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## RICKETTS BATTERY.

Reunion at Berwick last Saturday, Was Very Well Attended.

Next Year at Gettysburg.

The reunion of Ricketts Battery, Company F. and G. of the First Pennsylvania Volunteers, held at Berwick last Saturday, brought together a number of the survivors of this famous Battery and many incidents of the bitter struggles participated in were talked over. It was this famous Battery that stood the charge of the Louisiana Tigers in the fierce hand to hand battle and turned defeat into victory.

Friday evening at the G. A. R. hall the Capt. C. G. Jackson Post Committee, composed of Col. A. D. Seely, J. P. Hayman, William Roup and E. Lenhart, Post Commander, had refreshments served by E. M. Clewell and a very pleasant evening was spent. Speeches and story telling were in order.

The officers of the Battery are: General President, Col. R. Bruce Ricketts, of Wilkes-Barre; President of Battery F. James F. Kennedy, of Milton; Vice President, Wm. Minier, of Riverside; President of Battery G, John P. Beringer, Churchtown, Vice President, Wm. J. Troup, Hanover; General Secretary and Treasurer, Luther Seiders, Reading.

Following the business meeting President Kennedy opened the meeting in the evening with roll call following. Letters were read from a number of comrades who could not be present.

It was brought out that, on the field at Gettysburg, marking the Battery's fight on Cemetery Hill is a monument with wording to the effect that Co. F, and G were from Schuylkill County. The members of the Battery are very indignant over the matter and state that not a Schuylkill county man belonged to the Battery. The error was one of the state and national record. The matter has several times been brought to the attention of the State and National authorities but nothing has been done.

### NEXT REUNION.

The place of next year's reunion was fixed for Gettysburg in September, the time to be fixed by the officers.

Recitations were given by the secretary Mr. Luther Seiders and by Miss Helen June, and addresses by Dr. Hughes on "National Soldiers Orphan School," Frank B. Brockway, Col. A. D. Seely and others.

Before adjournment a vote of thanks was extended to the G. A. R. for their entertainment. During the last year five of their members have died.

Those in attendance were: Col. R. B. Ricketts accompanied by Col. Beaumont of Wilkes-Barre; J. F. Kennedy and wife of Milton; J. M. Harman and wife Millville; Harry C. Harman, Albert Herbine and wife Bloomsburg; William Miner and wife, Riverside; Mrs. William Morrison, Wilkes-Barre; Maynard Gates, Susquehanna, Pa.; F. Gray and Sam. Gray, Watertown; S. L. French, Susquehanna; Oscar G. Larabee, Susquehanna; W. H. Esterbrook, Gibson; Dr. M. B. Hughes, Supt. of Soldiers Orphan School, Chester Springs, Pa.; Luther Seider, Secretary and Treasurer, Reading; Lieutenant Frank P. Brockway, Beach Haven; Eli Sherwood, John Dodson and wife of Berwick and John Wright of Berwick.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

On Thursday the Grand Jury made their report as follows, and were discharged.

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring in and for the body of said county, respectfully report:

"That we have, pursuant to our required duties, investigated all bills of indictment presented for our consideration, and have passed upon them according to their respective merits. We have also examined the public buildings and find them in exceptionally good condition with the following recommendations:

"The repairing of plastering in the jail. One electric light in the ladies' department of the jail; also, the placing of an iron railing around the rear yard of the court house and to keep a trespass notice on same."

The bond of L. C. Mensch, guardian of Mary R. Leader, was approved by the Court.

In case of Commonwealth vs. Lewis Metz, capias was issued.

The Grand Jury made the following returns:

Commonwealth vs. Robert Hendershot, charge larceny, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Harry Eckerd, charge assault and battery, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Joe Minchingo, charge assault and battery with intent to kill, a true bill.

Commonwealth vs. John Huff, charge embezzlement, not a true bill.

The Court Thursday confirmed absolute the report dividing West Berwick Borough into two wards.

John Robinson of Berwick, entered a plea of guilty to the larceny of property from D. B. Laundslager of Berwick, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25, cost of prosecution and undergo a year's imprisonment in the county jail.

Robert Hendershot, of Bellefonte pleaded guilty to having stolen two gold watches from his boarding house in Berwick. He was sentenced to pay the costs of the prosecution, a fine of \$25 and to undergo an imprisonment in the county jail for a year.

Charles Williams, of Berwick, pleaded guilty to stealing a bicycle from S. E. Fenstermacher, of Berwick, while in a drunken condition. The evidence showed that there was no intent and Williams was allowed to go upon the payment of costs; and with the admonition not to again get drunk.

"Little Italy" in Briar Creek township furnished the last trial for the week. Joe Mercheigo was charged by Venia Ripa with assault with intent to kill. Two hours were required to try the case, a flimsy one on the part of the Commonwealth. The Court instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which they did without leaving the box.

The second week of court opened on Monday, Judge Staples presiding.

The case of Susan E. Cooper vs. Archie Averal and others was first taken up, and the jury found a verdict of \$44.21, for plaintiff.

