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CHARGED WITH CRIME.

Clifton C. Knorr Arrested, Charged with Attempting to Destroy the Residence of L. E. Waller, Esq., last September.

Clifton C. Knorr was arrested in Reading by Detective William Henderson of Philadelphia, and brought here on Monday morning, where he was given a hearing before John M. Clark Esq., and committed to jail for trial on the charges of throwing an explosive with intent to destroy property, and also with intent to take life, in September last at the residence of L. E. Waller Esq. It will be remembered that an explosive of some kind was placed on Mr. Waller's porch, and that the porch was badly shattered, and all the windows in the front of the house were broken. It seems now that suspicion fell on young Knorr at the time, and a detective was put on the case resulting in his arrest as above stated.

No sooner was the prisoner lodged in jail than the air was filled with all sorts of rumors, and great excitement prevailed throughout the town. It was said that Knorr had made a confession in which he implicated others, and though the public had no positive knowledge of the nature of this confession, Dame Rumor set herself busily at work to supply all the details.

The disclosures in the case were the absorbing topic of conversation. It would be improper to state at this time the nature of the evidence as it is heard on the street, for it is not authenticated. Public judgment should be withheld until the evidence is produced in court, and then if the accused persons are found guilty they should suffer the fullest penalty of the law, but no one should be condemned without a full and fair hearing before the proper tribunal. The case will probably be tried at February court.

On Thursday morning, L. S. Wintersteen Esq., was arrested on the charge of being an accessory before the fact. A hearing was held before J. M. Clark Esq., Messrs. Scarlet, Herring and Rhawn appearing with the District Attorney for the prosecution, and Fred Ikeler Esq., representing Mr. Wintersteen. Clifton Knorr was called as a witness and swore that he was employed to blow up Mr. Waller's residence by L. S. Wintersteen.

Several other witnesses were heard on behalf of the commonwealth, but none were heard for the defense, as it is not the practice to hear the defendant on a preliminary hearing. After hearing the evidence the Justice held Mr. Wintersteen for trial, and he gave bail for his appearance at next court.

RECEIVER APPOINTED.

On Saturday a petition was presented to the court asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Bloomsburg Banking Company. B. F. Zarr Esq., was appointed, and Frank Ikeler and J. V. Logan were appointed appraisers and are now engaged in the performance of their duties. Their report will be filed within thirty days.

Phillip Hess and Effie Shoemaker were married at the home of the bride at Central, on Saturday, Dec. 26th. They took the 8:06 train on the B. & S. for Benton, where they were serenaded by the band of that place, and on their return to Central were serenaded by the Central band. Mr. Hess and lady responded and they were greeted with best wishes through life by many friends.

Miss Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry of Elk Grove, was married to Frank Dersheimer of Ricketts, Pa., at high noon on the 23rd inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Tubbs of Jamison City, in the presence of about sixty invited guests. The presents were many and costly. The bride and groom departed on the 5 p. m. train for a month's wedding trip.

A GUEST.

The Bloomsburg Social Club held their first annual dance and card party in Evans Hall on Christmas afternoon and night. There were about forty couple present, including some from other towns. The music was furnished by Prof. Wyle's orchestra of Danville. All had an enjoyable time.

"Peck's Bad Boy," and a merry company of singers and dancers will be the attraction at the Opera House on New Year's night. A hearty laugh is in store for all who attend the side splitting comedy.

MR. COMLY'S ANNUAL DINNER.

Hon. Joshua W. Comly of Danville, is now past eighty-six years of age. He retired from active practice of the law some years ago, and has been leading a retired life among his books ever since. When at the bar he was known all over the state as a lawyer of great ability and a man of the strictest honor and integrity. For some years past it has been his custom to give a dinner in December to a number of his legal friends. In accordance with this custom, on Tuesday last there gathered at his office in Danville a number of gentlemen to participate in the banquet.

There were present Judge H. M. Hinckley, I. X. Grier, James Scarle, E. S. Gearhart, Dr. Vorhees, W. J. Baldy of Danville; Judge J. C. Bucher of Lewisburg; Judge W. M. Rocketteller, Hon. S. P. Wolverton, Geo. Hill, James Packer, of Sunbury; Hon. H. C. Parsons, Addison Candor of Williamsport; Hon. C. R. Bucklew, Col. J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell, of Bloomsburg; C. C. Faries, John Norris, and J. Norris Bogle, nephews of Mr. Comly, of Milton.

At three o'clock the party went to the Montour House dining room, and sat down to an elegant dinner, the bill of fare of which included Blue Points on half shell, snapper soup, boiled salmon, pheasant, venison, quail on toast, chicken salad, ice cream, cake, coffee, fruits and nuts. Vegetables were served with each course of game. The cooking was all that the most fastidious taste could desire, and the service was excellent. The Montour House is deservedly popular for its good management under S. B. Chrisman and J. L. Reihl. After two hours of pleasure at the table, the guests returned to Mr. Comly's office and spent the time socially until the hour of departure arrived.

