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## A DISPUTED POINT.

Counsel in the Waller-Wintersteen Case Disagree as to the Cause of Postponement of the trial.

Last week we made an announcement concerning the postponement of the dynamite case, giving as reasons therefor the inability of Mr. Graham, of counsel for prosecution, to be here this week, and also because no Judge had been found to try the case. A day or two after the paper was issued we were handed the following communication:

*Editor Columbian:*  
Knowing that as the publisher of a newspaper, you aim to secure and present the exact truth, will you kindly publish the following:

The case of Commonwealth vs. Wintersteen is continued solely because of the failure of Judge Ikeler to find a Judge to hear the case at May term, as by him announced. Mr. Graham had no knowledge of the matter until he was handed a telegram in Philadelphia containing Judge Ikeler's announcement. The Commonwealth has been ready at all times to proceed with the trial.

A similar notice appearing in the *Daily* of last Monday, led to a heated discussion in court on Monday afternoon between Grant Herring and Fred Ikeler, each side claiming that the continuance of the case was asked for by the other, and each one as strenuously denying the allegation of the other. Subsequently Mr. Ikeler prepared the following letter for the *Press*:

"The statement written and published in to-day's *Bloomsgurg Daily*, by L. E. Waller, the prosecutor in the Waller-Wintersteen case, alleging that said case was continued because no Judge could be obtained to preside, and without the active agreement of the prosecution is absolutely false. "The defendant had expected to go to trial on May 3, and the request for a continuance over that date came solely from the Commonwealth. This request was made on the ground that District Attorney Graham could not be present on the 3d, being engaged at that time in the Wister will case. Any story to the contrary is a deliberate attempt to falsely represent the position of the defendant. So much has been falsely published in the case against Mr. Wintersteen that I deem it time to call a halt.

Very respectfully yours,  
"FRED IKELER."

The following statements of Grant Herring and L. E. Waller have been handed us for publication in this connection.

### SOME FACTS.

On April 10 Judge Ikeler assured me he would have a Judge on hand to try the Wintersteen case first week in May, without any possibility of failure.

On April 16 he informed me he could not get any Judge to try this case although he had telegraphed all over the state, and Judge Savidge had declined. In confirmation of this statement to me Judge Ikeler on Monday 3rd May stated from the bench in the presence of over a dozen members of the Bar "that it was utterly impossible for him to get any Judge to hold this week's Criminal Court."

The following telegram afforded the first information either Mr. Graham or Mr. Waller had that the case would not be tried viz:

Bloomsgurg, Pa., 17 April 1897.  
L. E. Waller, Philadelphia, Pa.

Judge Ikeler informs me Judge Savidge cannot try cases, and can't get any body else. Have forwarded letter to Ebbitt House, Washington.

(Signed) GRANT HERRING.  
The letter referred to in the telegram contained also this statement: "When I expressed my disappointment at such a condition of things his only answer was 'he could not help it; that he had tried every where to get a Judge but could not'. I said the case must be tried at this Court and that we had relied on his promise to have some one to try it."

L. E. WALLER.

The postponement of the case for three weeks does not seem to be a matter of vital importance to either side, and the agitation as to who is responsible for the postponement is of no special weight except so far as it charges bad faith somewhere. We have given the allegations of both sides, and leave the public to judge for themselves as to the merits of the controversy.

The case will be called up on May 24th, and Judge Ermentrout of Berks county is expected to preside.

## NORMAL 7, WILLIAMSPORT 6.

The Y. M. C. A. base ball club of Williamsport, arrived in town on Saturday noon to cross bats with the Normal boys. The game, outside of the continual wrangling was a pretty one to look at. The visitors were undoubtedly the worst lot of kickers that ever struck the town, and displayed their ignorance of base ball rules, by finding fault with every decision of the umpire, when to every one else who knew anything about the game, there wasn't a shadow of a doubt as to their correctness. But the Normal boys were victorious and won the game clearly on its merits. Of course it is hard to lose a game by a score of 7 to 6, and especially so after having won five straight games, from such strong aggregations as the Demorests and Bucknell University, but when they are beaten fair and square, they should take their medicine like men, and not give as the cause of their defeat, that old stereotyped excuse, "it was the umpire."