F. B. Ringrose vs. W. D. Campbell was a dispute over a line fence. Verdict for defendant.

Mary A. Creveling vs. the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick R. R. was an action for damages for land taken. A verdict was reached on Wednesday, \$1019.29 for plaintiff.

In estate of Harvey S. Mourey, late of Hemlock township, deceased, petition to sell real estate was filed.

In the matter of abandonment

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF

### The Bloomsburg National Bank

At close of Business Friday, August 25th, 1905.

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY'S CALL.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans - - - \$238,127.09	Capital Stock, - \$100,000.00
United States Bonds 100,000.00	Surplus and Profits, 26,773.28
Other Bonds, - 178,904.92	Circulation, - 100,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures, 8,000.00	Bank Deposits, 14,667.07
Cash and Resrve, 80,493.60	Individual Deposits, 364,085.26
<b>\$605,525.61</b>	<b>\$605,525.61</b>

A. Z. SCHOCH, President.

WM. H. HIDLAY, Cashier.

## Berwick Homicide Case

Naugle and Bellas Found Guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter, and Get Two Years.

Verdict Generally Approved.

On Friday morning the jury in the case of Naugle and Bellas, on trial for shooting the Italian, Verdi, returned a verdict of "guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and ask for the mercy of the court." In the afternoon the prisoners were brought up, and in passing sentence Judge Staples said:

"This case has given the Court considerable trouble in arriving at just what its duty is in the premises. We are aware of the condition of affairs in West Berwick. We know some of the people who live there and what the people of that neighborhood have to contend with; but there are other questions to be considered as well as what might be classed the dangerous element that is there, and that is the fact that homicide is growing more and more prevalent each year; not only in your own community but in every part of the United States and any reasonable man who has at heart the welfare of his country must look with horror upon the present condition of affairs in that regard.

"It seems there is a large class of people in the United States who have no regard whatever for human life. They forget that the same blood which courses through their veins courses through the veins of all others of the human race and that their lives are as dear to them and their families as the lives of the people who commit the homicide; and if we permit cases of this kind to go without any punishment whatever it is simply saying to the people that if a good excuse is offered for the commission of manslaughter or homicide they can easily get off and it adds to that alarming condition of affairs in our country.

"There is another reason in connection with this case and that is that while officers of the law are clothed with authority yet for that very reason the Commonwealth demands of them that they shall use that authority with which they are clothed with the greatest caution. This case is an evidence of the want of that caution on the part of you two men in the use of firearms and the exercise of your authority.

"It is not the purpose of the Court to go into details and recite the facts of this case, but there evidently was something wrong in your actions upon that day in which Verdi was killed. In addition to that there was something wrong in this Court. In our experience there never has been a case tried before the court in which there was more falsehood from start to finish on both sides of the case than there was in this. It is the opinion of the Court that there was false testimony on both sides—hard to get at it is true; but from our experience in the trial of cases we feel sure that neither side were telling the exact truth in relation to this matter.

"The jury evidently gave this case very careful consideration. The Court defined to the jury, it thinks, in specific terms and in plain terms the different degrees and the different penalties if the evidence of them was established and that they, giving the whole case careful consideration, taking hours to do it, arrived at what was probably a just conclusion in the matter.

"Officers of the law in the case of misdemeanor have no right to use deadly weapons in attempting

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to make an arrest unless the resistance offered to them is of such a dangerous character as would warrant their calling into use deadly weapons in order to protect themselves from great bodily injury or impending death.

"Upon the other hand we deem it advisable to say at this time that this case does not give individuals whom they are attempting to arrest license to resist. If an officer of the law in attempting to arrest a person charged with a misdemeanor is cautious and uses only the authority and powers given to him by the law as they arise and in such an affray the person resisting and resisting so as to warrant the belief in impending danger upon the officer death should ensue to that individual, the officer would be excused and if such a case were before this court the court would so instruct the jury.

"We feel, however, that you two men did not use the caution you ought to have used; that when you approached these men you approached them in such a way as to alarm them and that there was some reason for resistance, if there was any upon their part, and that you acted in a reckless way, or reckless of the consequences of your act.

"Under the recommendation of the jury we unanimously feel, however, that mercy ought to be extended to you and the Court heartily joins in that recommendation of the jury. The maximum sentence for an offense of this kind is 12 years. We could send you to the penitentiary for a long term. It is not the intention of this Court to do this but we are going to sentence you to such a term as will impress itself upon the community, impress itself upon you, and impress itself upon all the officers of the law in the county of Columbia, at the same time cautioning individuals when they resist arrest by an officer they themselves run the risk of great danger to themselves and, perhaps, some times of death for which the officers attempting to make the arrest would be excusable.

"The sentence of the Court is that you George C. Bellas and Jacob Naugle pay the costs of prosecution in this case, a fine each of \$100 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of the county of Columbia and that you each undergo imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary for the term of two years to be computed upon this day and stand committed until the sentence is complied with."

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