom Poor District.

NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC CLUB CONCERT.

The concert given at the Normal School last Saturday evening by the New York Philharmonic Club was a great success in point of attendance as well as artistically.

The club consists of the regulation sextette as written for by the most eminent classical writers, comprising the nucleus of the orchestra, the string quintette consisting of first and second violins, viola, violoncello and bass, with the addition of that sweet toned instrument of the wood-wind, the flute. The members are all instrumentalists of the first grade, and play with a remarkable precision and unanimity engendered by years of practice and drill.

The program was interspersed with solos, the soloists of the evening being Mr. Marcossou, the first violin of the sextette, Mr. Weiner, the flutist, Miss Clara Henley, soprano, and Mr. Haagmans, cello. Mr. Marcossou played two numbers, a Cavatine by Carl Bohm, and Zephyr by Hubay; he is a violinist of the highest attainments technically as well as musically.

The first number, while not requiring a great display of technical ability, showed to the best advantage his command of tone, while also giving opportunities of much expression and feeling. The second number was one of the species of violin solos of the pyrotechnical order, and disclosed the player's mastery of the technical difficulties of the instrument. His harmonics, especially, were remarkably pure and beautiful. As an encore he played, without accompaniment, a solo for a violin alone, based upon an exercise of Fiorillo's, containing most difficult passages, all remarkably well rendered, and showing Mr. Marcossou to have been a close student. The trilling upon one string, while at the same time playing the theme upon other strings is one of the most difficult feats known in violin technics. His double stopping was at all times true.

Miss Clara Henley sang twice during the evening and was twice encored. Her voice, though not remarkably clear in the upper register, is a full round soprano, and her rendering of the Aria of "Pagliacci" by Leoncavallo and the Meyer-Helmond Canzonetta was very good. She sang as an encore to her second number "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," one of the great favorites among encore pieces, which seemed to much please the audience.

Mr. Haagmans played "Elfentanz," by Popper, one of the great writers for the violoncello, which required great technical ability in its execution. He responded to an encore with a selection requiring more tone and expression and less execution. In his first number he was slightly out of tune at times in his higher notes.

Mr. Weiner, although he has a good tone, played nothing requiring much execution, the celebrated Handel "Largo" being his first number, and in place of the number announced upon the program, played the "Moment Musicale" by Schubert. He also was encored and responded by having the club play "Dream after the Ball," by Czibulka.

The playing of the first and last numbers on the program was the best done by the sextette. The string quartette, a theme and variations from one of Haydn's celebrated quartettes, was well done. The second number on the program played by the club, was a Gavotte by Arditi.

It was certainly a most enjoyable evening for the music lovers of our town.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

The following are the officers of Theta Castle, No. 276 of Bloomsburg, for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, T. L. Smith; Noble Chief, John Keifer; Vice Chief, Geo. N. Kahler; High Priest, Jno. L. Shoemaker; Venerable Hermit, J. D. Jones; Master of Records, Guy Jacoby; Clerk of Exchequer, W. E. Shaffer; Keeper of Exchequer, C. W. Funston; Sir Herald, Harry Rowe; Worthy Bard, M. H. Bachman; Worthy Chamberlain, S. W. Shutt; Ensign, Herb. Gerring; Esquire, H. R. Hess; First Guardsman, Ralph Gray; Second Guardsman, John W. Lewis; Trustees, G. L. Moyer, W. Shaffer, G. C. Roan; Representative to the Grand Castle, Geo. C. Roan.

For the edification and true historical instruction of our readers concerning the grievous causes leading up to the declaration of war between Japan and China we are pleased to reproduce the impartial explanation of Rev. David S. Spencer, a missionary located at Nagoya, Japan. Through the kindness of his brother-in-law, Mr. Steward E. Reynolds, of Bloomsburg, our readers are thus favored.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Hotel license of Samuel Fegley transferred to Geo. Hutchins.

