

JANUARY COURT.

JUSTICE METED OUT AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

January Term of Court Convened on Monday. The list of Cases not Large. Interesting Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday morning at ten o'clock with His Honor, Judge Furst, and Associates Rhoades and Riley on the bench. Soon after court was called Judge Furst called for the report of the constables throughout the county. Clement Dale, Esq., then presented several petitions before the court. W. F. Reeder then appeared before the court asking that a guardian be appointed for the children of Sarah Watson. John Marks was appointed. He also asked for another guardian to be appointed for the children of William Cone, deceased. Mr. Reeder was appointed. D. S. Keller, Esq., then occupied a few minutes of the court's time in presenting petitions. Ellis Orvis then asked the court to strike from the list a case which would come up during the second week. The case was W. Decker vs. Markle. His request was granted. John F. Potter and H. C. Quigley then presented petitions. Judge Furst overuled the petitions for a new trial in the case of Frank Karsher, of Phillipsburg, who distributed beer among his friends, which was against our laws. D. S. Keller, Esq., then read a petition signed by some of the best citizens of Phillipsburg asking for suspension of sentence. J. C. Meyer, Esq., representing the commonwealth was disposed to leave the case to the good judgment of the Court. Mr. Karsher was then called before the court and Judge Furst gave him some good legal advice in reference to the great crime which he stood indicted. He stated that if he obeyed the law in the future and paid the cost he would suspend the sentence. He, however, was held in a bond of five hundred dollars to keep the peace. The grand jury was then called by Prothonotary L. A. Schaffer. T. M. Gramley, of Gregg township, was made foreman. In the case of F. and B., against Edward Crane, J. C. Meyer, Esq., appeared and stated that the girl and child were both dead, and asked that the costs be placed on the county. S. M. Dale, W. I. Swoope, D. F. Fortney, Esq., also had business before the court.

Before adjournment, Jacob Williamson, an Englishman, who resides at Snow Shoe, presented himself before the court for naturalization. He did not know anything about our constitution, or what was required of him when he did become a citizen of the United States. He was given his papers, but the Judge said, that hereafter before he would naturalize foreigners, he would require them to read the constitutions of Pennsylvania and the United States; in this the Judge was right. A number of jurymen and witnesses were excused from duty on account of illness in their families. Monday afternoon the first cases called up for trial were several F. and B., and they were quickly disposed of by the defendants pleading guilty to indictments and the court imposed the usual sentence and fines.

The next case tried was that of S. R. Pringle vs. the overseer of the poor of Taylor township. Hastings & Reeder for plaintiff and John G. Love for defendant. The case is stated by Mr. Reeder as follows: On the 17th of January, 1891, Mr. Pringle was notified that a man by the name of Charles Cowher died in Taylor township. He furnished a coffin, rough box and burial robe. The witness stated that the death was caused probably from a running sore and when dead the remains were so offensive that it was with great difficulty that the body was laid out. Mr. Cowher was a resident of Taylor township, and being poor Mr. Pringle presented the bill for the funeral expenses of \$35 to the overseer of Taylor township. He refused to pay it and the suit was brought to court. The defense tried to establish the fact that Cowher owned property in that township, and the funeral expenses should be paid out of that. Mr. Pringle swore that Cowher owed him a store bill of \$40, besides he gave him a great many things free gratis. Mr. Cowher was not a public charge, but the people of that vicinity helped him. Mrs. Mary Cowher sworn. She is the widow of the late Charles Cowher. She is the mother of seven children. She owns a house and ten acres of land in Taylor township. She is poor, but did not tell overseers until she had to. She is still very poor.

This case took up all of the afternoon and the court adjourned before the Judge delivered his charge to the jury. This case came to an unceremonious and unexpected end on Tuesday morning when Love attorney for the defendants arose and stated that on Monday evening he saw the plaintiff, Mr. Pringle, going around Bellefonte in company with John Eves, of Half Moon who was a juror on the case; that they went to the opera house together, and after the opera they slept in the same room at the hotel. This was a direct violation of the law, and against the direction of the court. The case was withdrawn as directed by the court.

Next case up was commonwealth vs. Andrew Osiclin, a Hungarian, at whose house the drunken riot occurred on

Sunday, 18th inst., at Bellefonte. He was charged with violating the law by furnishing liquor to various persons on Sunday, and also by furnishing liquor to persons while visibly under the influence of liquor.

The evidence taken as a whole was conclusive that the defendant furnished the whiskey and was the cause of the trouble.

The court instructed the jury as to the law in the case and of course left the facts for them to decide from the evidence.

