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COURT NEWS

QUARTER SESSIONS IN PROGRESS THIS WEEK.

The Usual Number of Cases—Doings of the Grand Jury and Indictments—Other Business Transacted.

LAST WEEK:—The jury in the case of George M. Reeser vs. Michael Kelley and Harry Kelley, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$375 on Thursday afternoon, after which court adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING.

Monday morning, November 23rd, court convened at nine o'clock, with Hon. John G. Love, president judge, on the bench, and at half-past nine Hon. C. A. Faulkner, associate judge, also took his seat on the bench.

Considerable time was consumed in hearing motions and petitions by different members of the bar.

List of grand jurors called, and T. L. Kessinger, a merchant in Hubersburg was chosen foreman, after which Judge Love delivered an able charge to the grand jury, after which they retired to the grand jury room to pass on the different bills of indictment which will be laid before them by the District Attorney.

J. Kennedy Johnston, a law student in District Attorney Singer's office, was admitted to the bar on motion of C. M. Bower, Esq., of the examining board.

Returns of the constables of the different boroughs and townships of the county.

List of traverse jurors called and absentees noted, and those excused, that were unable to attend.

Court adjourned at 11:20 until 1:45 p. m.

The following civil cases for this week have either been settled or continued.

John Lloyd vs. Edwin Ruhl; settled.

John McMonigal vs. G. S. Keller; settled.

C. J. From vs. Elizabeth Curry and William Curry; continued.

Edward Poorman vs. Martin Dailey and Bridget Dailey; settled.

Samuel Alters, use of Jacob Ketner vs. John Stoner and Emanuel Eisenhuth; continued.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

More petitions and motions.

The first case taken up was com. vs. Harry Maher, indicted first count, assault and battery; second, assault with intent to commit a rape, prosecutor M. G. Weaver. This prosecution is brought for an assault on Muriella Weaver and Mary Weaver, daughters of the prosecutor in August 1895, while out picking berries near Port Matilda. Verdict guilty on the first count, assault and battery; and not guilty on the second count.

Com. vs. Harper Springer, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Jennie Shaffer; defendant plead guilty and received the usual sentence in such cases.

Sallie Lose vs. Central R. R. Co. of Pa.; settled.

George Vaux vs. Lee Henry. This case is brought to recover for labor done and performed, and material furnished in building a fence for the defendant; verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$13.40.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Com. vs. Edward Gill, Ellen Gill, Sarah Gentzell, and John Ammerman indicted for keeping a disorderly house; prosecutor Samuel Page. These parties were arrested for keeping a disorderly house on Half Moon Hill, in Spring township, near Bellefonte. Verdict guilty, but recommended to the clemency of the court.

Com. vs. Samuel Rossman, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutrix Sadie Rossman; defendant plead guilty, and sentence suspended until next January sessions by the defendant giving security to appear at that time.

Robert Laws vs. Dennis Nolan, and his wife, Susan Nolan; non-suit.

E. P. McCormick vs. James Leary; non-suit entered.

WORK FOR MCKINLEY.

The "advance agent of prosperity" seems to be neglecting his business, by permitting the following industries to shut down:

Mabley & Co., a Detroit clothing firm, has shut down.

The Sioux Falls, S. D., national bank has failed.

The largest carpet mills in the world located in the state of New York, has closed down, putting 4000 men out of employment.

The great wire nail trust collapsed a few days ago.

Mill and factory starter, McKinley, should stop all this shutting down, he was elected under the promise of immediate prosperity for all, even down to the day laborer.

BOY BATTLES WITH A BEAR.

Killed a Cub and Was Attacked by the Mother.

Three men and a sixteen-year-old boy were hunting in the Seven mountains last week. The boy went into a dense forest by himself in the quest of game. He saw two half grown bear cubs and was successful in shooting one. Hardly had he brought down his game, when the mother made her appearance, and before the boy could reload his gun the enraged animal attacked him.

A terrible hand-to-claw conflict ensued. The boy's clothes were torn to shreds and his body completely covered with huge gashes from the bear's claws. Twice the boy escaped and assayed to climb a tree, but was caught and hauled down both times by the bear. The boy's death would have been a question of but a few minutes more, when one of the party, attracted by the shot that killed the cub, appeared, and with one shot disabled the old bear sufficiently to rescue the boy. It required two more well-directed shots to kill her. The boy, very seriously, though not fatally hurt was given surgical attention. The old bear's carcass weighed 265 pounds.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Geo. E. Homan, Williamsport, and Elizabeth J. Reish, Millheim.

G. W. Decker, and Mary E. Vonada, Spring Mills.

J. D. Neese, Penit Hall, and Norah E. Koch, Fairbrook.

Newton I. Rerick, Benner, Flora Smith, Spring.

