

A Curious Fact!

It is really remarkable the number of cheap plated watch cases sold these days, cases that will wear from six weeks to two years, containing a guarantee warranting them for 20 years.

The construction of the guarantee is misleading. The case will not wear out, although the gold is all worn off.

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that have stood the test for years, and personally guarantee every case, in addition to the manufacturer's guarantee.

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General Auctioneer.

When you need a good auctioneer it will pay you to call on the undersigned. I have had 13 years experience, I deal fair with my fellow-bidders, therefore, I am able to get you the best returns of any sale.

J. H. Ertwine.

Lamps from 25 cents to \$13.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Piano Tuning.

Will Guernsey, the piano tuner spent all last week in town. He will be here again the first week in February.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Feb. 12, 1901.

Frank Malcom, Mr. S. T. Pletcher, W. H. Stone.

O. B. MELICE, P. M.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

On Thursday evening, February 7, Salvatore Di Grazia, the world's famous Banjoist, will give an entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. building for the benefit of the Boys Brigade.

The meeting next Sunday will be an interesting one. All men should endeavor to be present.

Judge Yerkes on Kidnaping.

In addressing the Grand Jury in Bucks county recently Judge Yerkes said:

"Child stealing seems to be a growing class of crime which threatens particularly suburban communities, such as we are rapidly becoming, and there is no effective method of punishment.

"It is the duty of every community to raise its voice in favor of the punishment of such an offense in the severest sense. Now is the proper time to secure legislation to inflict additional penalties, even not short of death.

Severe measures are needed to repress this evil, and hanging is none too good for these cowardly and brutal child stealers.

STATE NEWS.

Miss J. Guss Ditting possesses the reputation of being the only woman gas plant operator in the State.

Superintendent O. O. Esser has resigned his position as superintendent of the P. & N. Y. division of the Lehigh Valley, taking effect January 15.

Beaver Meadow is excited over the presence of a strange dragon-like animal in the Old Temperance mine.

During the last year only 296,591 logs, representing 36,390,092 feet board measure, were rafted out of the Susquehanna boom.

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

Catalogue Statistics.

The annual catalogue of the University of Pennsylvania for 1900-1901, recently issued, is a publication of four hundred and eighty-seven pages.

Courses in New Jersey and Delaware practice have been added to the Law School curriculum; while in the Graduate School, a new group in Ethnology and American Archeology has been established under the direction of Professor Hilprecht.

Games from 5 cents to \$1.00 at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

KRIKBAUM'S ANSWER.

In the Common Pleas Court, Columbia County. COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, EX RELATIONE, JOHN G. HARMAN, District Attorney.

The respondent excepting and reserving, all manner of exception to the errors both in form and substance, makes answer to the said suggestion.

That it is true that he became surety at the time and in the manner suggested upon two certain bonds of the Treasurer of Columbia county.

And he further says that at the time said bonds were signed by him as one of the sureties, T. J. Vanderslice was the attorney for said treasurer, and also private counsel for the respondent.

And he further says, that he entered upon the duties of county commissioner, and duly qualified as such on the first Monday of January, 1897.

That the respondent admits the passage of the Act of Assembly approved March 31, 1860, cited in the said suggestion, but he is advised and believes that its provisions are not applicable to the facts set forth in the said suggestion.

That it is not true that the respondent while exercising the duties and office of one of the commissioners of the said county, contracted with Krickbaum and Creasy owners, proprietors and publishers of the Democratic Sentinel, a weekly newspaper published in the said county.

That it is not true that the respondent while exercising the duties and office of commissioner of the said county contracted with himself, as the owner and proprietor of the said Democratic Sentinel for the publication and printing of a certain order of court and blank forms amounting to \$9.75.

That it is not true that the respondent in the year 1898, while exercising the duties and office of commissioner of the said county contracted with himself as the owner and proprietor of the said Democratic Sentinel for the publication of the Sheriff's election proclamation, and the printing of marriage license blanks furnished to W. H. Henrie, clerk of the Orphans' Court.

That it is true that the said Sheriff published in the said Democratic Sentinel the said election proclamation for the year 1898 and that the sum of \$25.00 was paid by the said county to the respondent for the said publication.

That it is not true as set forth in the said suggestion, that the re-

spondent some time during the year 1899, while exercising the duties and office of commissioner aforesaid contracted with himself as owner and proprietor of the said Democratic Sentinel for the publication of the election proclamation.

That it is not true as set forth in the said suggestion, that in the year 1900 the respondent while exercising the duties and office of commissioner of the said county contracted with himself as owner and proprietor of the said Sentinel for the publication of the sheriff's election proclamation.

That it is not true that the respondent as set forth in the suggestion, while exercising the duties and office of commissioner of the said county contracted with himself as owner and proprietor of the said Sentinel for the subscription of the said county to the said Sentinel for the term of three years, embracing the years 1898, 1899, and 1900.

That the respondent in answer to the charge of being a stockholder of the Bloomsburg Water Company, which furnishes water to the public buildings of the said county as set forth in the said suggestion, says:

It is true that the respondent is a stockholder in the said company, and was for many years prior to his first election to the office of commissioner of the said county; that when he entered upon the duties of the said office in 1897, the said company was supplying water to the said buildings generally and have continued since that time to furnish the said water under its meter rates, for which it has been paid the sum of \$586.07 to October 30, 1900.

That the respondent in answer to the charge of being a stockholder of the Bloomsburg Electric Light Company, which supplied the said county with light during the years 1897 and 1898, says that on or about the 19 day of September, 1899, he sold and assigned all his stock in the said company, and since that time has not been a stockholder of the said company, or in any manner interested therein.