The jury was out but a short time, and returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

Commonwealth vs. Harvey E. Royer, charged with maliciously cutting down and hauling trees from a school yard in Potter township.

Several witnesses were heard and the court charged the jury. They returned a verdict of guilty in manner indicted.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Wm. Dinsmore, charged with receiving stolen goods, the court instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The next case up was Commonwealth vs. Carrie Wilson, charged with infanticide. Carrie Wilson the defendant, was delivered of a child, while living with her sister, Mrs. Monroe Kreamer, at Coburn, and it was supposed the child had been foully dealt with by the mother. Its body was found in a rubbish heap in the yard and an inquest held. The evidence of the commonwealth was not conclusive and a verdict of acquittal was returned by the jury on Wednesday morning.

JEREMIAH DUBBS.

Death of a former Resident of this Valley near Phillipsburg.

On Saturday morning about one o'clock, Jeremiah Dubbs, of Cold Stream, near Phillipsburg, died of a grippe. He had been ill for some time from the grip, and a few days previous to his death while walking around in his room and being very weak fell against a stand in his bed room, breaking one rib and fracturing another. He was aged about seventy-three years and lived with his son Thomas Dubbs, at Cold Stream, with whom he has resided for several years.

Mr. Dubbs was well known in this vicinity, having lived a short distance west of Centre Hall for a long time. His remains were brought to Centre Hall on the 24th train from Phillipsburg on Tuesday afternoon and were interred in the cemetery at this place.

His wife has been dead about nineteen years, and the children who survive are Thomas and James, living at Cold Stream; George, who resides near Pennville; John, of Bellefonte; Andrew, who lives on the old homestead in Penn's Valley, and a daughter who resides in Altoona.

Has Slept Seventy-two Hours.

Carrie Hoffman, aged eighteen, a house-maid at the home of Professor J. G. Anderson, superintendent of the school at Phillipsburg, retired on Tuesday evening in her usual good health. Since that time she has not awakened. She has been sleeping seventy-two hours, and all efforts of the physicians to arouse her have been in vain. The case is a peculiar one and the outcome of Miss Hoffman's long sleep is awaited with anxiety.

The REPORTER was informed that a boy threw a snow ball at the young lady, which struck her on the back of the head close to the side of the ear, and the supposition is paralysis was caused thereby, which would account for the condition of the girl.

A Brute of a Teacher.

The Lewisburg Journal says we are informed that the teacher of the public school at Linnville, a few days ago whipped two small boys so severely that the flesh on their legs and backs was cut open and they were compelled to go to their beds and remain there for several days. If the statement given us is correct, that teacher is not suited for a teacher, and the parents of those children would have a good case at court.

Cut Down Prices.

Lewins, at the Philadelphia Branch, Bellefonte, has made a big reduction in prices on all winter goods. An overcoat or warm suit of clothes can now be secured at cost. The goods must be sold to make room and he proposes to make the low price sell them regardless of any profit. No shoddy and every article purchased a bargain. Take advantage of this cut in price and you will not regret having done so.

The Woman far Superior.

A story is going the rounds of the press that woman's knees are not adapted for many things that men's are. The idea given out is that the feminine knee is not strong. That's all in your eye, declares the Bradford Era. You watch a man and woman stand up before a parson, and while the man's knees wobble like the eccentric rod of a steam engine, the woman's will be as steady as the pillars of Hercules.

—Oysters, Oranges and Lemons.—G. O. Benner.

ANOTHER TRAMROAD ACCIDENT.

William Jordan Ground to a Pulp at Pardee.

On Friday evening of last week as a train load of logs were being taken down the tramroad to Pardee, the crew lost control of the train, owing to the slippery condition of the rails, and all the men jumped except Olley Specht, engineer, (son of Jacob Specht) and fireman Will Jordan. The train had gained a tremendous speed when Jordan and Specht jumped off. Jordan, it is supposed, jumped on the wrong side and rebounded under the wheels of the trucks, where he was ground into a pulp. Specht escaped with a broken nose, sprained back and feet. The attending physician thinks Mr. Specht will recover. He was brought in on a mule and Jordan was taken in on another dinky. Mr. Specht had just jumped in time, for the next instant the train jumped the track and landed on the rocks some forty feet down the mountain, an entire wreck. Mr. Jordan lived at Pardee. He leaves a wife and several children.

THE CRAWFORD TOWNSHIP AFFAIR.

Particulars of the Suicide of Mrs. William McKeague.

