

SAVE MONEY! FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE. THE JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT COURT. ITS POWERS AND JURISDICTION. Full Text of the Act Establishing said Court.

one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and every three years thereafter, elect one person, being a citizen of said district, who shall be called the Marshal of said district and be commissioned by the Governor, and who shall hold his office for three years and until his successor is duly qualified, but no person shall be twice chosen or appointed Marshal in any term of six years. Vacancies in said office shall be filled by the next general election and until his successor shall be chosen and qualified, as aforesaid. The said Marshal shall have and exercise all the powers and perform all the duties within the limits of said District Court which are now by the laws of the Commonwealth...

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this Act, the District Court of Cambria County shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all and singular the powers and jurisdictions of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of Cambria County, and shall have and exercise original civil jurisdiction in cases within the limits of said district, and shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all the powers and jurisdictions which are now vested in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, and shall have and exercise, within the limits of said district, all and singular the powers and jurisdictions of the Orphans' Court and Register Court of Cambria County, with like effect within said district, and the remedies, powers, proceedings and costs shall be similar to like proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas, Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Court of Common Pleas, Court of Equity, Orphans' and Register's Courts of Cambria County.

SECTION 2. There shall be established within the limits of said district, a Recorder's Office for recording deeds, mortgages, agreements, and all other instruments of writing which are or may hereafter be within the recording Acts of the State of Pennsylvania, which deeds and other instruments of writing so recorded, and copies thereof duly certified, shall have such effect as is given to records by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 3. The judgments of said District Court shall be liens upon all the real estate of defendant or defendants lying within the limits of said District Court, and shall have all the incidents of judgments of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, and shall have the same effect as similar judgments and records which by the laws of the Commonwealth are kept in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County.

SECTION 4. The records of all judgments of any court or record of Pennsylvania, and of transcripts of judgments of all Aldermen and Justices of the Peace of the Commonwealth shall, when duly authenticated, be admitted to record in said District Court, and shall thereupon have all the incidents of judgments in said Court.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register and Recorder of Cambria County, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to perform all the duties now required by law of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register and Recorder of Cambria County, so far as the business and jurisdiction of said District Court extends, and upon failure or refusal to perform said duties, the Judges of said District Court, or any two of them, shall appoint a person to perform said duties, in the same manner as is provided for the appointment of Deputy Sheriff by the tenth section of the Act to which this is a supplement; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court and Register and Recorder of Cambria County, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take charge of the records and seals of said Court and offices, and keep the same in the place of holding said Court and in the apartments provided for that purpose, and the fees of said Clerk, Register and Recorder, shall be the same as now provided by law for the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Register and Recorder of Cambria County, for like services. He shall also give bond in the same form and in like amount and conditions as the Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Register and Recorder of Cambria County has now entered into, which bond shall be approved by any two of the Judges, the President being one.

"DONNER LAKE." Horrors of Overland Travel—Madness, Starvation and Cannibalism—The Most Frightful Narrative of Modern Times.

The current number of the Overland Monthly describes afresh, and no doubt with minute accuracy, a chain of events, which, for ghastly horrors, are probably without equal in authentic records. The tale realizes, in truth, the frightful denunciation of Othello, for in it "on horror's head horrors accumulate," and surely imagination cannot picture anything in the way of the piteous and awful more extreme than what was suffered by the unfortunate emigrants. In various forms, by books, newspapers, and more frequently by private report, the story has been told: for it happened long ago—in 1846—before Capt. Sutter had made his discovery, and before every old wanderer from Casco Bay to Hatteras had been fitted up, to brave once more the perils of Cape Horn. But many have persisted in disbelieving it. It was too terrible to relate, they said, to believe. And it is true that there seemed to be a raw-head and bloody-bones air about the narrative that more frequently attend fiction than fact, and which, at all events, lent warrant to the suspicion that it had been expanded and embellished. There is, however, no doubt about the melancholy truth of it; and the minute account now published is to be accepted as the product of all the sifted and collected testimony that it has been possible to obtain.

Donner Lake—named after the leader of the party who met their death hard by—is one of the most picturesque and lovely spots in the elevated valleys of the Sierra Nevada. "Starvation Camp," the immediate scene of the calamity, is close at hand, and by it runs a railroad, strange contrast in the plenty and succor it suggests to the helpless misery the spot once witnessed. The Donner party left their home for the Pacific slope in search of a healthy and fertile soil, and having penetrated this great distance toward the promised land, were "snowed up" near the lake. Their Indian guide, one Truckee, warned them one afternoon that dreadful weather was at hand, and urged them to push on, for the ground was as yet undiscovered, they had found wood, water and grass, and determined to halt for the night. In the morning a foot of snow had fallen, and their cattle wandered away so that few of them could be found. Alarmed, the wayfarers began to build cabins and to take such other measures as they could to protect themselves from the elements. The snow continued to fall and presently became impassable. In a few days it was eight feet deep. During nearly the whole days of November the long storm continued and the snow on the mountains ultimately reached a depth of more than twenty feet.

LEGAL STRATEGY.

Charles Lamb gives a funny account of the origin of roast pig. The owner of a litter of juvenile porkers, roasted to death by the casual burning of the family sty, in picking about among the ruins, and sorrowfully handling the crisp remains, chanced to burn his fingers. Clapping them to his mouth, he tasted a pleasure so exquisite, that it made him at once forget his pain and his loss. Pouncing on the prize, he not only dispatched the whole barbecue at a sitting, but licked his lips for more. The story got wind, and the entire country was ablaze with burning pig-pens; nor was it till many years after that some adventurous innovator shocked the adherents of conservative cookery, by proposing a new and less expensive process of preparing the favorite dish.

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY.—With what pleasure and pride does the Catholic listen to the praises of our Sisters of Charity from the duties of the day, who also know them well—we who know their worth, their virtues—cannot find words to speak or write of them as they deserve, or as we would wish to. But the generous and liberal Protestants who have seen them in the hospitals, in the sick room, at the bedside of the dying, never fail to pay a just tribute to them or to express their admiration of their self-sacrificing zeal in behalf of suffering humanity.