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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 Briarcreek township. C. C. Evans Esq. who assisted District Attorney Duy in the prosecution of the case, made the opening remarks to the jury He said that Constable Belles, while in the performance of his duty on Sunday, Oct. 23, discovered Jos. Schoburt hunting rabbits on Martin Croop's land in Briarcreek township. He was placed under arrest, without offering any resistance, but asked be permitted to go to his boarding house where he thought he could procure bail for his appearance before a justice of the peace the next day. The request was granted and the constable accompanied him. When they reached the boarding house they were confronted, according to the allega-tions, by John Miller Sr. and his son John Miller Jr. and several women, who took hold of William Hunsinger, who was acting as an assistant to Constable Belles, and compelled him to release the prisoner, Schobart, who then escaped.

These facts were attested to by the prosecutors, C. G. Bellas and William Hunsinger, the assistant censtable. William Boyles was also a Commonwealth witness, but his testimony was more favorable to the defense. He said he saw Beilas hit the elder Miller over the head with his club without any provocation, so far as he could see. He did not see John Miller Jr. do anything to the constable.

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 intrepeter, he characters, Mr. George C. Denton. "Dora Thorne" will be seen at the being an Austrian. His story was Opera House, Thursday evening, Florida.—Personally Conducted Tour via Belles who had a revolver in his hand and demanded ten dollars to settle the case. He only had fifty cents, then Bellas offered to settle for five dollars. He was not aware at the time that Bellas was an officer. Neither of the defendants, be said, did anything to Bellas.

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

W. C. Johnston, Esq closed to cution. The Court charged the ween the prosecutor and defendants was returned.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR STEAL-ING OHICKENS.

A fine of \$50, costs of prosecuion and imprisonment in the Eastrn Penitentiary for one year, was he sentence passed upon James Hummel by Judge Little in court vesterday. "Dutch," as he is commonly known, has been plying ais vocation for some time, and nany hen coops in the Fourth Ward have been robbed of their :hoicest specimens. He was before he Court before on a similar harge and sentenced to a term of mprisonment in the county jail, out he no sooner got out, until he was at his old tricks again. In assing sentence Judge Little regarked, that the former sentence and evidently not had the desired effect, and that a trip to Philadel-

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



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THEATRICAL.

" DORA THORNE. "

"Dora Thorne," a dramatized novel of the present season, marks 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 woven them into a play that is inthemselves sympathetically with director of the company.
every turn of the fortunes of Dora He says that the building of the son. The resultant plot may be first of November. mapped out, but the treatment of her natural girlish exuberance in contrast to the babitual reserve and repression of the manner aristocratic, must be seen to be appreciated- A large share of the success on the construction of the roadof the performance is due to the cast, which is strong throughout, including as it does, Miss Cuba money necessary to build the road Niblo in the name part, Miss Isabel Sherman, who causes all the trouble leaves fall again, the trolley from and that sterling actor of old men Sunbury to Danville will be in run-February 9th.

THE HOLY CITY.

The Holy City is correctly described in the theatre program as a was a creditable one. The company is good and some members trict Attorney Duy for the prose- convincing style. Charles M. Greene as Caiaphas, the high jury and they retired. After an hour's deliberation a verdict of not guilty and dividing the costs beguilty and dividing the costs be- Pontius Pilate; Amelia Mayborn as Herodias; Fred N. Allen as John, the beloved disciple; Edwin Hoyt as Judas, and Leon Robert son as Peter, deserve especial mention. The settings are fine and costumes historically accurate and Station, Philadelphia. pleasing. The final scene, the grand transformation of the holy sepulchre, the resurrection and flight of angels and the gates of the new Jerusalem is a beautiful one. The atmosphere of the play is holy and impressive and made a good impression on the audience. - The Morning Star, Meadville, Pa., Oct.

