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JURY ACQUITS JOHN MILLER AND SON.

A case which aroused considerable interest was that of the Commonwealth vs. John Miller Sr. and his son Miller Jr., who were charged with assisting a prisoner to escape from G. C. Bellas, a deputy constable of Briar creek township.

These facts were attested to by the prosecutors, C. G. Bellas and William Hunsinger, the assistant constable. William Boyles was also a Commonwealth witness, but his testimony was more favorable to the defense.

The defense sought to prove that neither Miller or his son had in any way interfered with the Constable. To get Schobert's testimony required an interpreter, he being an Austrian. His story was that he was accosted by Constable Bellas who had a revolver in his hand and demanded ten dollars to settle the case.

Further testimony of the same kind was given by Miller and his son, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Schobert.

W. C. Johnston, Esq. closed to the jury for the defense and District Attorney Dwyer for the prosecution. The Court charged the jury and they retired. After an hour's deliberation a verdict of not guilty and dividing the costs between the prosecutor and defendants was returned.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR STEALING CHICKENS.

A fine of \$50, costs of prosecution and imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for one year, was a sentence passed upon James Hummel by Judge Little in court yesterday. "Dutch," as he is commonly known, has been plying his vocation for some time, and many hen coops in the Fourth Ward have been robbed of their choicest specimens.

There is now a natural bridge over the river at Catawissa, which has materially increased the travel on the trolley. The ice on the Catawissa side is reported to be a foot thick.

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THEATRICAL.

"DORA THORNE."

"Dora Thorne," a dramatized novel of the present season, marks a new departure in melodrama. The story of the play follows the book accurately enough to permit the use of the title, but the playwright has chosen the incidents and happenings with excellent taste, and woven them into a play that is interesting in the extreme.

THE HOLY CITY.

The Holy City is correctly described in the theatre program as a powerful dramatic story of old Jerusalem in the time of our Saviour. It is a very strong play and Gordon & Bennett's presentation at the Academy last evening was a creditable one.

"A DEVIL'S LANE."

Is one of the brightest, merriest plays ever. The "Evil Genius" himself has nothing to do with it. The comedy is in four acts and is said to be one of the most interesting and altogether pleasing plays ever written. Although built for laughter, it has a strong and consistent plot. It is elegantly staged and fetchingly costumed.

Sunbury Will Be Fast.

If reports are true, and they come from a seemingly very reliable source, Sunbury the coming season will have a base ball team far superior to anything that has ever represented the Northumberland County seat. Our informant was unable to give us the entire roster of the team, but he enumerated a sufficient number of stars to satisfy us that there will be nothing stronger around this section of the state.

Will be in Operation Within a Year.

Charles Hancock, says the Sunbury Daily, one of the prominent citizens of Danville, was in this city on Friday. Mr. Hancock is largely interested in the Danville & Sunbury Electric Railroad, and is a director of the company.

He says that the building of the road is an assured fact and that the company expect to have it completed and in running order by the first of November.

A number of contracts have been made, the rights of way have been secured over almost the entire route, and as soon as the blue birds arrive active work will commence on the construction of the road.

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The second Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York, Philadelphia, and Washington by special train February 14. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Buffalo, \$54.25; Rochester, \$54.00; Elmira, \$51.45; Erie, \$54.85; Williamsport, \$50.00; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; and at proportionate rates from other points.

A similar tour will be run February 28.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Farmer's Institute.

The farmers of Columbia county will be interested to learn that there will be held this year a series of Farmers' Institutes at Mainville on March 1st and 2nd; at Rhorsburg on March 3rd and 4th; at Jerseytown on March 6th. A number of instructors from other parts of the state will be present to join with the farmers of these localities in the discussion of topics relative to agriculture.

These meetings will be free and open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by attending them.

Much Coal in River.

Rivermen say that the high water following the last break-up of the ice in the Susquehanna brought down a large amount of coal and culm and that from indications there will be lively business in river coal when favorable weather arrives.

From Harrisburg it is reported that the coal has lodged against a number of the piers and in the eddies and along the islands and bars. In some places where ice has formed and broken it was found that there were whole banks of coal and that some of it had frozen to the ice.

Theatrical People Wed.

Joseph Wilson and Rose St. Wayne Jones, members of the Quincy Adams Sawyer Co., which appeared here Monday evening of last week, were married in Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday.

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FEBRUARY COURT IN FULL SWING.

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noon of December 15th last, she was returning from the school house to the home of her grandfather, William Parks, with whom she and her mother were living, and was almost in sight of the residence when she was accosted by VanSickle, who seized her and committed a felonious assault.

The first testimony was given by the little girl. Though tender in years she was cool and composed and told her story of the brutal attack upon her in a clear concise manner. She explained how she had screamed and struggled to free herself from the clutches of the man. Her words proved the unmistakable guilt of VanSickle, and she made her testimony additionally convincing by pointing him out as the man who had assaulted her.

Mrs. Ella Parks, the mother of the girl, was the next witness. She explained to the Court and Jury how the little girl had cried before she reached home. Later the child told her what had happened. Her condition she said was critical and her injuries painful and severe.

The testimony of Mrs. Parks was corroborated by Dr. J. W. Winley who was called to attend the child. The testimony of Bruce Mears was to the effect that he was working in the woods close to where VanSickle was employed on December 15th, that he left him and later met the little girl on the road.

Constable Miles Betz was the last witness for the Commonwealth. He made the arrest.

VanSickle then took the witness stand in his own defense. He denied that he committed or attempted to commit the assault. His explanation was that he was cutting down a tree and did not notice the child until she was crossing where he thought the tree would fall. He rushed and grabbed her, but fell, and he sought to convey the impression that the little girl was injured by the fall.

The case was given into the hands of the jury at half past eleven o'clock Tuesday and when court convened at two o'clock was returned finding VanSickle guilty on the second count of the indictment which charged him with committing an assault and attempting to commit rape.

VanSickle was immediately called before the bar for sentence. He was given to understand that no faith was placed in his testimony, but that the jury in returning a verdict on the second count had placed it beyond the power of the Court to impose the penalty which it had in mind. He was then sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$1000 and undergo an imprisonment with labor for five years in the Eastern Penitentiary. The Sheriff to conduct him to the penitentiary within ten days. This is the full limit of punishment.

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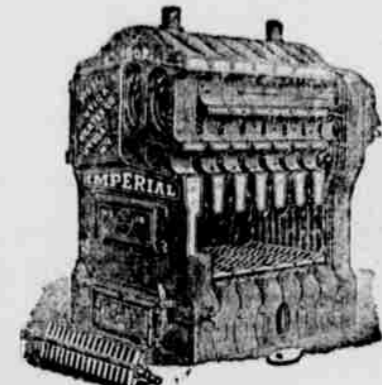
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