The work of the Normal in the two games played this season was first class. Laubach was hit pretty freely on Saturday and was taken out of the box in the seventh inning in order to save the game. Berry who took his place, was almost invincible. However, there is one or two weak points on the team, and we are of the opinion that there is material at the school to strengthen these places, if some of the boys were given a chance to demonstrate their ability. We don't mean to find fault with the judgment of the manager, but just giving this as our opinion.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In the corridor connecting St. Paul's Church and the Parish House there has recently been placed against the wall a marble tombstone on which is this inscription:

In memory of Sarah, wife of Joseph Long, Born Jan. 3, 1755, Died May 7, 1846. Aged 85 years, 4 m. and 4 d.

This slab formerly marked the grave of Sarah Long in the old Episcopal Cemetery on the ground where the church buildings now stand. When the dead were removed therefrom there was nothing found in this grave to be re-interred, and so the stone was not removed to Rosemont Cemetery, but has been preserved on the church grounds until some suitable place could be found for it.

Sarah Long was the wife of Joseph Long who, in 1793, conveyed the land now occupied by the church buildings to the Episcopal congregation for twelve shillings, and it is fitting that the memory of these generous people should be perpetuated. The slab that marked the grave of Joseph Long was broken and has disappeared, and it would be a proper thing to place upon the wall in the church a brass or marble tablet to the memory of the donor of the land whereon now stands one of the handsomest church properties in Central Pennsylvania.

### BIG FIRE AT PITTSBURG.

A disastrous fire broke out at Pittsburgh on Sunday night in a large six story wholesale grocery store. The fire started in an elevator shaft. The flames worked their way throughout the entire building which is valued at \$1,500,000. The building was filled with valuable stores of all kinds highly inflammable. The flames spread over the entire block, and the total loss will greatly exceed \$3,000,000. The principal losers were Horne & Co., dry goods; J. C. Jenkins, the Duquesne theatre, Mayers Grove House; W. P. Grier & Co., Methodist Book Concern and tenants whose losses range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Robert J. Stiff, son of C. W. Stiff, a former resident of this town, but now of Wyoming, was married on Wednesday afternoon to Miss Thursa Rhodes of the same place. The ceremony took place in the M. E. Church, after which a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents. A number of relatives and friends of town went up to witness the event.

The groom is well known to many of the young men of this town who wish him a happy and prosperous life.

Mr. John Deily and Miss Carrie McCormick were married at the home of the bride on Fifth Street, Thursday evening last, by Rev. Currin of the Evangelical Church. After the ceremony had been performed and a wedding supper served, the newly married couple left for Millville, where they will make their home.

## GIDDING'S

# The Sale of the Year

### Commencing Friday, May 7th,

probably will not be known in Bloomsburg and vicinity for many a day. Trade conditions justify us in telling you this truthfully. Cloth and trimmings are at their lowest point. Labor, it is confidently expected, will never be as low as now. With these two trade conditions it is evident to you that merchandise must be cheap. You know the quality of goods we handle (the very best). Every article of clothing that leaves our store takes our guarantee with it. As for wear, it is made by the very best clothing makers in the land, backed up by our guarantee, or your money back if we've misrepresented. We've a stock here of upwards of twenty-five thousand dollars [\$25,000], and we start next Friday, May 7th, right in the very heart of the season, to clean it up at prices fully 20 per cent. below any offered you. Note carefully every price here. Go around to the other stores in town, then come here and we leave the rest to your judgment.

#### Men's New Cassimere Suits

The only suits in our store that are not strictly wool—still they are made up of good strong cloth and will give splendid service and advertised as Great Bargains by other stores at \$5 and \$6. Our Sale price,.....\$3.95.

