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IN THE COURT ROOM.

The September Session is Being Largely Attended.—A Large Calendar.

TWO MURDER CASES.

The September session of Court opened at ten o'clock Monday morning with the largest attendance for a long time. The room was nearly filled with people, and there appeared to be a general manifestation of interest.

Among the most important cases to be tried, and the ones which are attracting the most attention are the two murder cases. Amandus Levan charged with the murder of James McAndrews, and John Sesock and John Cowash charged with the murder of George Watsky. Beside these there are a couple of highway robbery cases, and taking it all together there will be an exciting week.

W. P. Arter, constable of Catawissa was ordered by the court to confer with the District Attorney in regard to information made by Tillman Kleckner that Charles Baker of Catawissa was bottling beer without a license.

The Grand Jury was called and sworn. B. B. Freas made foreman. Judge Little stated that the Court respected Labor Day, but that action by the Grand Jury upon cases brought before it would be necessary. He then in caustic terms condemned the recent interference with the Democratic primaries in some of the districts of the County. In concluding he said it was just this sort of action that compelled Washington to hang the brilliant and noble Andre.

In regard to the numerous complaints of the roads in the various townships Judge Little stated that supervisors should investigate the complaints and not only rely on the information of other parties, and that complaints against supervisors should be made in regular form before a Justice of the Peace so that prosecution could be made at the following term of Court. This way the complaints reach the Court too late and the supervisors are to prepare a defense, thereby causing continuance, the roads are fixed and prosecution discontinued.

Instructions were then given to keep everybody out of the Grand Jury room during the deliberations of the Grand Jury. Neither the District Attorney nor tipstaff has right to be there at that time. This arose from the fact that a tipstaff at last term of Court was present during the deliberation and an attempt was made to throw out the indictments on the ground of irregularity.

In the matter of the Sheriff's sale of the Catawissa Fibre Company, Limited. Opinion and order of Court filed.

Estate of Daniel A. Kitchen. Return of sale of real estate confirmed nisi.

Petition for partition in estate of Sarah Yeager, deceased. Inquest awarded.

Estate of Philip Seesholtz, deceased. Now, September 7, 1903, rule granted to show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted by the Court.

Auditor's report in the estate of Samuel Rhimard, late of Briar creek township, deceased. Confirmed nisi.

Estate of John Brobst, late of the Town of Bloomsburg. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

Estate of Benjamin Miller, late of Scott township, deceased. Confirmed nisi.

Report of Auditor in partition in Nelson vs. Boone. Confirmed nisi.

Petition for appointment of a guardian. Arthur Cole was appointed guardian. Bond in the sum of \$250 approved.

Petition of Stanley Kile for appointment of a guardian. Leonard Kile appointed guardian. Bond in the sum of \$250 approved.

Estate of Wm. H. Creasy, late of Catawissa township, dec'd. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Petition of Samuel Pursel, guardian of Edward Jacoby, to sell real estate of wards in town of Bloomsburg. Petition granted.

Estate of Peter Baldy, late of Catawissa Borough, dec'd. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

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Upper End Sensation.

Calvin Sutliff Accused of Poisoning Richard Hess' Horse.

Settlement of Estate the Cause

The upper end of the county has a sensation now. It is a poisoning case, and as the result of which Richard Hess, of near Central, one of the good, respectable, and best known residents of that section of the county lost a valuable horse.

Paris green was the poison used, and the perpetrator, was extremely liberal with it, as the trough from which the horse had eaten, was literally coated with the death dealing stuff.

The man charged with the crime is Calvin Sutliff, a step-son of Mr. Hess'. The accusation is based on some troubles growing out of the settlement of an estate, that of the prosecutor's first wife, and in whose will the defendant was named as executor. His arrest was made by Frank Grandell, a detective, placed upon the case by District Attorney Duy, and who has been working quietly but sedulously for several weeks past.

THE HEARING.

A hearing was held before Justice of the Peace Jacoby Saturday afternoon. The first witness called was the prosecutor Richard Hess. He told how he made the discovery of the poison. It was early in the morning of August 6th about five o'clock as near as he could remember. The barn door being partly open aroused his suspicions that everything was not right, and he immediately investigated. The first thing to attract his attention was some fresh grass which had evidently been cut and put into the horse's feed trough. He then examined the trough and found that it was lined with paris green. The horse died two days later. The witness on being questioned as to why he suspected Sutliff, said that they had had some trouble over an estate. Sutliff was the executor, and he advertised the property in which he (Hess) was living for sale, which precipitated a quarrel.

The second witness, Perry E. Hess, son of the defendant, knew little or nothing of the existing animosity between his father and Sutliff. His testimony, however was important and had particular bearing on the case as he had purchased a package of paris green for Mrs. Sutliff, wife of the defendant, at Jameson City, previous to the poisoning of the horse. On the day in question, Mrs. Sutliff and Miss Bertha Lyons, were at the Hess home, and he was driving them to their homes when Mrs. Sutliff asked him to buy the paris green. This was in July, but he could not give the exact date.

C. B. Ammerman merchant at Jamison City, testified to the sale of the poison to Mr. Hess, and also to the sale of another package of the same thing to Mrs. Sutliff. His memory was clear on the second sale because Mrs. Sutliff said the people in the neighborhood were accusing her of buying Paris green in two packages.

