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CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

That is the Finding of the Jury in the Goss Trial.

The case of Riter Goss, on trial before the Columbia County Court, on the charge of having maliciously and willfully run down and killed John Cole, above Benton last July, was concluded on Thursday. The witnesses in the case numbered seven. The first for the Commonwealth was Robert Evans. He sat beside Goss in the wagon, on the night of the killing. According to his story Goss had made up his mind not to leave anyone pass him on the road, and that just as soon as he observed Cole going by he whipped up the horses and overtook him. He swore that Goss had pleaded with him to deny all knowledge of what had occurred, if questioned in regard to it. The witness was very slow in answering questions put to him, he appeared to possess an inactive mind and was unable to grasp the meaning of the questions, unless repeated to him. In cross examination he was not positive of anything.

Clarence Dirk was the next to take the stand. He was Cole's companion. He told how they had left Benton on their wheels to ride home. He remembered that Cole had shouted "Hurrah for Bryan" when they had caught up to the wagon near the Edson bridge, but did not hear him ask to go around. He did not see Cole struck. When he found him he was dead. His story was a very clear one.

Thomas Brown, Constable of Benton, was called. He simply explained how he was called to the scene of the accident. Had made an examination of the road and wagon tracks, all of which he described.

Dr. Winley sworn. He too, was summoned on the fatal night. He told of the nature of the injuries inflicted. In his opinion, Cole had gotten around the team and was turning into the road when hit. His testimony was corroborative of that of the two gentlemen who preceded him.

The District Attorney here made an effort to show to the Court that the act was premeditated, that it was his purpose to run his victim down.

Ikeler, for the defense, objected and he was sustained by the Court.

Rev. O. L. Buck, of Waller, called and sworn. He testified that on the afternoon of July 21, he was driving from Waller to Unityville. Goss came up behind him with a team, and without uttering a word of warning or requesting him for permission to go by attempted to run into him. He was obliged, in order to avoid an accident, to turn abruptly to one side of the road.

This closed the evidence on the part of the Commonwealth.

Col. John G. Freeze opened the case on the part of the defense. He addressed the jury briefly, and called for the first witness, Dr. Winley. The doctor said that early in the evening of the night the accident occurred he received a call from Riter Goss, the defendant, who complained of feeling unwell. He attributed his illness to heart failure, nervousness. He prescribed for him and gave him medicine.

Riter Goss was ordered to take the stand. He told, in his own way, how he had left Benton; that he did not see Cole pass on the road. Suddenly the horses began to run and continued, he not being able to check their pace until they had covered probably a mile. Then he turned them into a lane and finally succeeded in stopping them. Up to this time he was ignorant of what had taken place. He did not know that a man had been run over. They continued on their homeward journey. At the St. Gabriel Church Robert Evans left him to go home. Said he was arrested the following Sunday evening. Had been personally acquainted with John Cole for about three years; had always been good friends. The cross examination did not change the strength of his story. In fact, little attempt was made to disprove it.

Boyd Gibson, of Benton, Constable, gave evidence that he had arrested Goss. When told of the accident he said Goss appeared greatly affected and said, "My God, is it my friend?" J. B. McHenry, of Benton, testified that he had been acquainted with Robert Evans since he (Evans) was a little boy. His reputation for truth and veracity was bad, generally considered so. Would not believe him under oath.

Jasper Lewis, of Benton, also testified to Evan's bad character. He would not believe him under oath.

Testimony of a like nature was offered by Elwood Knouse, of Benton, after which the defense rested the case.

Fred Ikeler, for the defendant, addressed the Jury first. He explained how easily such an accident might happen at any time. He spoke for fully three quarters of an hour. His plea was an eloquent one.

District Attorney John G. Harman, for the Commonwealth closed with a strong plea to the Jury. He reviewed the evidence and said that under the circumstances it would be impossible to return anything but a verdict of guilty. The address was sublimated by the use of choice language, and the speaker gave all his power in the presentation of it.

Judge Little charged the Jury at 12:30 p. m., Thursday, after which that body retired. They were unable to agree until ten o'clock Friday night, when a verdict of manslaughter was returned.

The verdict appears to give general satisfaction. It is said that counsel for Goss will apply for a new trial.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Grand Jury Recommends That An Arc Light be Placed in Front of the Jail.

Order and precept for venire for jury for February term 1901 filed.

