### THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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UAPTAIN THOMAS ALDERSON DEAD-His Passing Recalls Bloody Mollie Maguire period in This Region,

The death a week ago of Captain Thomas Alderson, of Devil's Lake, N. D., removed one of the few surviving figures of the bloody Mollie Maguire episode in the authracita Remove all humors, overcome all region. Alderson was chief of the Reading Coal and Iron police, and in his campaign against the Mollies he co operated with James McParlan, the famous detective, whose discoveries resulted in six hangings in one day. McParlan, like Alderson, was scores of times threatened with assassination, but he is still living in the West and is hale and prosperous

Captain Alderson, who held his office until 1887, was credited with having made the suggestion to President Franklin B. Gowen, of the Reading, that Allan Pinkerton be employed to expose the Mollies. It was the result of the calling in of Pinkerton's men that McParlan, who became widely known through the anthracite region as "James terrible tragedy.

It was in February, 1876, that Captain Alderson's most delicate work against the Mollies was accomplished. By that time, after suspicion had been aroused as to the true identity of McParlan, and it was necessary to guard him with the greatest vigilance for fear he should be murdered and all the resuits of the investigation during the past years be lost.

The men who had so long carried the affairs of the county with a high hand were now in a state of demoralization. They apparently realized that they were at the end of their career. The prison and the gallows loomed up before them. They were determined to destroy all evidence of their criminal acts. The books and papers of the society were burned and it was resolved to murder McParlan. A letter was sent to the detective from police headquarters in order to deceive the Mollies. McParlan had all along pretended to be a fugitive from justice, but to be on friendly terms with Alderson and Captain Linden, who were protecting him. This letter advised him to flee. Mc Parlan received and opened it among a crowd of Mollies.

" I'll not budge wan single inch, to save them all from perdition!" exclaimed the detective after reading the letter aloud to the crowd. "I am innocent. I'll only be arrested, anyhow. An' if others stand

by, why shouldn't I?" The Mollies applauded him for this exhibition of mock courage. They would have acted in an entirely different manner had they known that warrants had already been sworn out for their arrest.

But the suspicion of the detective could not be allayed. Plots were 'aid to kill him and throw his body down a deserted mine shaft, where it would never be found. Dennis Dowling, a burly Mollie, was then designated to kill McParlan, but all these plans were frustrated by Captain Alderson.

The summary of the work of Captain Alderson, and those who were associated with him, shows that twelve Mollies were found guilty of murder in the first degree, four of murder in the second degree; four of being accessory to murder; sixteen of conspiracy to murder; six of perjury, in establishing the familiar alibi, and many others for assault and battery. Eleven of these men were hanged.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen have abandoned the idea of taking their minstrel show to Danville.



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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The Business of the First Week was Concluded Thursday,

Before adjourning court, on Thursday, Judge Staples, especialthe Commonwealth vs. Alex Koroksy, being placed on the county. McKenna," became an actor in the It was a case from over the mountain, in which the prosecutor, Lewis Makosky charged the defendant with having taken a certain amount ing, selling it, and appropriating over nine dollars. District Attorney Duy had entered nolle pros. and the Court after delivering some earnest words against the county drafts, specifications and so onbearing the costs, directed that they be sent to the officers who had returned the case, the Centralia constable and justice.

District Attorney Duy read over the list of cases which were disposed of as follows:

Commonwealth vs. Willam Sher-Charge f. and b., Diana Steely prosecutrix, case continued. Commonwealth vs. Martin Walsh and Anthony Walsh. Charge il-legal mining of coal. Fred Steinmetz, prosecutor. Nolle pros allow-

Commonwealth vs. Charles Smith. Charge f. and b., Dowella Applegate, prosecutrix. Nolle pros. al-

Commonwealth vs. Worman Whitenight. Charge f. and b., Edith Swartz, prosecutrix. Case

continued. Commonwealth vs. Wm. Dawson. Charge f. and b., Lottie Martz, prosecutrix. Case continued.

Commonwealth vs. Oscar Fetterman, charge, assault and battery. Henry Heist prosecutor. Case

Commonwealth vs. Patrick Murphy, charge, illegal mining of coal. Fred Steinmetz, prosecutor. Nolle pros, allowed.

