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## TESTIMONIAL

To Col. John G. Freeze on the Fifty-seventh Anniversary of His Admission to the Bar.

### BANQUETED BY LAWYERS.

There have been banquets to Judges on their accession to the Bench, and on their retirement, but it has seldom happened that the members of the Bar have tendered to one of their number a banquet on an anniversary of his admission, so that the testimonial to Col. John G. Freeze by the lawyers of Columbia and Montour counties was quite an unusual event in this state.

Pursuant to arrangement, the event took place in the Elks' rooms in the Ent building on Friday evening, April 28th. Col. Freeze was escorted to the hall at eight o'clock by the committee on reception, consisting of C. W. Miller, J. B. Robinson, R. S. Howell and C. C. Evans. The hall was beautifully trimmed with palms and flowers, and music was furnished during the evening by Calhoun's orchestra of eight pieces.

At 9 o'clock the banquet hall was thrown open, and the guest of honor was escorted to the head of the table by Geo. E. Elwell Esq., toast master. The tables were set in the form of a square with one end open. At the head table were seated the toast-master, Col. Freeze, Hon. Wm. A. Marr of Ashland, and the chairmen of committees, James Scarlet, Judge Herring, C. W. Miller, and H. A. McKillip. The menu was an elaborate one, and was served by Mrs. Dodson. Her arrangements were perfect, and she fully demonstrated that it is not necessary to go away from home for a caterer, no matter what the occasion may be. Everything was deliciously prepared, and most favorable comment was heard on every hand, at Mrs. Dodson's skill in her line. The menu was as follows:

#### MENU.

Russian Caviar on Toast.  
Sliced Pineapples Maraschino Cherries  
Oyster Cocktails Waters  
Olives, Pickles, Radishes on ice  
Chicken Soup  
Schwiebach, Fancy Shapes  
Baked Shad, Savory Filling  
Sauce Tartare, Water Dressing  
Cucumbers, French Dressing  
Potato Chips, Finger Rolls  
Grape Punch Nabisco Waters  
Roast Lamb, Onion Filling  
Brown Dressing, Mint Sauce  
Creamed Potatoes, French Peas, Buns  
Celery Hearts Salted Nuts  
Meat et Chandon  
Chik'en Salad, Mayonnaise Dressing  
Swiss Cheese, Butter Thin Waters  
Ice Cream, Fancy Cakes, Nuts,  
Raisins Chocolate Mints  
Cream Roquefort Cheese  
Toasted Bent Crackers  
Coffee Cigars

It was after eleven o'clock when the toast-master rapped for order, and the speaking began. We regret that space will not permit us to give all the speeches in full. The opening remarks are printed here for two reasons; one, that they state the reasons for the gathering, and the other is that it is the only one of the speeches that we have at hand. Mr. Elwell spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Bench and Bar: "If you will kindly divert your attention from the good things that you have been enjoying, and make me a temporary loan of your ears, we will proceed to discuss the further business of the evening.

"In calling over the docket I find the first case on the list is entitled 'The Bar of Columbia and Montour Counties versus Col. John G. Freeze.

"This special session having been called for the consideration of that issue, with your permission, we will at once enter upon it, and I will proceed to state the cause of action.

"This is a unique occasion and one that seldom comes to any man oftener than once in a generation. It is more than sixteen years since the members of the Bar have met around the festive board as they meet tonight as one common fraternity. Lawyers are often far apart in the course of their practice, and they seldom get together in their interpretation of the law when representing adverse interests, but there are at least two events which are sufficient to draw us together by the ties of professional brotherhood. One of these events is the funeral of

## LITTLE INTEREST IN MAY COURT.

No Cases of any Particular Importance to be Tried at This Term.