"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 tending them. laughter, it has a strong and consistent plot. It is elegantly staged and fetchingly costumed. A gifted acting company of comedians and comediennes has been selected especially for their respective roles in ice in the Susquehanna brought 'A Devil's Lane," A chosen down a large amount of coal and quartette of superb male voices, and culm and that from indications the very best specialties are intro- there will be lively business in duced in such a manner as to form a natural part of, and not an inter arrives. ruption to, the play. The famous Eli More Sisters are specially en- that the coal has lodged against a gaged for the star roles. There is number of the piers and in the a charming naturalness in the work eddies and along the islands and of these young actresses that is bars. In some places where ice truly refreshing. They have gain- has formed and broken it was ed an enviable reputation in this found that there were whole banks same play in all the principal cities of coal and that some of it had and towns in the United States. frozen to the ice. Especial praise has everywhere been bestowed upon the grand opera travesty they introduce into the play, which combines grand duets, recitatives, arias, and an exquisitely dainty flower song. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, our local appeared here Monday evening of theatre-goers will have the opportunity to see these gitted young Barre on Wednesday. stars and their clever company in the comedy which has been written especially for them. "A Devil's

Sunbury Will Be Past-

If reports are true, and they come from a seemingly very reliable superior to anything that has ever 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. For instance on the pitching staff there will be Johnson, of amateurs of which there are few better. Kilmer, an old Normal School favorite, will look after the receiving, and another good catcher has been eugaged. Every position on the team has been filled Sunburians are radiant with hope her. for the most successful season in the town's history. New grounds have been purchased and a large, commodious grandstand will be erected to accommodate the promised increased attendance.

Will be in Operation Within a Year-

Charles Hancock, says the Sunbury Daily, one of the prominent bappenings with excellent taste, and citizens of Danville, was in this city on Friday. Mr. Hancock is teresting in the extreme. The largely interested in the Danville & audience cannot help but engage Sunbury Electric Railroad, and is a

Thorne, a girl whom the English road is an assured fact and that the would call 'low born'; who won company expect to have it comaffection of and married the duke's pleted and in running order by the

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 The most important fact in connechas been secured and when the ning order.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

The second Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York, Philapowerful dramatic story of old delphia, and Washington by special Jerusalem in the time of our train February 14. Excursion Saviour. It is a very strong play tickets, including railway transporand Gordon & Bennett's presenta- tation, Pullman accommodations tion at the Academy last evening (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the the jury for the defense and Dis- played their parts in splendidly following rates: New York, \$50.00; Buffalo, \$54.25; Rochester, \$54.00; Elmira, \$51.45; Erie, \$54.85; Williamsport, \$50.00; Wilkesbarre,

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Farmer's Institute.

will be interested to learn that there will be held this year a series of cared for as at home. Terms begin will be held this year a series of Farmers' Institutes at Mainville on May 2, June 13 and July 25. For March 1st and 2nd; at Rhorsburg Catalogue address, HENRY B. on March 3rd and 4th; at Jersey-20. Opera House, Monday Feb. 21. town 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.

open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by at-

Much Ocal in River.

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From Harrisburg it is reported

Theatrical People Wed.

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FEBRUARY COURT IN FULL SWING. [Continued from 1st page.]

dence when she was accosted by VanSickle, who seized her and

had screamed and struggled to free with a view of securing only the best, salary not considered, and out as the man who had assaulted

> 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.

corroborated by Dr. J. W. Winley who was called to attend the child.

Constable Miles Betz was the

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

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 com-

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 Penitenti ary. The Sheriff to conduct him to the penitentiary within ten days. This is the full limit of punishment.

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noon of December 15th last, she source, Sunbury the coming season was returning from the school will have a base ball team far house to the home of her grandfather, William Parks, with whom represented the Northumberland she and her mother were living, County seat. Our informant was and was almost in sight of the resi-

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 at-McElvaine and Haverstick, a trio tack upon her in a clear coucise manner. She explained how she herself from the clutches of the man. Her words proved the unmistakable guilt of VanSickle, and she made her testimony addition-

Mrs. Ella Parks, the mother of

The restimony of Mrs. Parks was

Thetestimony 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.

last witness for the Commonwealth. He made the arrest.

injured by the fall.

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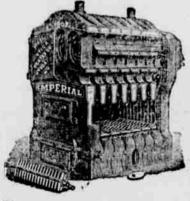
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