Commonwealth vs. Thomas Mohan, charge illegal mining of

Commonwealth vs. Con Ifland, charge, keeping a bawdy house. Nolle pros. allowed.

Commonwealth vs. William Fenstermacher, charge, embezzle- the great anxiety she had caused ment as consignee and factor. H. H. Keifer, prosecutor. Case con-

Commonwealth vs. Charles Hughes, charge f. and b., Jennie Brobst, prosecutix. Case continu-

Commonwealth vs. Charles Stack house, charge, assault and battery. John Fox, prosecutor. Nolle prosallowed.

Commonwealth vs. Sidney E. Peters, charge, desertion. Bertha M. Peters, prosecutrix. Settled.

Commonwealth vs. W. P. Joyce, John J. Joyce and Joseph Murphy, charge, unlawful sale of oleomargarine. Robert Simmers, prosecutor. Continued.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The Grand Jury handed in its report Thursday morning in which was embodied the following: "We have examined the public buildings and find the court house in good condition; but suggest that the yard in rear of the court house be enclosed by a suitable fence to exclude the public; also that a new typewriter be secured for the Sher-

"In regard to the jeil we say the jail yard be cleaned.

'Respectfully submitted, C. E. SAVAGE, Foreman."

the following recommendation to U. GRANT MORGAIN HAS RESIGNED. the County Commissioners: "The Graud Jury after deliberate consideration have decided that under the present heavy debt and the expense to which the county has re-cently been subjected through flood we think it unnecessary for additional expense.

"Furthermore the condition of the gas light system is working satisfactorily and adequate for all present needs.

C. E. SAVAGE, Foreman." H. B. Creasy, Clerk.

THE RIVER BRIDGE.

Repairs Will Greatly Exceed the Original

Work on the river bridge at Catawissa started by the contractors, Barry & Caldwell on Monday, and it is the purpose as we understand it, to push it to a speedy completion. The viewers recommended the addition of two spans, that is five altogether. Their report however has been modified, and the bridge will have but three spans as before. It will be what is known to bridge builders as a camel's back, that is it will be three feet higher in the center than at the ends. The spans now standing are to be jacked up ly presiding, voiced a strenuous ob-jection to the costs in the case of four feet, and then the rise will be gradual to the center which will be seven feet higher than it was before. Both sides will have walks for the use of pedestrians. A fact in connection with the bridge which it appears is not generally known is of coal from an uncompleted work- that it is to cost \$124,500.00 which is \$13,500.00 more than the cost of his long residence in the coal region, the money, amounting to something the original structure. Five per cent. of this amount is to be paid by the county, which goes toward the expenses of the viewers, making the

> Father Found Runaway Daughter at Pittston.

The strange disappearance of Miss Edith Houseknecht from her kome in Greenwood township this county on Thursday, April 27, was cleared up on Monday when her father, Thomas Houseknecht found the runaway girl at the home of Hose Keller at West Pittston. The girl who is only seventeen years of age left her home on the date above mentioned ostensibly to visit at the home of Peter Zeigler who resides at Light Street. She was driven from her home to the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad station by Mrs. Sylvania Kline. It appears how-ever that she deceived her parents, and that the proposed visit was only as it is in a bad condition. used as a ruse to get away from home. Instead of leaving the train at Light Street she came on to Bloomsburg and took the train here Mr. Yetter brought up the subject of paving Market Square, stating that the bank, F. P. Pursel, and R. E. Hartman were willing for West Pittston where she had to contribute to it. It appears that made arrangements to work for the it would cost the town about\$2200

A letter from Peter Zeigler asking building of sewers, the town had why the visit had been postponed no money for frills. The matter was the first intimation Mr. and was discussed and on motion the Mrs. Houseknecht had concerning matter was referred to a committee their daughter's strange actions, to interview the property owners He came to Bloomsburg on Saturcoal. Fred. Steinmetz, prosecutor. day and made inquiry, but could how much they were willing to Nolle pros. allowed. learn nothing. Not till he return-contribute. ed home in the evening did he find a clue, and then the neighbors informed him where the girl was.

Feigh, charge, desertion, etc., Hannah Feigh, prosecutrix. Case by unconcerned and did not realize Mr. Houseknecht arrived in town the strangeness of her conduct or her parents.