#### Men's Strictly All Wool Spring Suits.

In handsome Cassimeres, Cheviots, Homespuns; suits are made with first-class trimmings and linings and equal to those as advertised as Great Bargains by other stores at \$8.00. Our Sale price.....\$4.75.

#### Men's All Wool Fast Black Clay Worsteds Suits.

In Sack and Frock coats. Suits are made with the best of linings and trimmings and equal to those as advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$10. Our Sale price.....\$8.50.

#### Men's Beautiful Spring Suits.

In rich Cassimeres, handsome home spuns, fancy and plain Cheviots, fine Worsteds. Suits better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at 12, 15 and \$16. Our Sale price.....\$9.45.

#### Men's Fine All Wool Spring Overcoats.

Made up in the latest style, and better than other stores offer at 10 to \$12. Our Sale price.....\$8.50.

#### Men's New Spring Trousers.

In fine Black and Blue Cheviots, Black and Blue Stripe Worsteds. Trousers that are advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$2 and \$2.50. Our Sale price.....\$1.45.

#### Men's New Spring Trousers.

Of the finest Worsteds, Cassimeres and Cheviots, made up with the best trimmings and linings. Trousers that are advertised as great bargains by other stores at 4 and \$5. Our Sale price.....\$2.95.

#### Boys' New Cheviot Suits

Suits are well made with good trimmings and linings, and better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$2. Our Sale price...\$1.25.

#### Boys' Fine All Wool Cheviots.

And Cassimere Suits in all the new Spring cloths and styles—Suits that are made better—Quality better and will wear longer than those boys' suits advertised as great bargains by other stores at 2.50 and \$3.00. Our Sale price \$1.79.

#### Boys' Finest Spring Suits

In beautiful Cassimeres, rich Worsteds, fancy plaid and gray Cheviots, handsome Homespuns—Suits made up with the very best of linings and trimmings, and better than those advertised as great bargains by other stores at \$5.00 to \$8.00. Our Sale price.....\$3.95.



Men's and Boys' Tourist hats, six shades, black, brown, java, mocha, steel and pearl; turned or flat brim, of regular \$1.50 quality, our Sale price, \$1.00. Men's and Boys' crush hats, four shades, blue, brown, pearl and drab, pure fur, 50 cts. Straw Hats, the largest stock of them ever put under one roof in this city. Beautiful children's sailors, 15 and 25c. All the newest Boys' and Men's straw hats, 25 and 50c. Boys' waists, the new colors, 19 cts. Fancy waists with large ruffle, 39c. The greatest value giving ever known in the history of clothing selling in this city. Every price, every garment strictly guaranteed, or your money back.

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Two Doors below Post Office. Nearly opposite Court House.

### SIGNED WITH BLOOMSBURG.

John Page and J. A. Messerly, of State go to Pennsylvania.

We clip the following from last week's *Minneapolis Journal*. It says: "John Page a base ball player, of considerable skill, who has been wintering at Minneapolis, has signed with the team at Bloomsburg, Pa. for the coming season. He leaves in a few days. Page is one of the best amateur short stops who played in the north-west last year. He is a fast player and will no doubt give a good account of himself in his new position."

J. A. Messerly, who managed teams at Mankato and Winona last season has also signed with the Bloomsburg Club. He has spent the winter in Chicago. Last summer he made a record as a first class first baseman and a crack batsman.

### Real Estate Sales.

On Saturday John S. Williams, auctioneer, sold lands of the estate of N. L. Campbell deceased as follows: farm in Center Township to J. B. Robison for \$2500; lime stone tract in Center township to same for \$500; timber tract in Hemlock township to same for \$145.00 and house and lot in Center township to E. Sorber for \$200.

On Monday morning John S. Williams, auctioneer, sold a lot in Bloomsburg for Estey & Bruce to D. C. Black of Centralia for \$350.

### ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT.

The Park Still Hangs.

A special meeting of the Council for the purpose of deciding as to whether or not Athletic Park shall be leased for base ball purposes was held on Thursday night, the President and all the members except Supplee being present.

