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FOUND DEAD.

The Lifeless Body of Amos Gruver Discovered Along the D. L. & W. Railroad Tracks, Near Oak Grove, Saturday Morning.

The body of Amos Gruver, cold in death, was found along the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, near Oak Grove, Saturday morning last. Early in the morning he left the residence of his son, John Gruver, on East Third street, with whom he had been making his home since the death of his wife, two years ago, for the expressed purpose of making some repairs to a line fence on his property on Park street. He had reached his objective point, or at least that was the supposition, and had worked a little while, and then feeling unwell, had started home. When too weak or faint to continue the homeward journey, without rest, he sat down on a tie pile, and expired.

Mr. Gruver was a respectable gentleman, and dealt squarely with everyone. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and each and every Sabbath found him at his place in the Sunday school, as well as the church service. He was pretty well on in years. Although we are not positive as to his age, we are safe in stating it at sixty-nine. His only survivor is the son referred to above.

Justice of the Peace Guy Jacoby was summoned to conduct an inquest, but the cause of death, in his opinion, was so apparently natural, that he deemed it unnecessary. The remains were at once removed to the residence on East Third street, from which place the funeral took place on Tuesday, services being conducted by Rev. W. M. Frysinger, of the Methodist Church.

ENDED HIS OWN LIFE.

Daniel Fry of Grovania, Becomes Despondent and Hangs Himself.

Daniel Fry of Grovania, took his own life on Monday morning. His body was found dangling from a beam in the straw shed only a short distance from the house by his daughter Mazie, who had missed him, and had gone to see where he was. Last spring Mr. Fry was the victim of a severe case of "grippe", from which he never entirely recovered. For the past several months he showed signs of despondency. Frequently he would say that life extended empty hands to him. He wanted to die; and to this end went about coolly and calmly. He had mounted a ladder, walked to the center of the beam, fastened the rope to the timber, placed it about his neck and then jumped off, dropping a distance of about seven feet. His neck was not broken. Death resulted from strangulation.

Guy Jacoby, Justice of the Peace, was driven to the scene, but as the fact that he had taken his own life was so apparent, an inquest was dispensed with.

Mr. Fry was about sixty-one years of age. He is survived by a wife, five sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held today.

Just Where He Belongs.

Fort Black has a new prisoner. His name is Joseph Kramer. For some time past he has lived with his family, consisting of his wife and several little children, on Catharine street, about midway between Fifth and Sixth streets, during which time he has frequently, without any cause whatsoever, ill-treated and abused his wife. Saturday, as a neighbor was passing up Catharine street, he noticed a commotion about the Kramer house. Familiar with the conduct toward his wife, that has marked Kramer's life in the past, he stepped inside, and was just in time to stop him from beating his wife. He immediately had a warrant issued. Kramer was arrested and given a hearing before Justice of the Peace R. H. Ringler. He was without any one to furnish surety, and, of course, was sent to jail, to await his appearance at Court.

Clara, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spaide, of Fernville, a few weeks ago fell a victim to a disease, which made its appearance at first in the nature of a high fever. She continued to grow worse, in spite of the best attention, until Sunday, when death relieved her suffering. The surviving parents have the sympathy of all. The funeral was held on Wednesday.

If you want a first-class hair-cut or shave, go to Reilly's, Hotel Rut.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Regular September Term Marked by Large Attendance.

The regular September term of Court began on Monday at 9:30 with Hon. Robert R. Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz presiding. The attendance the first two days was larger than is usually the case.

M. E. Cox and B. B. Freas appointed tipstaves, the latter to wait on the Grand Jury.

Coroner's inquest on the body of John Cole approved and county to pay the costs.

Estate of Iliff Arter, Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Return of inquest in partition in estate of Samuel Hiday confirmed nisi.

Estate of Wm. Giger. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

In re-application of Volunteer Fire Co. of Second Ward for charter. Remonstrance filed by leave of Court.

Estate of Aaron Boone. Petition of executors for confirmation and ratification of sale of real estate granted.