### JUDGE STAPLES PRESIDING.

The regular May term of court convened at ten o'clock Monday morning, with His Honor Judge C. B. Staples of the Monroe—Carbon District presiding. There is an unusually small Calendar this term, and the cases down for trial are of no particular importance. When the list was called Monday morning, it was quickly disposed of. Four cases set for trial this week were continued, and fifteen on the list for next week were by agreement of counsel, carried over to some future time. It can be readily seen therefore, that the business of the term will amount to but little. It is doubtful if there will be any Court at all next week.

Monday, as usual was taken up with the routine work. The Constables made their returns and the same were ordered filed.

Charles Eck was excused from jury duty on account of detective hearing. Jacob Knouse was also excused.

Charles E. Savidge was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury and Stephen Pohe of Esqy, was appointed tipstave for the Grand Jury.

Solicitor T. J. Vanderslice presented a petition of the Bloom Poor District for the appointment of a guardian for Ruth Anna Parker, an inmate of the institution and an alleged weak minded person who is about to come into possession of a small estate.

The auditor's report in the estate of John S. Girton deceased, was presented for confirmation nisi.

The Court granted petition of Frank Ikeler, Esq., for the continuance of W. C. Johnston, Esq., as the auditor in Est. of Nathan S. Moser, deceased.

The report of the viewers of a proposed road in Mifflin township, was presented for confirmation nisi.

Clinton Herring presented the resignation of Jacob Hirlman as supervisor of Jackson township on account of sickness. It was referred for future action.

A petition was presented and ordered filed for the appointment of a guardian for David Eyer, the minor child of Nora Eyer, a resident of Iowa, who will inherit about \$150 from the proceeds of a sale of real estate in Columbia county. A further hearing will be held by the Court in the matter.

Est. of Clark Rhodes, dec'd. Auditor's report confirmed nisi.

A continuance until next Monday, May 8th., was asked for in the matter of the report of the auditor distributing the funds of the Irondale Company was granted by the Court. Report of the appraisers in the estate of Conrad Deitz, deceased, confirmed nisi.

Est. of Samuel C. Bower, deceased. Order of Court for immediate sale of real estate.

Fred T. Ikeler, Esq., presented auditor's report in the estate of Louisa Gross, deceased for confirmation nisi.

On petition of Fred Ikeler, Esq., the Court granted an extension of time until Monday May 8th., for the presentation of the appeal of G. P. Hess and Alexander Keller, poor directors of Jordan township, Luz. Co. against the order of removal of Geo. Pursel and Ann Sweeney, poor charges, from Pine township, Columbia county, by V. P. Eves, and A. W. Eves, poor directors of said township.

Report of the viewers for a road in Cleveland township was confirmed nisi.

Attorney C. J. Fisher, asked for a re-review of a road in Catawissa township. The re-review will be granted on filing of the reasons.

J. H. Maize, Esq., asked for confirmation nisi, of the viewers' report in the matter of the division of Locust township into two separate voting districts.

Administrator's report of the sale of real estate of Catherine Englehart, deceased, confirmed nisi.

L. C. Mensch requested that a master be appointed in the divorce case of H. W. Waters vs. Mary Waters.

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### SEVEN YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

Joe Thirloway Plead Guilty to Rape Charge and Was Given Maximum Sentence.

There was a manifest feeling of satisfaction in the court room on Tuesday, when Judge Staples, gave Joe Thirloway, the inhuman wretch, who so brutally and criminally assaulted pretty ten year-old Mary McArdle, of Mt. Carmel, the full limit of the law. The crime for which this brute in human form, must now pay the penalty; is doubtless fresh in the minds of our readers. The story in detail was told in these columns. How on the twentieth of February, last, Thirloway in company with Abe Kreisler one perhaps equally guilty, though less accountable, because of a mental defangement, was driving on one of the streets of Mt. Carmel. They met three young girls, all of tender age, Bridget Jordan, Mary McArdle and her sister Jennie. They offered the girls a ride which was accepted, and took them to a lonely and unfrequented road near Mid Valley, where the offense was committed. Two of the girls, Bridget Jordan and Jennie McArdle escaped, by running, but Mary was caught, thrown upon the ground, and brutally ravished. Her screams and cries for help only seemed to inspire the fiends in their carnal desire. In the accomplishment of their purpose the little girl's clothing was torn in shreds from her body, and it was necessary to cover her with a blanket to take her home.

