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Judge Halsey Files an Important Opinion

Removing William Krickbaum From the Office of County Commissioner.

On Monday morning last the papers in the case involving William Krickbaum's title to the office of county commissioner were received in the Prothonotary's office, and among them was a lengthy opinion by Judge Halsey, of Wilkes-Barre, who presided specially in the case. The opinion would fill over three columns of this paper, and it is therefore not printed in full. The substance of it is that Mr. Krickbaum violated the Act of 31st March 1860, which reads as follows:

"It shall not be lawful for any councilman, burgess, trustee, manager or director of any corporation, municipality or public institution to be at the same time a treasurer, secretary or other officer subordinate to the president and directors who shall receive a salary therefrom or be the surety of such officer, nor shall any member of any corporation or public institution or any officer or agent thereof be in anywise interested in any contract for the sale or furnishing of any supplies or materials to be furnished to or for the use of any corporation, municipality or public institution of which he shall be a member or officer or for which he shall be an agent, nor directly nor indirectly interested therein, nor receive any reward or gratuity from any person interested in such contract or sale and any person violating these provisions or either of them shall forfeit his membership in such corporation, municipality or institution and his office or appointment thereunder and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars."

It was admitted that Jeremiah Snyder was treasurer of Columbia county, and William Krickbaum was a commissioner, and that Mr. Krickbaum was one of the sureties on the treasurer's bond. Judge Halsey finds that a county is a corporation such as is named in the Act, and that a commissioner is such a trustee as is contemplated by the Act, and so made the following order:

"Now 11th day of March 1901, judgment is entered in this case upon the demurrer against William Krickbaum, the defendant, as guilty of unlawfully holding and exercising the office of County Commissioner for the County of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and that the said William Krickbaum the defendant be ousted and altogether excluded from such office and that the relator recover the costs of the proceedings from the defendant."

Concerning the other matters charged by the relator, that is, the publishing of the County Statement, Sheriff's proclamation, furnishing printed blanks &c., contracting for gas, water and electric light for the county while being a stockholder in these corporations, Judge Halsey says:

"As to the other suggestions contained in the information, it is not clear that they are not traversed by the answer of the respondent. It is certainly so as to most of them by direct denials and as to the other by qualified denials that would seem to make it necessary to send them to a jury. However, as we have reached a conclusion that will compel us to enter judgment upon the demurrer in favor of the relator, there does not seem to be any necessity at this time that we should take up and discuss those allegations in the suggestions which possibly may be admitted in the answer and covered by the demurrer."

Concerning the filing of a new bond on which Mr. Krickbaum was not surety the court says:

"The amendment filed on the 11th of February 1901 to the answer does not in our opinion, change the status of the respondent to the bond of the County Treasurer upon which he is a surety. The bond alleged in the amendment would not relieve the respondent from his liability between the date of the qualification of the County Treasurer and the date of the giving of the new bond, because it does not appear in the answer that the

THE HAND OF DEATH

Has Been Felt in Many Homes During the Past Week.

Infrequently, Indeed, Does Death's Register Contain So Many Names.

JOSHUA HUGH ALLEN.

Again has life's uncertainties been demonstrated. Once more has the oft repeated saying, "the old must die, and the young may die," been verified. Seldom does there a day pass that some death is not recorded. Sunday morning, a little before seven o'clock occurred the sad death of a young man who had not yet attained his majority. Joshua Hugh Allen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen, of Iron street, an unusual favorite, not only with his young friends and associates, but with every one who knew him. The announcement of his death came to the community very unexpectedly. Although a great many knew that he had been ill and that the malady with which he was afflicted was serious in nature, but few outside the family circle imagined that his condition was so critical or that the death angel hovered near.

Early in November the symptoms of the disease known as diabetes manifested themselves and he was forced to leave State College, where he had been a student for three years, and come home, since which time he had been under the care of a physician. He at times showed signs of improvement, and rallied to such an extent that he was able to be out and about. On Friday, however, his condition assumed an alarming phase. The disease baffled treatment and on Sunday morning his spirit left its earthly tenement. His exact age was nineteen years, ten months and twenty-six days. As stated above he had been attending State College for about three years, pursuing a course in mechanical engineering. He would have graduated from the institution in June. Cut down in the morning of life, with a bright future before him, his death is indeed sad, and the sympathy of the whole community is extended to the sorrowing parents.

The remains were removed Monday evening to the home of his grandmother Mrs. Joshua Fetterman, on Main street, from which place the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hemingway, of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. M. E. McLinn, of the Lutheran church.

A delegation of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a fraternal order connected with the College, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body and conducted a short service over the remains.

A. L. TUSTIN.

The home of Mrs. J. P. Tustin on West First street, had a visitation of death Sunday morning when the life of her son, A. L. Tustin, ebbed away. The deceased was well known by reason of his having been connected at one time with the Irondale Company, and later with the First National Bank of Catawissa. With the first mentioned corporation he filled the position of book-keeper. He was cashier of the bank for several years or up until the time that failing health compelled a change of climate. In 1893 he went to Colorado, thinking that the atmosphere of the far west would be beneficial. But not so. As time passed he grew weaker, and at last decided to come home. He arrived here Thursday last. He was taken to the family home, where his death occurred as stated.

The deceased was thirty-eight years old. The surviving members of the family are a mother, two sisters and two brothers. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. D. Smith of the Baptist church.

GEORGE F. VAN BUSKIRK.

