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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock, with Associate Judges J. T. Fox and J. U. Kurtz on the Bench. President Judge Herring was at Scranton where he is holding court.

List of Constables called and returns taken.

Estate of Hiram R. Kline report and return of order of sale, confirmed nisi.

Estate of Samuel Thomas dec'd. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Report of Commissioners on change of line between the townships of Jackson and Sugarloaf, in favor of change, confirmed nisi.

Estate of Matilda Mendenhall. Writ in partition. Return confirmed nisi.

In re assigned estate of Jos. B. Eves. Petition of assignee to make private sale. Order granted. Bond in sum of \$5500.

Kate Freas appointed Guardian of Lottie and Grace Garrison, minor children of John Garrison, dec'd.

Estate of John Garrison, dec'd. Petition for an allowance by Guardian for Grace and Lottie Garrison, minors, granted.

Estate of Wm. H. Yetter dec'd. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Order of sale granted in estate of Benj. Zeigler, deceased.

Grand Jurors called and all answered except Bruce Keeler, Benton; Clark Kashner, Bloom; John Purcell, Centralia; Wm. Price, Conyngham; P. D. Wesley, Fishingcreek, and John White, of Centralia.

John B. Gruver appointed constable to wait on Grand Jury and B. B. Freas tip staff for rear of court room.

Philip Hirlleman appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Estate of Isaac A. Dewitt, dec'd. Report of auditor confirmed nisi.

John White and Wm. Price, Grand Jurors, came in at eleven o'clock and took their places on the jury.

In the matter of the petition of Elizabeth Pealer et al. to satisfy mortgage. Satisfaction to be entered upon payment of costs.

P. D. Wesley excused from duty as a grand juror.

C. S. W. Fox excused from duty as a Traverse juror for first week.

Grand Jury sworn.

At this point, ten minutes past eleven o'clock, Judge Harold McClure, of Union County, arrived and took his place upon the bench as Presiding Judge, and at once charged the Grand Jury. As the cases to be brought before them are of the ordinary kind, he said he did not deem it necessary to go into details, but briefly instructed them as to the taking of evidence and the finding a true bill or ignoring a bill, and disposition of costs, etc.

Estate of — Hayman, dec'd. Clem Weiss is appointed auditor.

Road in Hemlock township near I. M. Whitenight's. Order to reviewers continued to next term.

Road in Cleveland township. Order to viewers continued to next term.

Road in Beaver and Main townships. Order to viewers continued to Dec. 12th.

Widow's appraisements, Prothonotary's and Register's accounts confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers against road in Greenwood township near Wm. Davis' barn, confirmed nisi.

The following roads and bridges confirmed nisi.

Road in Fishingcreek twp. near Benj. Hess'.

Road in Bloomsburg from 6th and West streets to Fishingcreek near Boone's dam.

Road in Hemlock near G. W. Fullmer's.

Road in Benton near Ash Bros.

Road in Fishingcreek twp. leading from Benton to Rohrsburg.

Road in Pine twp. near Thomas Coleman's in Fishingcreek twp.

Report of viewers to assess damages in the opening of an alley in Benton borough.

Bridge over race of Kimble & Thomas in Fishingcreek twp.

Bridge over Lick Run in Pine twp.

Order of sale and report in the estate of Isabella Bomboy, confirmed nisi.

Report of Auditor making distribution of fund from Sheriff's sale of real estate of Emma Neyhard, confirmed nisi.

Peter Thomas vs. James M. Williams. Order of Court made discharging lien is amended and the lien of the levy to continue.

W. A. Linden appointed Trustee for George Linden.

Mrs. A. R. Reese vs. Fred Michael, surety of the Peace, case heard by the court and defendant found not guilty, and county to pay costs.

James Earl vs. Chas. Longenberger, surety of the Peace, case dismissed and court directs the Prosecutor to pay the costs.

Report of sale in estate of Parson Edwards, confirmed nisi.

Frances Krebs vs. Elias Krebs, surety of Peace, case heard by the court and dismissed. County to pay the costs.

J. C. Brown, Freas Bauman and J. Elisha Snyder appointed viewers for road in Beaver twp. near Rebecca Hunsinger's.

Geo. Lore vs. Harvey Cox, charge aggravated assault and battery. Not a true bill and the prosecutor Geo. Lore to pay the costs.

Shadrack Cox vs. Geo. Lore. Charge aggravated assault and battery. Not a true bill and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

T. W. Hayes vs. Arthur Nash and James Harvey. Two indictments, one of burglary and robbery, and one of assault and battery. True bills.

Com. vs. Geo. Kessler assault and battery. True bill.

Theo. Mendenhall vs. Jackson Lyons. Larceny. True bill.

A short session of Court was held Monday night beginning at half past eight o'clock, with Judge Herring on the Bench.

Martha Case and Wm. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. Co. Motion of Plaintiff's attorneys for continuance to February term 1899 on account of sickness of Plaintiff. Motion overruled and case for trial next week.

Motion of Plaintiff's attorneys for continuance on account of new evidence being discovered. Motion overruled.