Wm. Connell's use vs. T. W. Edgar, judgment entered for plaintiff.

Private sale ordered in the estate of Chas. F. Buckalew, a minor, by C. R. Buckalew, guardian.

Vanderslice vs. Snyder, verdict for plaintiff. Affidavit of J. R. Fowler filed; affidavit of W. Maney filed; motion to dismiss jury filed; motion for new trial filed, reasons to be filed within four days.

Court direct a rule to issue to show cause why juror David Hower shall not be punished for contempt of court, copy of affidavits and this rule to be issued forthwith. Hearing fixed for next Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

At 9:40 a. m. Monday, Judge Rice left the bench and Judge Ikelor, P. J. returned to the bench with associates Murphy and Millard.

Kitchen interpleader case heard; decision reserved.

M. L. Keller appointed special policeman for Scott township.

Hotel license application of Samuel Smith withdrawn.

All licenses granted to all applicants where no remonstrances have been filed.

J. L. Moyer appointed guardian of A. S. Dreisbach, minor child of Emily J. Dreisbach, deceased.

L. E. Waller appointed trustee in Silk Mill, and Stapfer & Ratti mortgages in place of D. J. Waller, deceased.

Jeremiah Wagner vs. Sarah A. Wagner. Divorce. Grant Herring is appointed commissioner to take testimony and report at next term.

Caleb Barton vs. Alfred G. Gross. Ejectment. Judgment for plaintiff in default of appearance of Defendant, for the lands in dispute.

The substance of the affidavits of J. R. Fowler and W. Maney was that they heard David Hower, a juror in the Vanderslice-Snyder case, say that his mind was made up and that he would hang out until the others thought as he did. This was before the argument and charge of the court.

Remonstrances were filed in the licence cases of J. W. Perry, Stgarloaf, G. W. Sterner and Edward Yost, Bloomsburg. Witnesses were heard on both sides, and the court reserved its decision.

Local Institute.

A local institute was held at Rupert on last Saturday evening, in which two of the schools of the district, those of Grier Quick and Lizzie Richart, took part. The exercises consisted of singing and instrumental music by the pupils; declamations, dialogues, marches, and a burlesque Columbia county fair. All acquitted themselves creditably. Each of the teachers read a well prepared essay.

Prof. Wm. Noetting of the Normal, was present and gave a practical as well as instructive talk.

A larger room than the school-house should have been secured. Many persons were obliged to stand throughout the exercises.

SOME SNOW.

They are having by far too much of the beautiful snow to suit them in California this winter—nothing like it in years. The wind howls, the snow slides and the cars stop. The snow is banked up alongside the track in some places as high as thirty feet. In passing through these deep cuts the snow scrapes the sides of the cars. Coupling a number of engines together, and arranged to clear the track, they take a kind of run and jump at the big drifts and in some cases thus force the snow aside sufficient to effect a passage.

NOMINATION PAPERS.

Certificates of nomination for township and borough officers to be voted for on the 19th day of February next, must be filed in the office of the county commissioners not later than February 1, or eighteen days before the election.

Nomination papers can be filed up to the 3rd of February. The time is growing short. Don't delay your township caucuses too long.

Keystone Foundry and Machine Co.

This thrifty establishment is now under control and management of L. S. Wintersteen, W. H. Snyder, J. W. Moyer, J. J. Brower and Wm. Fleckenstein. It is well equipped for all manner of planing-mill work, and also for all kinds of foundry and general machine work. In the near future they propose to manufacture electric engines and electrical appliances also, which will be quite an important and additional feature with this establishment.

BRIEF MENTION

About People You Know.

The engagement of Mr. S. A. Goodhue and Miss Jennie Lockard is announced.

W. M. Omans, of Orangeville, dropped in upon us last week.

Jacob L. Kline, of Orange township was among our callers on Friday.

Hon. W. T. Cressy, of Catawissa, was in town on business on Saturday.