The Lock Haven Democrat gives the following in reference to the supposed murder committed in that county recently: Mrs. William McKeague, of Crawford township, lived on a farm with two sons and two daughters. On Thursday night her married daughter, Mrs. Casper, slept with her and in the morning arose, leaving her mother in bed. After she left the room Mrs. McKeague arose, secured a razor and going back to the bed cut her throat, dropping the implement of death in the couch beside her. The deceased was fifty-five years of age and a widow. She had been sick but was up and around the day previous. It is supposed that her illness had in a measure weakened her mind. Huston Weidler, Justice of the Peace, held an inquest, with a jury of twelve men, who rendered a verdict in accordance with the circumstances above related.

At first it was thought that the affair might have been a murder and District Attorney Brungard started to go to the scene, to do whatever was necessary, but was met by parties between Jersey Shore and the home of the unfortunate woman, who assured him that there could have been no motive for murder and it was simply a case of suicide. The cut in the woman's neck was about two inches long and her windpipe was not altogether severed. It was therefore supposed that she must have lived for some time after committing the terrible deed.

Commissioner Brosius came here Monday from Crawford township and he says there is no doubt whatever that it was a case of suicide. This has relieved the public mind of the apprehension that murderous work had been done by other parties.

The funeral of Mrs. McKeague took place Monday morning.

Margaret Bradley Dead.

Another death from grip occurred within our limits this week in that of Miss Margaret Bradley. She had been taken ill several weeks ago while living with Mrs. McCully, an aged lady in Centre Hall, and as her condition grew worse it was deemed advisable to remove her and she was taken to the home of James Stahl, west of town, where she died on Monday morning. She was aged about seventy years and was a regular attendant at the Methodist church.

Her funeral took place on Wednesday morning, Revs. Fischer and Shoemaker officiating in the services. Interment was made in the cemetery at this place.

Monday Rules in 1892.

During the year 1892 Monday will rule as the day of holidays. With but one exception the holidays yet to be observed this year will fall on a Monday. First comes Washington's birthday, Monday, February 22; then follows Memorial day, Monday, May 30th; the Fourth of July also comes on a Monday; so does Labor day, Sept. 4th. Christmas comes on Sunday and according to the regulation of things, Monday will be observed as the legal holiday for Christmas. Thanksgiving day is the only holiday that does not fall on Monday. Here is something for the superstitious to talk about.

The Road Question.

Secretary Edge, of the department of agriculture, finds that the farmers of the state are awakening to the need for better roads, and the methods and construction and means of paying for the work will be discussed at every farmers' meeting held this year. The equalization of taxation will also be a much discussed question. The number of institutes held this year will largely exceed that of any former year, every county in the state, with the exception of Philadelphia, being scheduled for one or more institutes.

Appointed to fill the Vacancy.

It is rumored that Roland Curtin, son of General John I. Curtin, of Bellefonte, has received the appointment to the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Md. He is to fill the vacancy left at that institution by A. J. Cruise, Jr., of Bellefonte.

SORE AFFLICTION.

Diphtheria Takes Three out of a Family, In About One Week.

The family of William Luce, living on the Brushvalley road, near the cave, has been fearfully visited by diphtheria. In last week's issue of the REPORTER we announced the death of his seventeen-year-old daughter, from this terrible disease. In this issue it is our sad duty to announce two more deaths—a daughter, aged about thirteen years, and the father, both died on the same day, the daughter on Tuesday morning, and the father on the afternoon of the same day.

Surely this is an affliction which the pen is too feeble to describe, and which only the survivors of the once happy household can feel but not tell. Two daughters and a father within a little over a week's time. Sympathy will run out to this afflicted family from far and near, but no amount of sympathy can cure the anguish and fill the void created by the ravages of the grim monster in this brief space of time.

The mother and the oldest daughter, aged eighteen years, also a little boy who has his home with the family, have an attack of the disease, with little hopes for the recovery of the only remaining daughter. The mother shows evidence of improvement.

A more sad calamity can scarce befall a family; may He who rules all things wisely comfort the survivors and be their protector.

40 Degrees below Zero.

At Du Bois, Clearfield county, the mercury dropped to 40 degrees below zero on last Wednesday morning. They call that cold weather out there, but was only summer weather compared with what it was at Centre Hall at the same time, and on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Our thermometer in the REPORTER office only registers fifty below zero and the cold became so intense that the mercury in the tube was frozen solid before half way down to where it wanted to go and could not register fast enough. We ushered into service as a tripod a small red hot stove and for a pencil with a cold chisel and hammer carved one from our frozen ink in the keg. When the front door was opened the condensation was so sudden, caused by the rushing air that we had a snow fall of over two feet and the typesetters were compelled to use snow shoes while at work, to keep on top. Our devil endeavored to shoot a cat back of the sanctum one afternoon and when he attempted to load his gun he discovered he had no shot. He was so overwhelmed with this discovery and the missing of a good chance at a cat that he shed tears. As these dropped to the ground they were frozen into small pebbles and glancing down he almost leaped for joy at his discovery. He gathered up a handful and put them down the gun barrel on top of the powder and let go at the cat. The cat was transfixed with an icicle, and quite dead. The heat of the discharge had melted the tear-drops and they were as suddenly frozen into an icicle when exposed to the intense cold. Such was the theory advanced for this unaccountable happening.