The girls who escaped made their way to the Mid Valley Hotel, where they disclosed what had occurred and several men started in pursuit. The brutes had left their victim in a helpless condition, but were captured, given a hearing and lodged in jail.

There was a strong feeling against them and they barely escaped the vengeance of a much stirred and indignant people.

Thirloway when called before the Court, presented the appearance of a degenerate in the fullest sense of the word. If there has ever been any manhood or respect in him, it has, if looks are any indication, been long since defunct. There was not the slightest sign of remorse. He stepped before the court totally indifferent to what was coming. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, pay the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the penitentiary for seven years at solitary confinement and hard labor.

### WON \$15.00 SUIT OF CLOTHES.

Curtis Logan, of Seventh street, this town, won the \$15.00 suit of clothes offered by J. R. Townsend to the person guessing nearest the correct number of beans contained in the glass jar which has been on display in his clothing store window for the past month.

The contest was a popular one and hundreds upon hundreds of guesses were made. They ranged from 500 up as high as 200,000. Mr. Logan's estimate of 7350, was the only correct one made. There were several close ones, among them being Charles Lewis, whose guess was only four out of the way.

### Vestry Holds Over.

The time for the election of Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church was Monday April 24th, immediately after service at 4:30 o'clock. As no one remained for the election none was held, and under the charter the board of last year holds over. They are, Col. J. G. Freeze, Geo. E. Elwell, J. R. Townsend, Paul E. Wirt, J. L. Dillon, J. G. Wells and C. W. Funston.

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### THE WHEELMEN MINSTRELS.

The demand for seats for the minstrel show given by the members of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen Club last Thursday night in the Opera House, was unprecedented, and before the curtain rose every seat was occupied. It was a fine audience of the representative people. Excellent music was furnished by Calhoun's orchestra of ten pieces. When the curtain went up it disclosed a scene of rare beauty that easily surpassed anything ever before seen on the local stage. The electrical effects were fine, and they were designed and arranged by Harry Achenbach. Harry S. Barton was the musical director of the singing parts and Tom Moore was the manager. As a middle man Hon. Grant Herring was immense, while Aldinger, Keiter, Gross, Jayne, Hagenbuch and Hicks carried off the honors as end men. The first part was an olio of song and jokes, and the latter were all fresh, quite unusual in a minstrel show of the professional variety. Ballads were sung by Maize, Hummer, Tasker and Abrams, all of whom did themselves proud. Freas Hicks captured the house with his topical song, "Man, Man, Man," and his dance between the verses; and Dr. Aldinger, Gerald Gross and Gere Jayne added much to the enjoyment of the evening by their coon songs. Liberal applause was bestowed all along the line. A finale closed the first part, and the curtain went down amidst loud expressions of approval from the audience.

The second part opened with an illustrated song by D. J. Tasker, H. J. Achenbach operating the stereopticon. It was well sung and the audience wanted more, but owing to the lateness of the hour no more was given. Gere Jayne of Berwick entertained the audience in an inimitable way with a monologue. He was extensively arrayed in a cast off dress suit of Judge Herring's and as Mr. Jayne's style of structure is of the longitudinal kind, while the Judge is somewhat more latitudinous, the man and the suit did not get entirely together at all points, though there was plenty of the suit to go round, and some to spare.

"The Bloomsburg Town Council" was an amusing travesty and contained many funny hits.

The show was a great success and very creditable to all who in any way participated. Owing to the fact that many people were unable to get seats, it was decided to repeat it, and this was done on Monday night, with practically the same program, equally as well carried out. The hall was well filled by an appreciative audience.

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