Amos Neyhart appointed judge of election in Boro. of Orangeville.

Estate of M. Louisa Schuyler. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of a bridge over Little Fishingcreek, Greenwood and Fishingcreek townships, confirmed nisi.

Estate of Catherine Welliver. Return of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Lawson Hughes. Report of auditor confirmed nisi.

Boone's executors vs. Briarcreek Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co. Petition to amend plaintiff's statement. Leave granted.

Estate of John B. Patton. Order of sale granted.

Estate of Henry Richie. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Commonwealth vs. Alex. Williams. Recognizance of Alex. Williams and Joseph Kinsley in the sum of \$300.00 for appearance of defendant at next sessions.

Chas. H. Brittain appointed guardian of Hurlley R. and Jessie L. Brittain, minor children of Hattie A. Brittain.

Estate of George W. Utt. Order of sale granted.

Estate of Isaac Fisher. Report of inquest in partition. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of Mary Jane Yount. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of William H. Snyder. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Evan Thomas. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Petition of Wilbur A. and Frank V. Kistler for discharge of B. Cles Kistler, their guardian. Granted.

Estate of George W. Steadman. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Constables from various townships sworn and returns made. The attention of the constables was called by Court to the bad condition generally of index boards at intersecting roads throughout the country and advised that some effort be made to keep same in repair.

Grand Jury called and sworn. O. T. Wilson, foreman. Instruction and charge to that body followed by the Court, in which their duties were outlined.

Bond of Boyd Trescott, county surveyor, in the usual sum, filed and accepted.

Uriah Sherman appointed guardian of Annie, Lewis and Robert Huntzinger, minor children of Rebecca Huntzinger.

Estate of Rebecca Huntzinger. Order of sale granted.

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over Roaringcreek, in Franklin township. Confirmed nisi.

Register's accounts confirmed nisi.

Prothonotary's accounts confirmed nisi.

Widows' appraisements confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers against a road in Montour township, near house of W. C. Kuster. Confirmed absolute.

Report of viewers against a road in Benton township, near Joseph Rantz's. Confirmed absolute.

Report of re-viewers in favor of a road in Jackson township, near John Savage's. Confirmed absolute.

Estate of Adam Utt. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Estate of Margaret Seaborne. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of a public road in Cleveland township. Confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of public road in Mifflin township. Confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers in favor of a road in Fishingcreek township, near Thos. Coleman's. Confirmed nisi.

Report of viewers appointed to as-

sess damages to property of C. B. McHenry, late of Benton Borough. Confirmed nisi.

Oath of insolvent debtor administered to Frank Smyth, and he discharged.

The following cases were settled: Commonwealth vs. Philip Rabuck, malicious mischief. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. W. R. Sorber, embezzlement. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Cletus Sutliff, embezzlement. Recognizance forfeited to be respited. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. William Birt, f. and b. Recognizance forfeited, to be respited, etc. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Alexander Williams. Assault and surety of the peace. Continued upon defendant's application. Recognizance forfeited to be respited, etc. Recognizance renewed.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Armstrong. Attempt to commit suicide. Noll pros. allowed and county to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Ruff. Assault and battery. Continued upon application of prosecution. Recognizance forfeited to be respited.

Commonwealth vs. W. F. O'Neal. Assault and battery. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. William Bowen. Larceny. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Wellington Manning. F. and b. Continued. Recognizance for to be respited.

Commonwealth vs. Richard Finnell, Jr., Richard Finnell, Sr., and William Finnell. Assault and battery. Noll pros. allowed on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Calvin E. Girton. Surety of the peace. Noll pros. upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. William Kemery. Assault and battery and surety of peace. Noll pros. upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John L. Fisher. Assault and battery. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Custard, f. and b. Continued. Recognizance forfeited to be respited.

Commonwealth vs. Dominick Carlvitch. Breaking into a house, disorderly conduct, etc. Recognizance forfeited to be respited.