It is the wish of all who were present that their distinguished host may be spared for many years to come.

The entertainment given at the Lutheran Church on Monday night, by Prof. Howe and the new invention, the Animoscope, was of a high order and all who failed to attend threw away an opportunity to see one of the finest entertainments witnessed in town for a long time. The life like movements of the different pictures shown, made one almost think they were real, among the most notable scenes was the Atlantic in a storm, and the thrilling escapes from fires. The audience was not as large as it should have been, but we presume many stayed away, believing it to be a magic lantern show. We understand that he will give another entertainment in town this winter, when he will no doubt be greeted with a large audience.

While riding down the side walk from the Normal School on Wednesday morning, Joe, son of J. D. Armstrong, met with a serious accident. He was lying on his sled, when some one pushed him from behind, striking his head against a tree. He was taken home in an unconscious condition. Upon examination his forehead was found to be cut, and it is believed he was internally injured. He is not considered to be in a dangerous condition.

HOME WEDDING.

The home of Geo. W. Utt, of Rohrsburg was the scene of a pretty wedding at noon on Tuesday, when his daughter Susie was married to Clark P. Eylerly of Bloomsburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. P. Morse, in the presence of a number of invited guests. The gifts were many and handsome.

Court Proceedings.

Masteller vs. Sugarloaf township, a suit for damages was tried, and verdict for defendant.

Estate of Sarah Reeder, W. A. Evert appointed auditor.

In the matter of the fund realized from the Sheriff's Sale of personal property of Samuel Smith, A. L. Fritz appointed auditor.

The music at St. Paul's Church on Christmas and on Sunday last was pronounced to be very fine, and the choir was greatly assisted by the presence of Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert, whose rich contralto voice added much to the excellence of the services.

Mrs. John Hedden, aged 36 years, of Catawissa, died of heart trouble on Tuesday morning.

A TERRIBLE WRECK.

A TRAIN PLUNGES ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FEET.

Twenty-seven Lives Lost by a Bridge Disaster—Of Those on Board Ten Escaped Death—Railroad Officials Say It Was the Work of Train Wreckers.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and several others fatally injured by the plunge of a train through the Cahaba River Bridge, near Birmingham, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

All the details of the catastrophe now in the possession of the authorities tend to prove conclusively that the wreck was the work of train wreckers, probably the same who tried to wreck a train at McComb's trestle and robbed another train on the Southern Railway, in Lafayette County, several days ago.

Another train bearing rescuers was in collision with a lumber train near the scene of the wreck, and one man was killed and another injured.

The train was derailed, ran against the side of the bridge, broke through and then plunged 120 feet into the gorge which the structure spanned. Fire followed the fall, and barely ten of those on board escaped death.

It is believed by the train officials that a rail was taken up by train robbers, and a surviving passenger says he saw three men robbing the dead.

READY FOR A SHEEP WAR.

Colorado Cattlemen Arm Against the Edwardses.

Denver, Col., Dec. 31.—The Colorado sheep war has broken out again, and promises this time to be extremely serious. For the last few days cattlemen, ranchmen, and others interested in maintaining the range of Routt County for the benefit of cattle have been congregating in the northwestern portion of the county at a point on lower Snake River.

The men came in twos and threes and in companies numbering as many as thirty-five. Every man is well mounted and thoroughly armed. They are evidently determined to enforce the removal of the sheep from Routt County, and have agreed among themselves that the boundary line between Colorado and Wyoming shall be the dividing point between the cattle and sheep ranges. There are perhaps 250 well armed men in the cause. Military rule has been adopted and the men are divided into companies, each company having a captain, with a commander-in-chief in charge of the entire force. Great caution is observed, owing to a report which was received to the effect that Griff and Jack Edwards, the principal sheep owners, have secured the services of a large force to meet the stockmen.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND SINKS.

Story of the Sinking of Juan Fernandez Apparently Confirmed.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Robinson Crusoe's Island, Juan Fernandez, has been swallowed up by the sea. The rumor of the island's disappearance was first circulated several weeks ago by a sea captain at Lisbon, but the report was not believed at the time. The story was to-day given what is considered verification by Captain Powell, of the James Kerr, now in this port. The Kerr has just arrived from New Castle, New South Wales, and Captain Powell says that the story of the Spanish skipper seems to be true in every particular.

The Spanish captain stated that from the deck of his vessel he had seen the island go under, and that the sea all around was disturbed as if by the force of a submarine earthquake. Captain Powell and his ship were tied up in New Castle owing to a big strike there, and while he was in port several vessels arrived. Every captain had word of the remarkable occurrence, and the story was generally believed by seafaring men.