The Best in the State.

Centre Hall boys have the finest coasting this side of Lapland. They can go up the pike to the top of Nittany mountain, and mount their sleds and come down into the heart of town like an arrow, it is a mile and a quarter down, and nothing easier in the world than to get down when the road is in fine coasting order, and the coming down is a sight to see. But then it is a mile and a quarter up, and to foot that and drag their sleds—we just wonder whether the "up" is as full of fun as the "down"; but it must be, else the youngsters and their gals would stay down and not go up.

To Open the Old Portage Road.

The Pennsylvania railroad officials are making preparations to reopen the Portage railroad above Altoona, which was abandoned several years ago. The proposed road will afford an air line route down the mountain from Cresson to Petersburg, Huntingdon county, and will shorten the distance fifteen miles between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. This route is in the line of the Penn's policy in providing rapid transit to the World's Fair at Chicago, and the present heavy traffic on the main line, through Altoona, renders the need for this new mountain road imperative.—Altoona Times.

A Dangerous Occupation.

Men who go down into the mines to dig coal take their lives into their own hands. Coal mining is the most dangerous occupation engaged in by man, but it is asserted that the carelessness or recklessness of the coal digger is the cause of two-thirds of the disasters in the mines.

The Constables Duty.

Constables are required to post ten notices in each election district, at least ten days before the February election, and in every such advertisement they are to enumerate the officers to be elected as well as to designate the time and place of holding the election.

—Bargains on Overcoats.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

Too Cheap to be Good.

The Chambersburg Valley Spirit tells how a woman of that place was neatly swindled. "She had read an advertisement in a city paper by which she was promised three pieces of furniture for ninety-five cents. Such an opportunity to partially furnish a room was not to be lost and she forwarded her ninety-five cents by the next mail. After waiting what she considered a sufficient time she directed her son to "hitch up" the large one-horse wagon and together they started for the railroad station. The wagon was backed up carefully to the platform in order to save the furniture any jostling and the lady went to the agent to inquire after the furniture. The agent informed her that a box had come for her that morning and directed the freight handler to deliver into her hands. He did so and then the woman learned how shallow are some of the promises of far-away business men.

The box was merely a cigar box but it contained the furniture consisting of two small wire chairs and one wire sofa. She was indignant at the cruel deception, but was more thoroughly aroused when told that she owed the railroad company twenty-five cents for freight. She paid the charge after a long argument, and went home fully determined never more to buy except "on sight."

How Justice is Administered in Ohio.

The man who takes a newspaper from the postoffice with no intention of ever paying his subscription would be highly indignant and grossly insulted if he were called a thief. Yet a court in Ohio (where they have the same newspaper laws as in Pennsylvania) recently convicted forty men of that calibre and allowed the publisher who brought the suits judgment to the full extent of the bill in every case. The crime charged against them was larceny. A few more cases like this may boom the collection business and cause legions of poor editors to rise to sudden affluence, prosperity and happiness.—Holmanville (Pa.) Monitor.

Frightfully Torn by a Hook.

Mrs. Hannah Kashner, of Coal Run wanted to go to Shamokin to do some shopping and she accepted an invitation from a neighboring butcher to ride to town in his wagon. On the way the horses ran off and the woman was pitched from one side of the wagon to the other, and fearfully lacerated by the hooks that stud both sides of the top. Her flesh was torn off in strips and one of her eyes was gouged out. She is in a very critical condition.

Groceries Should be Covered Up.

All groceries and other household supplies should be put away in their own proper receptacles, and not left standing around in paper bags. Keep rice, oatmeal, cracked wheat, tapioca, etc., in close covered glass jars, tea and coffee in tin canisters, meal and flour in covered wooden buckets.

Cold.

The weather from Monday night to Wednesday evening was extremely cold. The skies were bright, and high winds prevailed.

—Large stock of clothing for men, boys and children.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

—Have you seen the new stock of overcoats just received at the Philad. Branch?

—Mingle's shoe store receives new stock every day. Prices are always fair and reasonable.

—A neat looking shoe, good quality and low in price, is the kind of goods purchased at Powers' Shoe store, Bellefonte. A trial will convince you of this.