Commonwealth vs. Lewis Morris. Desertion. Dismissed. County to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Welsh. Assault and battery and surety of peace. Dismissed. Costs of prosecution.

Commonwealth vs. Bertha Craig. Fornication, &c. Several witnesses were heard in the case. The defendant, a young girl, about fourteen years of age, was said to be incorrigible, and charged with unbecoming conduct. This, however, was not sustained by the evidence, and the defendant was discharged, with the costs on the Roaringcreek Poor District.

Report of viewers in favor of road in Montour township, near G. Y. Mourey's. Confirmed nisi.

True bills were returned in the following cases: Commonwealth vs. Wm. Deemer, f. and b.; Benj. J. Feeley, larceny; Andy Lundy, larceny; Archie Lundy, housebreaking; Archie Lundy, larceny; John Schurscawitch, assault and battery; Arthur H. Miller, f. and b.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. William Redduck, charged with assault, etc., the defendant was held in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for one year, and to stand committed until sentence is complied with.

Petition of Jeremiah Seesholtz for rule to show cause. Rule granted. Returnable sec. reg.

Following order of Court, as of Sept. 25th, 1900, filed: No divorce shall be decreed until all costs, including the charges of the master, shall be paid into the office of the Prothonotary, and so certified to the Court by him.

Estate of Ezra Stevens. Partition. Bid of S. W. Stevens, for purpart No. 1, filed.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. Deemer. Charge, f. and b. The defendant is sentenced to undergo the usual punishment.

Clinton A. Gronar, attorney, of Allentown, Pa., sworn and admitted as a member of Columbia County Bar.

Commonwealth vs. Archie Lundy, Roy Hicks and Russel Edwards. Larceny. The extreme youth of the boys argued in their favor, and caused the Court to exercise leniency with them. The Judge, after administer-

ing a severe reprimand, and warning them to conduct themselves properly in the future, suspended sentence.

Com. vs. Arthur H. Miller, f. and b. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury called and sworn.

Cora Hile sworn. Verdict, not guilty. Defendant to pay the costs.

Application for the discharge of Clarence Beaver from the custody of Sheriff Black. Granted.

Commonwealth vs. Benj. J. Freely. After pleading not guilty to the charge of larceny, the defendant withdrew the same and plead guilty. Whereupon the Court sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$300, and undergo solitary, separate confinement, in the Eastern Penitentiary, for a term of eighteen months, at hard labor. Sheriff Black is allowed an assistant, and is to conduct the prisoner to the above place within ten days.

Bill of presentment of Grand Jury received by the Court.

Commonwealth vs. Feba Bucher, larceny. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. May Jeremiah, larceny. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Buzzy, carrying concealed weapons. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Cramer, assault and battery. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Buzzy, assault and battery, with intent, etc. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Joseph Cramer, assault and battery. A true bill.

Victor Stackewicz sworn and admitted as a citizen of the United States.

Charles K. McAnall appointed inspector of election for Berwick N. W. election district.

Estate of F. P. Drinker. Petition to satisfy mortgage. Ordered that Sheriff shall give notice and make return to the next term of court.

John Hiday, Millard Conner and Warren Eyer appointed viewers to view site for county bridge in Centre township, near Bower's store.

H. A. Myers, Wood Robbins and Boyd Trescott, appointed viewers to view site for public road in Pine township, near William Kingston's.

H. G. Gardner, Harry Hayman and S. J. Pealer, appointed viewers to view site for public road in Greenwood township, near Jacob Derr's.

Jno. Goldsworthy, David Walsh and A. B. Jessup, appointed viewers to view and vacate road in Conyngham township.

Commonwealth vs. George B. Appleman and William Utt, charged with hawking and peddling on the streets. Noll pros. allowed upon payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John McHugh, assault and battery. Not a true bill. Prosecutor, George McHugh, to pay costs and give bail to Sheriff Black for payment of same within ten days. Stand committed, etc.

Application made for discharge of John McHugh from custody of Sheriff Black. Granted.

Attention of the Court was here

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