Petition of viewers to lay out a road in Bloomsburg and Scott twp. from near the Susquehanna river bridge to a point near Funk farm bridge. And now December 5, 1898 on motion of J. B. Robison Esq., counsel for petitioners it appearing that the order to view was not issued and served on the viewers, therefore the order is continued and the same persons, to wit, Peter Knecht, Charles Reighard and Samuel Neyhard are continued as viewers to report at February term.

TUESDAY.

Jackson Lyons plead guilty of larceny, and was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$1, restore the goods or pay the full value thereof and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for four months.

John Ashleman vs. Jno. Hoyt. Larceny. True bill.

John Michael vs. John Harris. Fornication. True bill.

The jury in the case against Paul Mastly, charge, assault and battery, brought in a verdict of not guilty and the prosecutor and defendant to each pay half the costs.

Weitzel vs. Geo. Kessler, charge of assault and battery. Case called and tried. Inasmuch as the district attorney did not press for a conviction the court direct a verdict of not guilty. The jury then went out to determine who should pay the costs.

John Cain excused from duty as a petit juror.

The larceny case of John Ashleman against John Hoyt was called at half past eleven a. m.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case against Geo. Kessler charged with assault and battery, and divided the costs, prosecutor and defendant each pay half.

Wm. Bogart vs. J. E. Bolig. Larceny. True bill.

The case of John Ashleman against John Hoyt, charge, larceny of turkeys, occupied the attention of the court nearly all of Tuesday afternoon, and shortly after five o'clock the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The attorneys for James Harvey, who is charged with burglary and robbery by Rev. T. W. Hayes at Centralia, made a motion to quash the indictment. Argument heard.

Case continued to February session, 1899.

John Michael vs. John Harris. Defendant pleaded guilty to fornication and sentenced to pay costs of prosecution.

Dallas Bodine, W. B. Snyder and W. H. Eyer appointed re-viewers for road in Cleveland township near Rachael Misner's.

Recognizance of James Harvey and Francis Harvey in \$2,000 for

appearance of said James Harvey at next term of Court.

The case against J. E. Bolig, the sewing machine agent, charged with breaking and entering with intent, &c., was tried and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty by direction of the Court.

Sheriff's deeds were acknowledged for properties of Hattie E. Fleckenstine, in Bloomsburg, to Washington N. B. & L. Association, M. G. Hess property, in Jackson, to Ira G. Thomas, and T. M. Dawson property, in Bloomsburg, to E. B. Tustin.

John Harris, of Briarcreek, Payne Mastly and John Kubie, of Centralia, Samuel Weitzel, of Ashland, and — Kessler, of Ashland, were discharged under the Insolvent laws.

All jurors, with the exception of grand jurors, were discharged Monday at noon from further attendance at this Court.

MIDNIGHT FIRE.

A Blaze on Friday Night Destroys the Novelty Works.

The Bloomsburg Novelty Works was almost totally destroyed by fire on Friday night last. It was about eleven o'clock when the blaze was first discovered in the north east corner of the building. The alarm was hastily sounded, and in a few minutes all three fire companies, the Friendship, Rescue and Winona, were on the scene with their hose carriages, and soon had two good sized streams of water playing on the building. But it had gained such a start before it was discovered, that the water had but little effect.

It was not until after two hours of hard work that the fire was got under control, by which time the greater part of the building, and all the finer machinery were ruined.

The plant was operated by Sam H. Harman, and for some time past has been running until ten o'clock every night, with an increased force of hands. It was well stocked, and with orders to keep it busy for a long time.

The loss will probably reach \$35,000 or \$40,000, which is partly covered by insurance. James Reichard and L. E. Waller have \$12,000 insurance, and Sam H. Harman, \$10,500.

The fire, like many of others that have recently occurred in this town, was of mysterious origin. The plant had been working up to about nine o'clock, and at that time everything appeared to be all right.

It was the largest conflagration for some time past and was witnessed by hundreds of people.

Big Fire at Milton.

The extensive nail plant of the F. A. Godcharles Company at Milton was almost destroyed by fire Saturday evening. The fire was discovered shortly after five o'clock, and soon the entire main building was enveloped in flames. The fire company arrived promptly, and by their heroic efforts succeeded in saving some of the auxiliary buildings.

The loss on buildings and stock is estimated at \$100,000, on which there is \$25,000 insurance.

The Milton Nail Works was organized in 1875 by C. A. Godcharles & Company, and was the pioneer mill in this section. It had a capacity of seventy-five thousand kegs of nails a month, and employed over 100 hands.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for this conference year will be held in the church on Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at 7:30 o'clock. The Presiding Elder, Rev. W. W. Evans D. D. will preach next Sunday morning, Dec. 11, at 10:30 o'clock. On next Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at 7 o'clock Mr. C. J. Hall will give his closing address on "Home Sweet Home." There will doubtless be a large audience to hear him. The public cordially invited to attend all the services.