THE SULTAN OBSTINATE.

He Will Permit No Interference by the Powers.

Constantinople, Dec. 31.—The Russian Ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, on Saturday, acting in concert with the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had an audience of the Sultan, Abdul Hamid, to insist upon a better administration of the affairs of the Turkish Empire.

The Sultan remained obdurate so far as consenting to concede any measure of control to the Powers, financial or otherwise.

To this the Russian Ambassador replied that the condition of the Turkish Empire placed the throne and the Caliphate in imminent peril.

Thereupon Abdul Hamid remarked, impressively:

"I may be the last of the Caliphs, but I will never become a second Khedive."

EQUAL SUFFRAGE FOR WOMEN.

Its Value attested by Leading Public Men of Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 31.—In view of false rumors circulated in other States, the leading men and women of Colorado, irrespective of party, have united in a circular, "as lovers of truth and justice," testifying to the value of equal

suffrage for woman. It is signed by the Governor and Governor-elect, two ex-Governors, both the United States Senators, the Congressmen, all the Justices of the Supreme Court, of the Court of Appeals, the Attorney General, all the State officers, and many other men of influence.

Ireland's Great Hog Slide.

Dublin, Dec. 31.—At Castle Island, County Kerry, there is a giant bog slide, a mile and a half wide, that is sweeping bodies of cattle and wreck of buildings into the Lakes of Killarney. Hundreds of people are made homeless. The loss of life is unknown.

The Express Messenger War.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 31.—The attempt of the Central Railroad of New Jersey to exclude the parcel express messenger from the train has roused the commuters to war. On Monday they formed football fashion and put the messenger on the train in Jersey City despite the railroad men. Tuesday a similar plan was frustrated by the Jersey City police, who arrested J. B. Bissell, a New York city business man, who resides here.

Would-be Robbers Frustrated.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 28.—Three highwaymen tried to hold up Stephen Brown, of Paterson, near the Guttenberg race track yesterday morning. Brown struck one of the men a blow with a whip, and the horse, frightened by the disturbance, sprang forward and dragged one under the heavy wagon wheels, leaving the rest behind.

Here With the Treaty.

New York, Dec. 27.—Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan Minister to the United States, and James J. Storrow, of Boston, counsel for the Venezuelan Government before the Boundary Commission, have just returned from Caracas. It is understood that they have President Crespo's ratification of the treaty.

Lost Wager and Life.

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 29.—Gottlieb Hirner, a baker, employed by Joseph Child, of this place, was drowned here on Christmas Day in an attempt to win a wager that he would cross the river on the ice. The wager, it is said, was a bottle of wine, and was made with a fellow German.

Hawaii Hopeful of Annexation.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A Honolulu dispatch via San Francisco says that the Hawaiian Government is much encouraged over the prospect of annexation, Ministers Hatch and Cooper having made hopeful reports.

Russia Watching the Japs.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Graphic from Paris says: "It is stated that a Russian fleet of twelve vessels has been stationed at Vladivostock to watch Japan, which is suspected of meditating another blow at China.

Can't Compel Men to Vote.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Missouri Supreme Court has pronounced unconstitutional the provision of the city charter of Kansas City, imposing a fine of \$2.50 for failure to vote.

Beautiful Church Burned.

Wilkesbarre, Dec. 28.—St. Stephen's Church, the most fashionable Episcopal church in town, situated in South Franklin street, was destroyed by fire early Christmas morning.

A Banker's Suicide.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Otto Wasmansdorf, senior member of the banking firm of Wasmansdorf & Heineman, which failed on Monday last, committed suicide to day.

Hanged Weyler in Effigy.

Newton, N. J., Dec. 28.—General Weyler was hanged in effigy by members of the National Guard at Cape May on Christmas Day, and also by the Sons of Veterans at New Brunswick.

Poor People Homeless.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 27.—Fire yesterday destroyed ten tenement houses in the district known as Natter's alley. About 100 people, all colored, were made homeless.

Platt and Choate.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Journal's poll of members of the Legislature as far as responses have been received, show 44 for Platt, 1 for Choate, and 6 non committal.

Thinks Widener Isn't a Candidate.

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Senator Quay says he thinks Mr. P. A. B. Widener will not be a candidate for United States Senator.

O'Donnell Whipped.

New York, Dec. 29.—On Christmas Day Peter Maher and Steve O'Donnell fought at Corey Island. Maher knocked O'Donnell out in forty seconds.

Gladstone is Eighty-seven.

London, Dec. 31.—On Tuesday Gladstone celebrated the eighty seventh anniversary of his birth.

Rejected Suitor: "Alas! what worse fate than to be fired with love?"

Ejected Suitor (sadly): "Fired without love!"

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