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## Supt. Hackett Assaulted

Pounced Upon by Edward Moore, Who Had Been Annoying Passengers.—Breaks Away From Officers.

### SHOT WHILE IN FLIGHT.

There was genuine excitement on the street in front of the Exchange Hotel at ten o'clock Friday night. The commotion was the result of an assault upon Superintendent of the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway, David G. Hackett, by one Edward Moore, and grow out of an attempt by Mr. Hackett, to remonstrate with Moore and a companion, Frank Boice, who were persistently insulting and annoying passengers on the trolley car.

It appears that when the car left Berwick at or about nine o'clock, Moore and Boice were on board. They had in their possession a small garter snake, which they passed from one to another, accompanying the transfers with the vilest of language. The conductor requested them to behave, but they paid no heed to him, and continued to make scandalous noises of themselves to the annoyance and terror of the other passengers, a number of whom were ladies.

Superintendent Hackett boarded the car at Espy. He at once took in the situation, and feeling himself officially responsible for the maintenance of order in the car, he threatened to put them off unless they kept quiet. His entreaties only called forth obnoxious and insulting remarks from the rowdies, who were apparently wanting a fight. They got off the car at the power house.

Mr. Hackett decided to have them arrested, but was unable at the time to find a policeman. He had left the Company's office in the First National Bank building and was going to the Exchange Hotel. He was about to enter, when Moore, who had been waiting for him, stepped out and dealt him a stinging blow in the face. He fell to the pavement and Moore ran away.

Chief of Police Wesley Knorr and Constable Miles Betz started in pursuit. He was finally captured in an alley in the rear of Seventh street. It was the purpose of the officers to place him in the lock-up over night. He walked along between the two until they reached Turnbach's alley, when he broke away. Several shots were fired after him by constable Betz. The next morning it was learned that he was at home and that he had been shot in the heel. Dr. Gardner was summoned but could not extract the bullet.

Moore has given a bond. He will be taken into custody as soon as his condition will permit. Moore is not entitled to receive any leniency. It is high time that the practice of ruffianism on the trolley cars be broken up. The limit of the law in this case may have a wholesome effect.

Moore was carrying a pair of lineman's climbers and it is believed that he struck his victim with them. Mr. Hackett's face was cut in several places.

Realized \$22.30.

The old rubbers gathered up about the town by the Library Department of the Civic Club on the two days set apart for that purpose last week were sold and netted \$22.30 which amount has been turned over to the library fund. The committee who had the matter in charge desire to thank the public for their assistance and especially the school children. It is the purpose of the committee to observe "Rubber Day" semi-annually hereafter and the people are kindly asked to lay aside all the old rubbers and they will be called for on the dates to be decided upon later. "Bottle Day" will be observed next, when all old bottles of pint and quart sizes will be gathered and sold for the benefit of the library fund.

Misses Mary and Martha Clark went to New York on Wednesday, where they will visit the family of Dr. E. F. Smith until Saturday, when they will sail from Brooklyn at 3:30 o'clock on the steamer King Edward. They will land at Naples in about twelve days. Their sister Mrs. R. C. Neal will accompany them.

## Now in Court's Hands

The Final Hearing in Bridge Matter Held Saturday.

### Taxpayers File Petition.

The final hearing in the matter of the crossing at the Millinville bridge was held Saturday. There was an unexpected move made when Fred Ikeler appeared before the Court and filed the following petition:

And now March 21, 1903, T. J. Vanderslice and Ikeler & Ikeler, attorneys for certain citizens and taxpayers of Columbia County, interested in the construction of the Millinville river bridge, respectfully move the Court to be permitted to intervene in said proceedings and to stay any further action upon the petition and answer filed, and to dismiss all proceedings heretofore and thereon for the following reasons:

First—That the Act of June 7, 1901, under which the original petition in this case was brought does not apply to the crossing of the highway in question with the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the southern end of the county bridge over the Susquehanna river at the village of Millinville.

Second—That the crossing under consideration in these proceedings is not a new crossing, about to be established.

Third—That the Court is without jurisdiction of the subject.

Fourth—That if said proceedings are further continued, in great and useless expense may fall upon the citizens and taxpayers of said county, both in said proceedings and in any alterations that may be ordered in the erection of the said bridge.

Mr. Robison, for the commissioners, objected to the proceedings most strenuously, although his purpose in doing so was not apparent, as the end desired by the citizens and taxpayers was practically the same as that for which the commissioners are holding out. Mr. Robison stated that the commissioners were ever willing to receive suggestions from tax payers, no matter in what part of the county they reside, but they don't propose to be dictated to. The position taken by him caused some surprise.