—If in need of anything in the boot or shoe line don't forget that Mingle, Bellefonte, has the finest line in the state from which to select. He guarantees all goods and you have good returns for your money.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

For sale by J. D. Murray, Druggist.

Entitled to Confidence.

Mr. J. D. Murray, Druggist, should have the confidence of this community, his calling is one of great responsibility; very often precious lives are entrusted to his care, taking the agency for selling the celebrated Red Flag Oil should be a guarantee. It will do all that is claimed for it, and no remedy excels it for the quick cure of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains and all bodily pain. Price 25 cents.

Grain Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY KURTZ & SON. Table with columns for Wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat and prices.

Produce at Stores.

Table with columns for Butter, Eggs, Lard, Shoulders, Ham, Tallow, Potatoes, Sides and prices.

RACKET STROKE NEWS.

MR. KURTZ,

Dear Sir:—Please tell the readers of the "Reporter" that during January they will find special bargains in every department of "The Racket." When we say bargains, we mean the clear cut modern kind, not the cut-and-dried kind usually called bargains. A few sample prices will suffice to show what we mean.

Men's Rubbers, 25 cents a pair. Silk and Wool Plaids, yard wide, 25 cents per yard, worth easily double. Knickerbocker Dress Goods, 8 cents per yard, usual price, 12 1/2. Remnants in Dress Goods, Calicoes, Muslins, at split prices. Naf Ced.

Come and see yourself why "The Racket" has doubled itself in a year, and why you will find it crowded when other stores are empty.

Respectfully Yours, G. R. SPIGELMYER, SHEM SPIGELMYER, JR. Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 5, 1892.

Rev. Samuel Yearick.

Rev. Samuel Yearick, of near Yearick's church, in the west end of Miles township, died on Friday, of last week. Rev. Yearick was a local preacher of the Evangelical denomination, and was aged over seventy years.

Be Among the First to Respond.

The Pennsylvania State Guard expected to be called into service in case of a war with Chili. General Snowden, the commander-in-chief, says the Guard is ready at any time and will be among the first and the finest to respond to the President's call.

Our Columns Open.

The columns of the REPORTER are open to all for the discussion of any question of public interest. They must be accompanied by the name of the author, not for publication but as evidence of good faith on the part of the writer.

State College Changes.

Prof. T. F. Hunt of the chair of agriculture, Pennsylvania State college, has resigned, and Prof. H. J. Halter of the University of Missouri selected to fill his place. A course in mining engineering is to be established at the college in the near future. A vice president to succeed Prof. Jas. McKee has not yet been selected.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Samuel Barr, of Tyrone, is visiting friends in Centre Hall and vicinity.

—Miss Sallie McClenahan returned home last week from Milton after an absence of about six weeks.

—Mrs. W. B. Mingle and son Gross, visited her parents in Aaronsburg several days of this week.

—Farmer Daniel Horner, of Tusseyville, gave the REPORTER a call—he just got over a siege of the grip.

—Mrs. Michael Ulrich, an aged lady living near Tusseyville, is confined to her bed with an attack of the grip.

—Miss Jennie Boal spent several days in Linden Hall this week, the guest of Mr. Shannon Boal's family.

—Mr. John H. Huff, of Glen Iron, visited his daughter, Mrs. Frank Crawford, on Church street, this week.

—Clevan Dinges is home for a few days this week. Clevan just returned from a trip east on insurance business.

—Mr. J. Linn Harris, assistant mayor of Bellefonte, spent the greater part of Wednesday in Centre Hall on professional business.

—Frank Crawford was in Lewisburg on Monday on business pertaining to the estate of the late J. C. Raubenshush, of Laurelton.

—Mr. B. F. Yearick, of Spring township, accompanied by a friend, gave our sanctum a call and had his subscription dated ahead.

—Sickness throughout the valley and county is still unabated—grip has the run, pneumonia in some cases, with scarlet fever and diphtheria doing sad work in some families.

—Will Wagner, merchant, of Stone Mill, called in our sanctum. Will intends making sale of his person of property and quit business in the spring. He advertises some live stock at public sale, in the REPORTER.

—It is reported in our exchanges that Colonel J. L. Spangler, who has removed his residence from Bellefonte to Hasting, Cambria county, where he is superintendent of the operations at that place, is lying dangerously ill.

—Mr. F. Bowersox, of Rock Springs, gave us a call last week and spent a short time in our sanctum. Mr. Bowersox is a reader of the REPORTER and as he informs us he not only admires it for its news but for its unflinching and staunch Democracy, and as the best paper published in the county. A man of his intelligence always has to say. Mr. Bowersox is supervisor of Ferguson township and is one of its most respected citizens.