Last week's *Clinton County Democrat* has the following to say concerning a new telephone company: "The North and West Branch Telephone Company has been organized with Congressman Monroe H. Kulp as president. The line will run from Williamsport to Montoursville and Montgomery and will connect with Watonsontown, Milton, Lewisburg and Sunbury. Operations on the line will begin soon and \$100,000 will be expended in its construction. Next Spring the line will be extended to Danville and Bigonsburg."

PROF. COLES' DECEMBER.

A HEAVENLY PANORAMA.

On Tuesday evening, the 27th day of the current month, there will occur in the heavens the most remarkable panorama that the inhabitants of this world have ever witnessed. As the sun goes down behind the hills of the golden West, the moon will rise in its full beauty above the hills of the silvery East; and soon thereafter, old earth will begin to draw a dark veil over the bright shining face of the moon and all nature will be enshrouded in darkness! No scene in fairy legend will approach it in beauty! It will attract more attention, and serious thought, among the hundreds of millions of human beings all over the earth than any other similar occurrence that has perhaps ever before happened on any occasion known to history. And the most remarkable part of this wonderful heavenly panorama is the fact that it will be seen by all the people of the earth on both continents; and that it is the anniversary evening of John the Baptist, of biblical records, the forerunner of Christ; and the third evening after Christmas, which is believed by many to be the anniversary of Christ's birth. This wonderful display of the power and wisdom of our Creator will we believe, be the means of making a complete change in the present theories of science and astronomy; and prove to be the first heavenly panorama or initiatory performance of the millennium!

THE VITAL FORCES EXPLAINED.

The preponderance of High Flood days last month kept the great storms at bay in the New World and sent them broadcast over the antipodes of the Old World, and thousands of people lost their lives in the awful storms and floods that swept in the Orient; for when the High Flood vital forces have the ruling power here, the Low Ebb vital forces that spread destruction and disease wherever they go. This month the vital forces will go up and down like a churn dasher, crossing and recrossing the equatorial line some twelve or thirteen times during the month, giving the Low Ebb vital forces the ruling power in America. So watch out for destructive storms and evil doings. From the 2d to the 9th, from the 12th to the 20th, and from the 25th to the 29th are great danger periods!

VALUABLE INFORMATION.

Turkeys, chickens and all kind of fowls; beef, pork and all kinds of meats intended for the Christmas trade or for home use should be killed on the 20th, 21st, or 24th; and for the New Year's trade, on the 26th, 30th, or 31st; as all the other days are "Low Ebb" days and all flesh killed at "Low Ebb" time is not in proper condition to be eaten by man; and its discoloration caused by quick-decomposition destroys its real market value too. The 3rd, 30th and 31st will be the only really good days during the whole month to kill pork and beef for winter use; and to make sauer kraut. The 3rd, 30th and 31st will be the best days to fish and to hunt; and the 21st 22nd and 27th will be the next best days. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 19th will be bad days for all those troubled with heart disease; and it will be well for all such to refrain from laborious exercise on those days.

NEW RECORDS ALL AROUND.

Two meteors are coming earthward at a rapid pace. Another approaching comet can now be sighted just outside of the orbit of Jupiter. Earth is now in the "House of Sickness" and disease epidemics will spring up over the country like magic. The November meteoric shower, that the great astronomers predicted would come on the 14th, is delayed by a "strong head wind!" Earthquake shocks may shock the whole world. A deep sorrow is now over-shadowing America. The airquake that we predicted, came in Italy and tore down a whole town with its terrible concussions. The white wire worms, which we foretold their coming last summer, will attack the wheat crop and destroy thousands of acres this winter and next spring. The race war came, as we predicted, and will continue to grow in hatred until, perhaps the very men who fought for their freedom will fight for their annihilation.

The A. W. Martin Uncle Toms' Cabin Company, appeared before a tremendous crowd at the Opera House Thursday evening. For the first time in several seasons people were turned away. The performance was first class in every particular. The music part of the show was also very good.

Christmas Gifts.

Useful, sensible, for father, son, brother, grandpa, or sweetheart, and at money saving prices.

Overcoats and Suits, Shoes and Fine Slippers, Mackintoshes, Coats and Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, (Silk or Linen, with or without Initial), Sweaters, Bicycle Hose, Umbrellas and Canes, Toques and Tams For Children, Rich Neckwear, Grips, Valises, Traveling Bags, Cuff Buttons and Scarf Pins.

Why pay other dealers a profit when you can buy here now for cost.

Gidding & Co.

CHRISTMAS TALK.

Have you seen our decorations? Folks tell us that there is no store in Northeastern Pennsylvania more tastefully arranged than ours.

We would be glad to have your opinion. You don't have to buy a cent's worth. Just call and make yourselves at home and tell us how we can get your business, whenever you are ready to buy.

We have our first and second floors crowded with

XMAS GOODS, suitable for all ages and at hard-time prices. Will give list next week. But as a reminder that we are the headquarters for novelties, we ask you to look at Rough Rider Hats for dolls, 24 and 29c. No doll that considers herself well dressed can do without one of these.

Doll Gear, Not Dear, This Year, In Here.

The Leader
DEPARTMENT STORE,
Fourth and Market Streets.