Counsel for the Railroad Company, as might be expected, objected to the proceedings too.

The main point that the Railroad Company wished to show was that the proposed change from a grade to an overhead crossing would not affect the stability of the bridge. In support of this contention they called first Oscar Thompson, a consulting engineer. In his opinion the bridge, if change was adopted, would be reasonably safe, but not quite so strong as if the masonry were run all the way up.

E. F. Fenny, another engineer in the Railroad Company's employ, testified that the bridge would be strong enough if the modified plans were followed, but not so safe.

The testimony of the King Bridge Co's agent, Mr. MacNoll, showed that the change would delay the completion of the bridge for at least seven months. The Bridge Company, he said, had agreed to make the proposed changes for \$13,000. This includes the additional span across the railroad tracks, the raising of the piers sufficiently to accommodate the required nineteen foot head clearance and the grading to the abutment. The masonry at the south end, according to his calculations, would cost \$4,620. This is not included in the company's estimate.

The only witness called by the Commissioners was Boyd Trescott of Millville, the purpose of which was to show what the proposed changes would cost the county. The additional expense in the construction he said would amount to \$4,300, beside the extra expense of keeping up and in repair the additional span of 100 feet and the additional fill. His testimony was allowed to stand without any cross examination.

At the conclusion of the testimony Judge Little stated that the evidence would be thoroughly weighed and the whole matter carefully considered before a decision would be reached.

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### VOTING IN THE COUNCIL.

The President of the Town Council is a member of that body. He has all the rights and privileges of a member as to voting, or anything else. Ordinarily when there is an even number of members present it is well enough for the President to withhold his vote until the last, in order to prevent a tie, but there is nothing in the law of our organization that requires him to cast the deciding vote.

The chief contest that occurs each year is when the new council organizes, and the appointment of the several officers are to be made. It sometimes has happened that some of the members want a secret ballot, and thus in case of a tie vote they put upon the President the responsibility of casting the deciding vote, and everyone knows how he votes, while the others shield themselves behind a secret ballot.

In the first place, there would be no desire for a secret ballot if members would not promise their support to more than one person for each position. Secrecy is adopted because some of them promise to vote for several persons for the same office, and the secret ballot enables them to assure each candidate that they voted for him.

In the second place, a secret ballot is unlawful. The By-laws provide that all the business of the Town shall be done openly. Any councilman who has not the courage to let the public know how he votes, ought to resign. Another by-law provides that the yeas and nays may be called for on any question, so that a secret ballot may thus be prevented, even if adopted. Let the secret ballot be dropped. The public have a right to know just what the Council is doing, and the secret ballot, even if lawful, is not the method adopted by men who have moral courage enough to stand by their convictions.

Miss Bessie Richart, daughter of W. C. Richart of Iron street is rapidly improving. She was operated on recently for appendicitis, by Dr. Nutt of Williamsport and Dr. J. W. Bruner, assisted by Dr. Arment.

### MRS. MARGARET P. MEIGS.

After an illness lasting since November 24th, 1902, Mrs. Margaret Pollock Meigs died at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. C. Riley, in Pottsville on Wednesday morning, March 25th, aged fifty-six years. She was a daughter of William Pollock of Pottsville, who died only a few months ago, and the widow of William Gould Meigs of Pottstown. Several years ago Mrs. Meigs came to Bloomsburg to make her home here, and resided with her son, William P. Meigs, Superintendent of the Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Co. While visiting her sister Mrs. Riley, in Pottsville last November, she was stricken with an illness that proved to be Bright's Disease, and gradually grew worse until death came.

Mrs. Meigs was an earnest christian woman. She had been for many years a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was active in all church work.

She is survived by three sons, William P. of Bloomsburg, Curtis C. of Pottsville, and George M. of Philadelphia. She was a sister of James Pollock of Wilkes-Barre, Frank Pollock of Harrisburg, Mrs. J. C. Walker and Mrs. Mary Hubley of Philadelphia, and Mrs. A. C. Riley of Pottsville.

The funeral will be held in Pottsville tomorrow, and the remains will be taken to Pottstown for burial.

### Death From Heart Failure.

Mrs. Rachael McNinch died suddenly from heart failure at her home on West Fourth street at half past five Monday morning. She, to all appearances, had been in good health and the summons came very unexpectedly. Mrs. McNinch was in her seventieth year. Many friends give testimony to her many good qualities as a neighbor and friend. From early childhood she had been a member of the Presbyterian church and she closed her eyes with a firm belief in the faith. The funeral will take place at the house tomorrow afternoon at half past one o'clock and the remains taken to Danville for burial.

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