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ITALIANS CONVICTED.

Fortunando Calibro and his brother Antonio were convicted in court on Wednesday under an indictment charging them with extorting money by threats, conspiracy, selling liquor without license, and keeping a bawdy house. They are the leaders of the gang of desperadoes who have been terrorizing West Berwick and Briar Creek for some time past.

Seven other men were discharged on a nolle prosequi, there being no evidence to hold them.

Jacco Frank was convicted of carrying concealed deadly weapons.

District Attorney Small conducted the commonwealth's case, and the prisoners were defended by Fred Ikeler, John G. Harman, A. W. Duy and Jas. L. Evans, Esqs. The prisoners were brought in chained together, and a large crowd was assembled in the court room to hear the trial.

The evidence was such that the jury had no difficulty in promptly agreeing upon a verdict.

SENTENCES PRONOUNCED.

On Thursday morning the convicted Italians were brought before the court, and sentences were imposed as follows:

On Fortunando Calibro, on several counts, a fine of \$500, costs of prosecution, and five years in the penitentiary.

On Antonio Calibro, a fine of \$250 and costs, and two and a half years in the penitentiary.

On Jacco Frank, carrying concealed deadly weapons, a fine of \$10 and costs, and three months in the county jail.

TROLLEY CARS COLLIDE.

A head-on collision occurred below Barton's bridge last Thursday afternoon by which seven persons were injured. The Danville and Bloomsburg car was coming up, and the Columbia and Montour car going down. By some error in the block signal both cars got into the block, and were running at full speed at a point where an old building obstructs the view. When the cars came in sight of each other they were too close to avoid a collision.

The injured persons were all on the C. & M. car. They are: Chas. Stahl, motorman; Alonzo Fegley, Catawissa; F. B. Singley, Anthony Thomas, S. L. Harlachner, Beaver township; Frank Fox and Harold Ervin, Catawissa. None of them were seriously hurt. The front end of both cars was badly smashed.

WILL REPAIR JAIL.

The County Commissioners have decided to make such repairs at the jail as will relieve its present unsanitary condition. The steam heating plant will be overhauled. The lower tier of cells will be connected with the heating system. New wash bowls and closets will be placed in the cells and a new concrete floor will be laid in the main corridor. The work will be done by contract after bids have been received.

TAX PAYMENTS.

Saturday was the last day for payment of state, county, town, school and dog tax in order to save the discount, and collector Sleppy had a strenuous day, over \$5000 being paid in.

Up to this time he has collected about \$26,000, the combined duplicates amounting to about \$44,000. This is about \$2000 more than was paid in last year up to this time.

September 9th is the last day to save the discount on town taxes.

BLACK HANDERS.

Jails Hereabouts Are Full of Them.

The Black Handers are not only furnishing a large amount of copy for the printers of this section, but are supplying the jails with a large number of prisoners, thanks to the activity of the State Constabulary. The Sunbury jail has a contingent of about twenty-five of the foreign thugs, and with twenty-eight prisoners now confined in the Columbia county jail Sheriff Ent has about as big a houseful or, more correctly speaking, jailful, as that county has had in many a month. And what is more there is domiciled there two alleged "kings" of Black Hand artists, a distinction that few jails enjoy. Nicholas Gedro, the supposed leader of the Marion Heights band, is locked up in the cell here meditating on the error of his way in trying to escape, and by reason thereof is unable to talk the thing over with Fortunato Calabra, the leader of the supposed West Berwick gang. As to whose methods are the best there is, therefore, no chance of determining. It is an entirely different bunch of Black Handers who now occupy berths in the Columbia county jail from those who entered the other night. Then they were particular to impress Sheriff Ent with the fact that he should go to no trouble whatever to accommodate them; that they were there only for the night and would without the least doubt get all the bail they wanted the next morning. "Hm!" remarked a knowing prisoner. "You will find it a great deal easier to get in here than out."

The Briar Creek bunch have so found. The counties that have been terrorized by the Black Hand miscreants have reason to feel relieved by the active measures taken for their suppression and may hope that the time is not far distant when they will be as extinct as the Molly Maguires.

TELEPHONE COMPANY PICNIC.

The annual outing of the Peoples Ideal Telephone company, which has gotten to be one of the largest and most popular picnics that is held in this section, took place Saturday at Billmeyer's park near Washingtonville. It was a most enjoyable day from beginning to end, everything combining to add to the pleasure.

Those in charge of the affair estimated that there were at least 2500 people on the grounds, and they came from all over the country—from Millville, Bloomsburg, Buckhorn and Jerseytown on the one side and from Milton, Watsontown and Turbotville on the other—and from all over the intervening country they came, until in some places the countryside appeared deserted.

Two bands, those from Exchange and Buckhorn, furnished music for the occasion, and furnished it in large quantities. Other amusements were a base ball game between Kaseville and Washingtonville, and other games indigenous to the picnic. And then too the woods were full of good things to eat, which added not a little to the delight.

The officers had on exhibition the company's charter recently procured from the State, and also a stock certificate, one of which will soon be issued to each subscriber.

The Lackawanna River is so nearly dried up at the present time that *The Scranton Tribune* hazards a guess that if it wasn't for the water that is pumped from the mines and drained into the bed of the stream there wouldn't be any Lackawanna River.