That the respondent in answer to the charge of being a stockholder of the Bloomsburg Electric Light Company, which supplied the said county with light during the years 1897 and 1898, says that on or about the 19 day of September, 1899, he sold and assigned all his stock in the said company, and since that time has not been a stockholder of the said company, or in any manner interested therein.

And the respondent further says that he was a minority holder of the stock of the said company, and the other two commissioners were not stockholders of the said company or in any manner interested therein.

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the same to the said company prior to the first Monday of January, 1900.

And the respondent further says in relation to the bond of the county treasurer filed with the said commissioners, that the said county treasurer has duly executed and delivered to the said commissioners in the place and stead of said bond, a new bond in the sum of \$50,000 with good and sufficient sureties, which has been approved and accepted by said commissioners and filed in their office, as and for the bond of said treasurer, and the respondent further says that he is not now a surety on the bond of said treasurer required to be given by him as such treasurer to the commissioners of said county, and that the bond of the county treasurer to the said commissioners and recited in said suggestion has been cancelled by resolution of the board of commissioners of said county and is not now in force.

WM. KRICKBAUM.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, SS: William Krickbaum being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day of January, 1901.

J. C. RUTTER, JR., Register and Recorder.

In connection with the foregoing, the following affidavit is pertinent: COLUMBIA COUNTY, SS:

Whereas William Krickbaum, one of the County Commissioners of Columbia county has become one of the sureties of the Treasurer's bond of said county, Jeremiah Snyder being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the treasurer of Columbia county, that said William Krickbaum is one of his sureties, that at the time of the execution of the said bond, the said William Krickbaum suggested in as much as he was one of the County Commissioners he had better not become one of said sureties; at that time stating that it might be a mistake for him to do so, whereupon T. J. Vanderslice, who was my attorney at that time, stated "That does not make any difference, that is all right," whereupon said Krickbaum with Wellington Yeager, Simon Carl, Wm. Adams and others signed and executed said bond.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 31st day of December, A. D. 1900.

On Friday last a replication was filed. It is as follows: In re Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex relatione John G. Harman, District Attorney, vs. William Krickbaum.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, No. 6, Dec. Term, 1900.

The relator, John G. Harman, District Attorney of Columbia County, excepting and reserving all manner of exceptions to the errors, both in form and substance, makes answer, replication and demurrer, to the alleged answer of William Krickbaum, respondent, in the above entitled proceeding, as follows:

First: So far as the said answer of the respondent admits the facts recited in the suggestion of the relator and demurs thereto, the said relator joins in said demurrer and says that petition and suggestion are sufficient in law, and therefore moves the Court for judgment of ouster.

Second: So far as said answer expressly denies the facts recited in said suggestion and petition, the said relator joins issue.

Third: For further reply to the new matter contained in said answer the relator excepts to the scandalous and impertinent allegation contained therein, that T. J. Vanderslice was at the time said bond was executed and approved, Attorney for the said County Treasurer, and at the same time private counsel for said respondent, and advised the execution and approval of said bond in the manner stated in said suggestion, and moves the Court to expunge from the record said scandalous and impertinent matter.

Fourth: For further reply to the said new matter, the relator admits that the facts recited on the last page of respondent's answer in regard to the cancellation of the original bond of the said County Treasurer, and the substitution of a new bond in the place and stead of the old one, are true as stated and set forth in said answer, and the relator demurs thereto and suggests to said Court that the action of said County Commissioners in canceling the said original bond, was in itself a violation of Section 171 of the Act of March 31st, 1860, and said action of the respondent in itself makes him liable to be removed from office for violating the provisions of said Act and the relator asks that said

violation be considered as a part of the original suggestion in this case, and therefore moves the Court for judgment of ouster.

F. T. IKELER, JOHN G. HARMAN, GRANT HERRING, Attorneys for Relator. STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA } ss. COUNTY OF COLUMBIA. } John G. Harman, District Attorney of Columbia County, being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the within answer, replication and demurrer, are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

A Great Convenience to the Public

The Lackawanna Railroad is planning still further improvements in its Dining Car Service. Having equipped its through trains with palatial dining cars and opened an elaborate restaurant in its Hoboken terminal, it is now arranging to supply a buffet service on through express trains between New York and Plymouth, Pa., via Scranton.

The train leaving New York at 4:00 p. m. will be equipped with a vestibule buffet, drawing room, parlor car, enabling patrons to secure dinner before reaching Plymouth.

Not only will the parlor car passengers have the benefit of the new service, but arrangements have been made whereby the occupants of the coaches may also enjoy a similar service. A portion of the coach nearest the parlor car on each train has been fitted up with four tables, suitably secured by headboards, and a special waiter will be in charge of this portion of the car.

Recently the editor of the Cresco (La.) Times gave an instructive talk to his patrons through the medium of his columns.

"The 'Times' has had three propositions within six months to publish 'write ups' with views of Cresco business enterprises and business men and buildings.

"What the merchant needs to help him sell goods is not a picture of his good building, or good looking face, but an advertisement in the papers of what he has to sell and then to invariably adhere to price and quality to the specifications of the advertisement.

"Editors have an opportunity to scan pretty closely the effect of different kinds of advertising, and to see the effect of neglecting to advertise in the local papers. The observant editor might be dropped down into a dozen stores in a town, in which he was an entire stranger, and he could determine in half an hour any pleasant weekday which of the stores advertise judiciously.

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