Mr. J. K. Lockard returned from Cuba last week Thursday.

Charles Krug is recovering from an illness of several weeks.

W. B. Poust, of Shickshinny, spent a few hours in town on Friday.

Misses Miller and Miss Toole, of Pittston, are visiting at P. G. Miller's. Miss Toole is an accomplished musician.

The condition of Rev. W. C. Leverett is more encouraging than it has been since his illness began.

Mr. John M. Smith, of Jerseytown, gave this office a friendly call on Thursday. Mr. Smith is an old-time singing-school teacher.

Miss Mary Beers, recently indisposed, was glad to report as again about her household duties.

Rev. Heilman went to Selinsgrove on Saturday morning, returning in the evening in time for his Sabbath duties.

Mrs. Dr. Meredith of Danville, spent a few days during the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eyer.

Among welcome callers we are pleased to mention the recent visit of Mr. W. J. Purman, the affable proprietor of the Espy hotel.

Abraham Eyer was among the passengers coming to town on Monday morning. At present he labors under the disadvantage of a very sore thumb.

T. C. Kocher, of Fowlersville, took occasion while in town last Saturday, to renew his subscription for more than a year in advance.

A. C. Rooney and his son-in-law, of Centralia, were in town on Monday, and were shown through THE COLUMBIAN office while here.

Mr. Moyer of the Keystone Foundry and Machine Company, whose feet were badly scalded recently, is temporarily relieved from his duties there by Mr. T. F. Corner.

Isaiah Bower, of Berwick, was among the witnesses in attendance at court last week. He was not called upon to testify, however.

A. P. Young, of Greenwood township, was among our callers on Monday. He was attending the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, in which he takes a deep interest.

John S. Mensch and A. B. Hartman attended the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture at Harrisburg this week. They are the representatives selected by the Columbia County Agricultural Society.

From a recent slip on the ice while carrying a load, Mr. Reuben Boston, an old subscriber, recently sustained a rupture. We claim to know how to sympathize with those who slip up and fall down.

Guy Jacoby, Esq., will be a candidate for Justice of the Peace at the coming town election. He has shown himself well qualified for the office, and the voters of the town will do well to continue him in their service. He has given eminent satisfaction in the administration of justice, and he will no doubt be elected by a large majority, or perhaps unanimously.

At a recent meeting of the Bloomsburg Furniture Co. Dr. F. W. Redeker, Theodore Redeker, Samuel McKamey, Dr. W. M. Reber and Geo. W. Correll were elected directors. Dr. Redeker was elected President, Samuel McKamey Secretary, G. W. Correll Treasurer and Theo. Redeker Manager.

A jolly party took a sleigh ride down to James F. McBride's at Rupert on Monday night. There were about sixty persons present. Dancing and games were among the amusements of the evening, but the most interesting feature was the excellent supper which everybody enjoyed greatly. The company rode down in two large rigs, and a number of single sleighs. It was in the nature of a surprise party for Miss Maggie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McBride.

The remains of Ephraim P. Lutz were brought here on Monday from Wilkes-Barre, and buried in Rosemont Cemetery, Rev. W. G. Ferguson officiating. He died on Friday morning, aged seventy five years.

Mr. Lutz resided in Bloomsburg for many years, and was engaged in the drug business. His store was in Moyer Brothers' frame building, now being rebuilt, until he erected the brick structure adjoining his home and known as Odd Fellows' Hall when he removed his store therein. In 1872 he sold out and removed to Bangor, Pa., and a few years ago he went to Wilkes-Barre and resided there until he died. His wife, who was Emaline Smith, survives him, and also one son, Horace a druggist in Wilkes-Barre, and a daughter, Dora, wife of M. J. Keck of Atlantic City.

Mr. Lutz was a member of the Episcopal Church, and an Odd Fellow. The funeral was attended in a body by Van Camp Lodge.