The death of George F. Van Buskirk which occurred Monday morning, removes another of Bloomsburg's aged residents. He has lived here since 1892, moving to this town from Hughesville, where he had been engaged in the furniture business. For some years after locating in our midst he was employed at the furniture fac-

A SUICIDE.

Dr. Zaner, a Former Resident of this County, Cuts His Throat.

Brooding Over the Death of His Wife, which Occurred Recently, the Supposed Cause.

We clip the following from the Wilkes-Barre Record. The subject was born and raised in this county. He was a son of the late John Zaner, and up to the time of the latter's death which occurred a few years ago, resided at the family homestead in Fishingcreek township. It was after his father that the Zaner station on the B. & S. Railroad was named. There are two sisters still residing in this county, Mrs. Frank M. Hess of Stillwater, and Mrs. Alverna Hess, of Bloomsburg. The Record says:

"Dependent over the loss of his wife, to whom he was greatly devoted, Dr. Lloyd Zaner, a son of the late John Zaner and a prominent veterinarian of this city, on Saturday attempted suicide by slashing his throat and wrists with a razor. The deed was committed in his office at the livery stable of Charles Zellner, rear of the Bristol House.

Since the death of his wife about two weeks ago Dr. Zaner has brooded continually over his loss and became nervous and was unable to sleep. To some of his friends he told of his sufferings and stated that death would be a relief to him. A change was noticed in his manner, but no one thought he contemplated so rash a step.

On Saturday morning at 7 o'clock he went to his office and talked freely to Mr. Zellner for several minutes. The latter then went away and did not return until about 8 o'clock. He called for the doctor, but received no answer. Looking about he discovered him lying at the rear of the apartment in a pool of blood. He had cut his throat with a razor, severing several arteries and partly severing the windpipe. Both wrists were also cut.

After his wounds were dressed he was taken to the Mercy Hospital. Last evening he was getting along nicely and unless blood poisoning sets in he will probably recover.

Dr. Zaner is 36 years old and graduated as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Pennsylvania. He came here from Columbia County several years ago and built up a nice practice. Since the death of his wife he has lived with his mother-in-law, Mrs. White and her daughter, on South Main street. He has two sisters residing in Columbia County.

Dr. Zaner died from the effects of his injuries at the above named hospital Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

Court Proceedings.

Hon. R. R. Little and Associates Fox and Kurtz presided at a short session of court held on Thursday.

The restaurant license held by P. B. Heddens was transferred to Susan Fairman.

Estate of Ezra Stephens. Petition for citation. Citation awarded.

MONDAY.

Court convened at 4:30 p. m. Estate of Harriet Carr. Petition of administrator to raise money on real estate by mortgage or sale. Order granted.

W. E. Summers vs. B. & S. R. R. Company. Motion to strike off nonsuit. Rule absolute and cause to be placed at head of list for next term.

Co-operative Savings Loan Association vs. William Gross. Motion to open judgment and stay execution. Rule granted.

Petition of William Gingles, sequestrator of John Wolt, for rule to show cause why he shall not make certain expenditures. Rule granted.

Com. vs. William Krickbaum. Petition of relator for injunction and order of Court therein filed. Writ of injunction granted.

Editorial Trip.

A number of editors from this section will join a party at Scranton on Friday, and go to Buffalo to inspect the buildings and grounds of the Pan-American Exposition. The train starts from New York so that there will be a large number in the party. The editors take the trip as the guests of the Lackawanna Railroad. Those who go from here will not reach home until Sunday noon.

HIGH WATER

Carries Away Two Bridges and Partly Destroys Another.

Overflowing Streams Cause Consternation to People Residing on Low Lands.

A severe rain and wind storm swooped down on this section Sunday night. According to reports received from different sections of the county, it was quite general in extent, and the damages wrought by it will reach thousands of dollars. The Central Pennsylvania & Western Railroad suffered heavily. One of the company's bridges across Green creek, between Orangeville and Rohrsburg was carried away by the swollen current, and two others badly damaged. The one at Eversgrove and another near Washingtonville. Traffic of every description has been abandoned for the present.

The streams rose with a rapidity, seldom equalled and the increased strength of the water together with the huge cakes of ice swept nearly everything before it. A bridge over Briarcreek some distance this side of Berwick was swept away, and the water did considerable damage to property in that vicinity.

Many persons living along what is known as Little Fishingcreek, in the vicinity of Mordansville, were obliged to get up about two o'clock in the morning, and remove their live stock to places of safety. The streams had overflowed its banks and the water covered the low points in the land to the depth of several feet. A number of cellars in town were filled with water, and the road between the two bridges a short distance below town was completely inundated.

Sacred Concert.

The service at the Y. M. C. A. building next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 will be a sacred concert under the leadership of Mr. F. B. Hartman. The program will be very attractive and a delightful hour is in store for every one who will be fortunate enough to be present.

Several numbers will be rendered by the male choir, and also choirs of mixed voices.

A full orchestra will play under the direction of Mr. F. N. Turner.

All men are cordially invited.

Expanding their Business.

The well-known firm of I. W. Hartman & Son is making extensive improvements to their store building on the corner of Main and Market streets and after April 1st the entire first floor will be used in the conduct of their constantly increasing business. The rooms until recently occupied by Miffin & Terwilliger, are being repaired and the partition between the two rooms entirely torn out to make additional space. The work is being done by Samuel Shaffer.

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