The rooters for base ball were out in full force, and like the former meeting filled the room. C. W. Miller and E. B. Tustin were present looking after the other side. Grant Herring for the boys, spoke for several minutes, and told how necessary it was to have a place where the boys could go and enjoy themselves. After him Mercer, Miller and several others took a hand in the talking.

L. E. Waller handed in the following proposition:

To the President and Members of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg:

In the event of the direction by your body that the Park on Seventh and Iron Street be planted with trees during the present year, I will undertake and do hereby agree to furnish the trees required (up to two hundred and fifty) and plant them at such places and of such varieties as may be determined by your honorable body, without cost to the Town for trees, planting or designation of their location, any trees so planted failing to survive transplanting to be replaced

free of cost.

L. E. WALLER.  
Bloomsburg, Pa., April 29th, 1897.  
The second petition of the boys which contained several hundred names was not read.

On motion of Hower and Gorrey, the Council adjourned without having accomplished anything. The regular meeting will be held to-night when the subject will receive more airing.

J. E. Roys had on exhibition in his jewelry store window views taken about Bloomsburg and other points which is the finest collection of amateur work we have yet seen. Mr. Roys is a most enthusiastic amateur photographer and any one desiring to purchase a camera should not fail to see the Premos carried by him. These cameras are especially adapted to fine amateur work, and Mr. Roys being a practical man it would save a beginner time and money.

Rev. B. C. Conner, Rev. G. H. Hemmingway and Rev. D. N. Kirby are among the bicycle riders of this town. There is no reason why clergymen should not avail themselves of this healthful exercise, but there is a congregation in Philadelphia that recently asked its pastor to resign, one of the most serious charges against him being that he rode a bicycle. Nonsense!

Thomas Wayne has received the contract for painting C. C. Peacock's new house on East Fifth Street.

## GIDDING'S

We commence a Sale of Clothing the like of which has not or

### Children's Suit Novelties

for little fellows, age 3 to 8, vestee suits, blue cloth with red trimmings and red vestee fronts, of regular \$5 value for \$3.50. Vestee suits, light mixture with gold braid, brown vestee with gold braid, \$5 value at \$3.50.



### Junior Suits

to wear with Fauntleroy waist, neat gray, blue or brown and cassimere, sold everywhere at 2 and \$2.25, for \$1.48.

### Boys' Reefer Suits

age 3 to 8, with large collar, braided, blue, brown or gray mixed Cheviot, sold in other stores at 2.50 and \$3.50, at 1.95 and \$2.50.

### Children's Blouse Suits

The very newest colors, olive with white trimmings, buff with olive trimmings, not handled elsewhere in town. Sold everywhere for \$5.50. Our Sale price, \$4.50.

Blue Cheviot Blouse Suits, 98cts.

25 dozen boys' all wool cassimere knee pants, worth and sold for \$1.00 at other stores. Our Sale price, 50cts.

50 dozen Children's three-fourths wool knee pants in serviceable mixtures, worth 50 cts. Our Sale price 25 cts.



### ORUROR SUPPER.

St. Margaret's Guild of St. Paul's Church will serve a supper in the Parish House on Thursday evening, May 13th, the proceeds of which will go to the organ fund. A general invitation is extended.

The following is the bill of fare: cold ham, veal loaf, potato croquettes, egg salad, hot soda biscuit, coffee. Price 15 cents, ice cream and cake extra.

### WIVES AT EACH END.

The sentence in Court at Holidaysburg on Monday of William J. Burke, a Pennsylvania Railroad employee, to pay for the maintenance of his wife has brought out the fact that a number of the trainmen running between Altoona and Pittsburg have wives in both cities. Besides paying for the support of his first wife in Altoona, Burke will be prosecuted in the Allegheny County Courts for bigamy.

A prominent physician claims that half the deafness prevalent at the present time, is probably the direct result of children having their ears boxed. It is in the case, parents should adopt some other way of chastisement.

Court was in session a short time on Friday afternoon, hearing the M. F. Bowman vs. Albert Klnetob, Interpleader. The case was continued.