In re division Briarcreek township petition of supervisors for leave to file additional exceptions. Leave granted; also rule granted. Returnable Dec. 15, 1900, at 10 a. m.

Sheriff W. W. Black acknowledged the following deeds in open Court.

W. W. Black to Charles O. and Flora Skeer, land in Bloomsburg.

Same to Ashland S. F. & L. Association. Land in Conyngham township.

Same to Josiah Raiston. Land in Bloomsburg.

Lien creditor's receipt read in open court in the above as per notice given.

W. W. Black to Cosmopolitan B. & L. Association. Land in Sugarloaf township.

Lien creditor's receipt read in open court in the case as per notice given.

Com. vs Jos. Roff. Charge assault and battery. Verdict guilty.

Court sentenced defendant to pay costs of prosecution, fine of \$50 to the Commonwealth, stand committed until sentence is complied with, etc.

The following returns were made by the Grand Jury:

Commonwealth vs. John Custred. Charge adultery. Not a true bill. Mary Wirt, prosecutrix to pay costs, etc.

Court sentenced Mary Wirt to pay costs of prosecution, give bail to Sheriff for payment of same within ten days; stand committed, etc.

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over Roaring Creek in Franklin township near Sylvester Bower's approved by Grand Jury.

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over West branch of Briarcreek in Briarcreek township near house of Daniel Kelchner. Approved by Grand Jury.

Report of viewers in favor of county bridge over Little Fishingcreek between Fishingcreek and Greenwood townships near house of Simon Boyer and Daniel Patterson. Approved by Grand Jury.

Upon reading the petition of Isaiah Mears for rule to show cause, etc., the Court directed County Treasurer to pay the amount of Mr. Mears' bill for the cleaning of carpets, etc., and clerk of the Court to make certified copy of petition. Order of Court made this day also copy of order made as of Sept. 3, 1900, and give with his bill for same to County Commissioners. (See order filed.)

The report of the Grand Jury was read and ordered filed, and is as follows:

"We wish to commend the Sheriff and janitor for the perfect condition in which we found the jail, and the janitor for the elegant condition in which the court house is kept. We have also examined the public buildings and find that the rail in the jail is in bad condition, new ballusters being needed and recommend that an arc light be placed in front of the jail and that telephones be placed in the jail and Prothonotary's office where needed; a type writer chair be placed in the Register and Recorder's office and an other window be placed in the vault of same office; and that the glass in the sash be reglazed in the different windows of the court house. We also approve the purchase of the typewriter placed in the Register and Recorder's office by the Commissioners. We also recommend that the Commissioners purchase at least a dozen new chairs for use in the Court room where need-

ed. All of which is respectfully submitted."

J. KERSEY SHARPLESS, Foreman.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

All the Sessions Interesting and Largely Attended.

The annual Institute, for the public school teachers of Columbia County, was held last week. Upon their arrival in town the teachers went to the Court House for the purpose of enrolling.

The first session was opened in Normal Auditorium, Monday, at two o'clock p. m. Rev. G. H. Hemingway, of the Presbyterian Church, conducted devotional exercises, after which Dr. J. P. Welsh delivered the address of welcome. Supt. J. K. Miller followed with a few remarks, concluding by introducing Prof. O. H. Yetter, as the musical director of the Institute. Dr. D. J. Waller, of Indiana, then spoke on the subject of "Teacher's Certificates." O. H. Corson, of Columbus, Ohio, filled the next period with a talk on "The Teacher's Relation to the Institute."

In the evening the New York Musical Club furnished the entertainment.

The opening services Tuesday morning were conducted by Rev. D. N. Kirkby, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, followed by singing, by the Institute. Mr. Corson continued his talk on the above subject. Dr. T. R. Crosswell, of the faculty, gave an interesting talk on "A New Point of View in Nature Study." Dr. Waller gave an able talk on "Cultivation of the Imagination."

"Do the Schools of Pennsylvania Meet Our Educational Needs?" was the subject of Dr. J. P. Welsh's remarks Tuesday afternoon. He held the close attention of his listeners. He dwelt at length upon the necessity of properly educating the heart. This was followed by Dr. Waller on "The Cultivation of the Will."

In the evening Elbert Hubbard lectured on "The Work of the Roy-crofters."