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COURT PROCEEDING.

Court opened on Monday with Hon. C. C. Evans, president judge and Associates Krickbaum and Yeager on the bench.

The first case called was Com. vs. L. S. Keller who was charged with desertion and non support of his children. The District Attorney stated that the husband had agreed to support his small children, but he refused to support those who had grown up.

After hearing the case the Court sentenced the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution and to pay his wife \$10 a month for the support of the two children who are under sixteen years old.

The next case was that against Clem Keller for not supporting his wife. These persons had been married in Binghamton before they were 18 years old. Sentence was suspended in order to afford husband and wife a chance to settle the trouble and live together again.

The next was also a desertion case against A. K. Moyer. They had been married fourteen years and had five children. The husband claimed that his wife refused to live with him in Foundryville but wanted to live in Berwick and that as soon as he can secure a house in Berwick he will get one. Sentence was suspended and the husband was given 30 days in which to pay the costs.

In the case of Bloomsburg & Sullivan R. R. Co. vs. Rohr McHenry Distilling Company the Court delivered an opinion rendering a verdict for the plaintiff for \$823.00 the amount charged as demurrage for not unloading cars in the time required by the company under its rules.

B. F. Rice and Cyrus Smith were excused from jury service.

Road in Montour township. Report of viewers confirmed nisi.

Lottie Jones vs. William Jones. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

Est. Mary Brewster. Sale of real estate ordered.

Upon report of Col. Freeze, Master, charter granted to P. O. S. of A. of Benton.

Upon application of B. F. Zarr, Esq., a rule was granted upon the Poor overseers of Blackcreek township to show cause why they should not remove Leah Breddenner, a pauper from Beaver township.

W. H. Rhawn, attorney for Commissioners presented petitions for the approval of bridge contracts.

He also presented petitions for the appointment of a tax collector for Conyngham township. There were two petitions and the Court stated it would consider the matter.

W. M. Vastine was appointed guardian of Charlotte and Robert Tyson with bond of \$1,000.

C. E. Kreischer, Esq., presented petitions for the appointment of viewers to assess damages for the taking of additional land in Franklin township for school purposes.

License of H. F. Dieterick in Orangeville, transferred to C. H. Reice.

Est. Sarau E. Johnston. Sale of real estate ordered.

Est. Andrew McNinch. Sale of real estate ordered.

Archie Averell vs. Borough of Berwick. Award of viewers filed.

John J. Keenan vs. Nellie Keenan. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

John G. Harman, Esq., appointed guardian of Innis Ratti of Como, Italy, a niece of the late Joseph Ratti.

C. A. Small, Esq. presented a petition for the removal of the Conyngham School Board. A rule was granted.

Est. George W. Billman. Report

BENTON M. E. CHURCH.

To Be Dedicated Sunday, September 15th.

Great preparations are being made for the dedication of the pretty new Methodist Episcopal church at Benton, which will be held on Sunday, September 15th. There will be a number of prominent speakers in attendance, and it will be a red letter event in the history of that congregation.

The morning service will be held at 10:30 o'clock in the new church, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. John Krantz, an eminent divine, who has a pastorate in the Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church of New York City. There will also be special music, and a number of other features at the morning service.

In the afternoon there will be a platform meeting, at which time there will be present a large number of prominent pastors, as well as a large number of the residents of Benton, members and friends of the church.

The afternoon meeting will be presided over by Rev. J. P. Topping, the pastor, and will be of unusual interest to all of the members. At 2:30 o'clock, the address of the afternoon will be made by Rev. W. R. Owen. Other pastors who will be present at the day's services and make addresses will be Rev. Dr. Horning, Rev. S. P. Boone, Rev. Alexander Scott, and Rev. W. S. J. Dunville.

Veterans Meet at Millville.

The 12th reunion of the Columbia County Veteran Association will meet at Glenwood Grove, Millville, September 7th. Business meeting will be held at the auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Call at 1:30 p. m. when a number of good speakers will be heard. Vocal and band music with short talks will conclude the program. All old soldiers and families and friends are most cordially invited to come and have a grand good time. Good meals and other refreshments will be served at the dining hall on the ground at reasonable prices by the church people.

of sale confirmed nisi.

Est. Samuel Deibert. Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Est. William Shaffer. Clinton Herring continued as auditor.

Davis Bros. vs. J. L. Dillon's Executors. Hearing for preliminary injunction continued.

Claude Houck vs. Alice M. Houck, application for the appointment of a master.

The first case called was that of Commonwealth vs. W. W. Seybert of Briar creek township who was accused of shooting Robert Knouse on the morning of April 2, 1907 with intent to kill.

Seybert's contention was that the prosecutor had been stoning his house about 2 o'clock in the morning and that he had shot out the window to scare him away and with no intent to hurt much less to kill him. The jury took this view of the case and returned a verdict of not guilty.

The next case was Commonwealth vs. Joseph and Paul Hite. This was a case from West Berwick. Their boarding house keeper was prosecutor. He contended that the Hites assaulted him with intent to kill while the defendants asserted with equal positiveness that the attack was begun by the prosecutor. All were foreigners and the evidence was taken through an interpreter. The jury acquitted the defendants.

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