A. M. Harvey the next witness, testified that he and his two sons, Rush and Clyde, passed the Hess house on the night of August 5. They saw a man standing in the road in front of the house, but as they drew near he stepped in the shadow of a tree and pulled his hat down over his eyes. He spoke to him but received no answer. The witness said he would not attempt to identify him.

In order to shorten the hearing, Counsel for defendant agreed that the evidence of the boys would corroborate that of their father and they were not called.

Curry Mausteller, a carpenter, employed by the B. & S. R. R. Co. was breaking on the down train on the morning of Aug. 6. He saw Sutliff on the train, and spoke to him but he did not answer. Sutliff he said acted as though he did not want to be seen. He could say where Sutliff boarded the train, but he got off at Benton. He recalled the incident because it was the day of the Farmer's picnic.

In cross-examination Counsel for defendant attempted to get the witness tangled, and put the same question in a different form two or three times, but the witness perceived his purpose, and answered

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WM. H. HIDLAY, CASHIER.

"Oh, you can't mix me, I was there all right.

A. L. Fritz, Esq. who acted as counsel for Sutliff in the settlement of the estate, testified that he had received word from his client stating that their bills for the sale of the property in which Mr. Hess, the prosecutor lived, had been printed, but knowing that the sale would be anomalous, there having been no order of sale taken out, he advised Sutliff to take down the bills and to have the advertisement discontinued.

It was the purpose of the prosecution to show that Sutliff had acted in accordance with the advice of his attorney, and called A. H. Edgar, of the Benton Argus, in which paper the advertisement had been running but Edgar was not present. Defendant's Counsel agreed that his testimony would substantiate that of Mr. Fritz.

This closed the evidence, and District Attorney Duy moved that the defendant be held for Court. He was accordingly bound over for the September term, with the understanding that the case will be continued until the December term.

The defendant was held in the sum of \$800, with Thomas Coleman and C. J. Seigfried as sureties. Counsel in the case are A. W. Duy, J. G. Freeze and C. W. Miller for the prosecution and Keler & Keler and A. L. Fritz for the defense.

SONG RECITAL.

The program arranged for the recital given by Mrs. Ella Fox Gilbert, assisted by Mrs. Marion Harter Miller and Mrs. Maud Runyon Colley, in the Parish House last Friday night was a most attractive one in every number. Mrs. Gilbert sang with that depth of feeling and warm expression that is so characteristic of all her work, and Mrs. Miller played the violin most charmingly. Mrs. Colley accompanied Mrs. Miller, and also Mrs. Gilbert in those numbers where Mrs. Miller played the violin obligato. The platform was prettily decorated with palms and flowers, and the piano loaned by Mr. Saltzer gave excellent service.

The audience—well, the audience was of the very best—what there was of it. The Parish House will comfortably seat three hundred people, and it should have been filled. Mrs. Gilbert, born and raised in Bloomsburg, was desirous of doing something by her own efforts and the assistance of her friends, for the benefit of the Public Library. Time after time she has willingly given her services at public entertainments for the benefit of many of the churches of the town and for numerous other charitable objects.

But when she offers an entertainment of her own, with a small admission fee, there are only seventy nine people in the town who have a quarter to spare for that purpose.

Such lack of appreciation is certainly discouraging to people who have talents and accomplishments that have been so freely given when other people derived the benefit and the credit.

Perhaps the foregoing does not at all express the feelings of Mrs. Gilbert, but if she doesn't think as we do, she ought to.

Granted a Charter.

A Charter has been granted to the Danville and Bloomsburg Electric Railway Co. which is composed of the same people who make up the Danville and Riverside Street Railway Company. The two charters provide for a line extending from Bloomsburg to Riverside Borough.

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The regular \$1.25 hunting coat in this sale at 98 cents.

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HOME FROM THE WEST.

After an absence of nearly three months Donald G. Herring reached home on Sunday morning. He started about the middle of June with five other young men for a trip through the wilds of the western country, and accompanied by a guide they traveled through Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. He had the experience of riding over the sandy deserts on horse-back, camping at night sometimes without water, and riding altogether about eight hundred miles on the saddle. They visited the Yellowstone National Park, and all other places of interest in that section. Donald returns bronzed and robust, and speaks of the strenuous portions of his trip as being of such a character that he does not care to repeat them, though the experience gained he considers most valuable. Much of the journey was in the pale of civilization and all that was of course very delightful.

YETTER'S HOTEL.

When a hotel sets a table that satisfies the taste, and is better than the ordinary, it does not take long for the public to find it out. That is the reason why for some years past Boyd R. Yetter's hotel at Mainville has been largely patronized. During the winter there are frequently sleighing parties that drive over there for supper, and in the summer a Sunday dinner at Yetter's is one of the attractions hereabouts. Without any attempt at great display, they serve meals cooked to perfection, on spotless linen, in great variety, and plenty of it, and everybody who goes over there wants to go again. Last Sunday there were forty-two guests for dinner, half of them being from Bloomsburg, and that too without any pre-arrangement, all meeting there by chance. Mr. Yetter is a progressive landlord and his hotel is up-to-date.

Mrs. Ella Fox—Gilbert sang a solo in the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon, and at the Methodist Church in the evening.

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