Rev. W. M. Frysinger, of the Methodist Church, led Wednesday morning's devotional services. Prof. C. H. Albert addressed the teachers on "Devices and Aids in Geography." "The Adaptability to Teach" was discussed by Mr. Corson." Mr. Elbert Hubbard, the lecturer of the previous evening, occupied a period and delighted the audience. This gentleman appears to have a way of speaking that is especially pleasing. As an entertainer he is seldom equalled.

At the afternoon session Prof. J. G. Cope gave a lucid talk on "Wireless Telegraphy." He is a close student of electricity, and his remarks were interesting. A pleasing feature of this session was a violin solo by Prof. Charles Breen, of the Normal.

The committee appointed to select a course of reading for the teachers the coming year recommended the following: Jukes-Edwards, by Dr. A. E. Winship; Maccaulay's Essays on Milton and Addison; Burke's Conciliation With the American Colonies; Thinking and Learning to Think, by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer. This report was signed by A. U. Leshner, W. C. Hosler, Anna R. Kitchen, Martha Brugler and Mary Milnes.

Institute convened at nine o'clock Thursday morning. Divine blessing was invoked by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church. All the teachers joined heartily in singing, after which Mr. O. H. Corson spoke on "Extremes in Education." Prof. Yetter gave ten minutes' instruction in music. He relinquished the platform to Rev. Stanley L. Krebs, who very pleasingly addressed the Institute on "The Psychology of Fear and Worry." A discussion on "Scientific Temperance," by Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, closed the session.

In the afternoon Rev. Krebs continued his remarks, as did also Miss Lloyd. Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert sang a solo. O. T. Corson was the last speaker of the session. His subject was the "Value and Importance of a Good School Board."

In the evening a unique entertainment was given by the local Y. M. C. A. Glee Club, assisted by Miss Welsh, reader, and Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert, soloist. Every number was well rendered.

Rev. J. D. Thomas, of the Reformed Church, presided at the opening service on Friday. Singing by the Institute. Mr. Corson spoke on "True Temperance Teaching." The remainder of the session was given up to the reports of committees and miscellaneous business, after which the Institute adjourned.

TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION.

The Condition of Several Pavements Com-
plained of. All of Which Are to
be Repaired.

There was a slim attendance at Thursday evening's meeting of the Bloomsburg Town Council, notwithstanding the fact that it was the regular monthly gathering. President Ikeler was on hand promptly, but only three of the members answered to the roll call.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on motion approved.

A permit to build a barn on the rear of his East Fourth street lot was granted to F. P. Drake.

E. B. Brower declared his intention to build on his lot on Seventh street and asked that the pavement be deferred until same is completed.

William Krickbaum asked council to extend the time limit for laying the pavement in front of the C. B. Ohl property on Seventh street, as he is only holding the property in trust for Mr. Ohl.

The pavement in front of the Aul property on Catharine street, pavement of Wm. Rhodomoyer, West street, and pavement on West side of East street, running from Sixth street to Sterner alley were complained of and ordered repaired.

A cave-in was reported to have occurred on the Neal farm. Mr. Diefenbach was delegated to examine and ascertain the cost of filling it.

Attention was called to the bad condition of the Ferry road. Referred to the Street Committee.

An arc light is asked for on the Berwick road above Park street. Referred to Light Committee.

The crossing on Catharine street over Fifth, on Centre street over Fifth and on Third street in front of the Reformed church were ordered repaired.

Mr. Cox reported that \$18.25 had been deducted from last month's electric light bill, because of poor service.

Bills were presented for expenses incurred during the month and orders issued for payment of same after which the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert sang at the Institute last week, and at the evening entertainment on Tuesday. On Sunday morning she sang "The Lost Chord" in St. Paul's Church as an offering, and did it beautifully. Her voice seems to improve each time we hear her sing. It is round, full, sweet, and sympathetic, the kind of a voice that makes the heart thrill, and brings tears to the eyes. Mr. Hummer's accompaniment was exceedingly well played.

Mrs. Gilbert sang in the M. E. Church Sunday evening, and those who heard her say that it was fully up to her usual standard. She is singing this week at the Sunbury Teacher's Institute.

Topic Cards.

A fine line of samples of Topic Cards for Christian Endeavor, Epworth League and Baptist Societies are kept at this office. Committees should call early and make their selections so that the cards will be ready by January 1st. This office can furnish them as cheap as they can be obtained in the city.

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