### Parish House Supper.

The supper at the Parish House last Saturday evening was largely attended, and the receipts were over ninety dollars. These meals are very popular, and are always well patronized. They are prepared by excellent cooks, and served very attractively. The tables were decorated with roses and carnations presented by Mrs. J. L. Dillon. The arrangements and management under leadership of Mrs. C.W. Funston, President of time later he received a notice St. Margaret's Guild, and her corps of active workers, were perfect in every detail. The only criticism that is ever heard of these suppers is that too much is given for the price charged. At least twenty cents should be made the figure by all the churches at their lunch

Consolidated Telephone in Berwick.

A deal whereby the Lower Luzerne Telephone & Supply Co., a branch of the Consolidated Co., secures the Berwick exchange of the that new screens be furnished for United Telephone Co. has been the doors and windows and that completed, and the exchange will the 'phone bell be placed in the be a part of the Consolidated syskitchen as it cannot be heard where tem. It is understood that the it is now. We recommend that plan of the company is to put in a new switch board, move to more commodious quarters and place their system in Berwick on the best possible footing.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Rachael M. Girton, deceased here been granted to the undersigned executor. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to dear on the control of the C. E. SAVAGE, Foreman." their system in Berwick on the foregoing was attached best possible footing.

U. Grant Morgain who for the past eighteen months has been the general secretary of the Young Mens' Christian Association in Bloomsburg has resigned, and will on June first take possession of the bakery and confectionery store sit-uated on Main street below Market which he purchased on Monday from E. Woolsey.

In an interview with the writer on Tuesday, Mr. Morgain gave a brief outline of the work accomplished since his election to the secretaryship a year and a half ago, all of which showed an encouraging growth along all lines of associa-tion work. The announcement of his resignation came in the nature of a surprise to everybody including the board of directors of the V. M. C. A. as he had only a short time

ago been elected for another year. He has had the change in mind for some time, but not until Monday did he arrive at a definite decision and then the deal was then consumated in short. Mr. Morgain has made an efficient secretary and through his untiring efforts has not only placed the Association upon a more substantial basis than he found it, but has also effected many material improvements about the buildings and grounds. He has been very popular with the members and the fact that he has severed his connection with the association is a matter of deep re-

Mr. Woolsey will remain here till the first of June when he will go to Hazleton, his former home,

and engage in business.

Mr. Woolsey, during his residence in our midst has made many warm friends. He has been a diligent, earnest worker in the Lutheran Church, has taken an active part in all its services, and his going away will call forth many expressions of regret.

The board of directors of the association will meet Saturday evening, when Mr. Morgain's resignation will be acted upon. They will appoint a committee to take up the matter with the State Secretary and a successor will probably be appointed by June 1st.

COUNCIL REDUCES THE TAX RBTE. [ Continued from 1st page. ]

The matter of tearing up the streets was brought up by Mr. Runyon and upon the advice of Solicitor Herring an ordinance will be prepared covering the matter.

The crossing over an alley in the rear of the Tustin Mansion on Third street was ordered repaired

and Mr. Magee said that with the and trolley company and ascertain

End of Madden Case

The case of Michael Madden against the Lehigh Valley Coal Company was settled for all time on Monday when the Supreme Court at Philadelphia handed down a dicision affirming the judgment of Junge Little, in the common Pleas Court of this County.

The outcome of this case involved millions upon millions of dollars for had the lower court been reversed suits for the recovery of damages resultant from the robbing of pillars would have been brought, and coal companies in all sections of the country would have been affected.

Our readers will easily recall the facts in the case. Madden purchased the surface right and erected a house. In the deed the privilege of mining all the coal is reserved and Madden waives all claim for damages to the surface. Some from the Coal Company that they proposed to rob the pillars under the house, and that in order to avoid damages to the building he should move it. The company subsequently robbed the pillars, and as might naturally be expected there was a depression in the surface and the house was damaged. Madden then brought this action to recover. It was tried before Judge Little who decided in favor of the Coal Company.

Counsel in the case were E. J. Flynn Esq. of Centralia and Judge Walters of Mt. Carmel, for Madden, and Fred T. Ikeler Esq. and S. P. Wolverton Esq. of Sunbary for the the Coal Co.

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