John A. Blevens, Kezie Dunning, Port Matilda.

David C. Vaughlin, Philipsburg, Charlotte E. Estep, Osceola.

Samuel W. Stover, and Nellie R. Sharp, Hubersburg.

Rufus E. Cole, Philipsburg, and Luella R. Lewis, Kylertown.

Furniture Polish.

A recipe for a very superior furniture polish given by a dealer in musical instruments to a housewife, as the cause for the shining surfaces of the pianos in his rooms, consists of four tablespoonfuls of turpentine, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and ten drops of household ammonia. This polish must be thoroughly shaken before using and applied with an old flannel or silk cloth. Rub briskly and thoroughly, which is at least a third of the merit of all polishes. Use a second cloth to rub the mixture into the grain of the wood and a third for the final polish.

His Shoes Made of Human Skin.

A Philadelphia physician has his shoes made from the skin of negroes. He obtains the epidermis from bodies which have been used for dissecting purposes in a famous medical college. The thighs are flayed and the skin thus procured is sent to Womelsdorf, near Reading, and there tanned by a stolid Berks county yeoman. The result is a beautiful leather extremely soft and pliable, very lustrous, and suggestive of a very fine but very thick piece of kid. The shoes are beautiful to look upon and grasp the feet kindly. This story is told from actual personal knowledge.

WOW
No Smoking Allowed.

The postoffice department at Washington has issued an order in regard to smoking, as follows: The practice will not be tolerated hereafter. It reflects on the United States mail service. Employees of this office will not be permitted hereafter to smoke, either going or coming from their routes. Neither will they be permitted to smoke in the office, in the lobby or in front of the building, whether on or off duty.

Taking a Holiday.

The schools have taken their first holiday today since the opening. The next vacation for the scholars will be in about three weeks. The directors have not decided whether it will be one or two weeks.

Will Meet in the Presbyterian Church.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold their meeting in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Weekly Weather Report.

Temperature: Highest Lowest.
Nov. 19, 66 45 clear.
" 20, 42 26 cloudy.
" 21, 40 30 cloudy.
" 22, 49 37 part cloudy.
" 23, 39 26 part cloudy.
" 24, 50 36 part cloudy.
" 25, 61 40 cloudy.

Rainfall: On 21st, forenoon .20 inches, afternoon .36 inches.

—For Sale—Hiram Durst has a good bob-sled for sale cheap. Has box, tongue, single trees, and all complete. It's a bargain.

Butchering Is On.

Butchering is on since house cleaning and butter boiling have ended.

A country butchering is a frolic unknown to city green horns and is as interesting an event on a country premises as a select cotillion party is in a city parlor.

A country butchering comes in on the late fall program when the early morning squeal of the dying porker, is the music that follows the last notes of the cock crowing. A stall fed beef is on the list for slaughter attended by from four to fifteen sleek and fat hogs whose day-break squeal indicates that the executioner is at his throat. The squeal of the dying hog is heard in many quarters as a salute to the morning twilight.

Bang!—squel! did you hear that? The marksman did not aim well, his rifle ball only wounded the swine, and it does its level best, amid pain and fright, to make its escape, followed by men, boys and dogs, and is cornered and downed and the head butcher sinks his sharp knife into the heart of the pig, a low, rumbling grunt follows, and the animal is dead.

Bang! Bang! Bang! No squeal, the man with the rifle took better aim, and every bang dropped its victim without a grunt.

Now all take hold, one each at tail, hindfeet and snout and the dead carcass is dragged to the scalding trough for a bath in boiling water, then slung on a platform, and such a scraping, shaving and pulling of bristles by a half dozen arms, is as exciting as a football game, and as funny as any "gitten up stairs you ever did see." And this is the dead porkers initiation before he reaches the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degrees—respectively, sausage chopper and stuffer, pickle and smoke-house, frying pan and dining table.

Clean and white as snow, the carcass is hung up and gutted, the entrails taken in charge by the women who clean and dress them fit for stuffing with sausage or worst meat minced.

Next the beef is driven from his stall, wonders a moment what green pastures he will now be promanaded to. Bang! he drops; aim was well taken. The animals throat is cut, all hands rush on with whetted blades, and the skin is rolled up for the tannery. Sometimes it happens the ball does not hit a vital spot of the animal and the sting of cold lead makes the beast furious, and then a lively picnic follows, the animal makes a dash for anything that has two legs with overalls on; but these manage to get up on a shed roof, up a tree or across the fence, before his wounded majesty can give them a lift with his horns.

The shootist watches for one second of quiet, again pulls trigger, and the curtain, the steer we mean, drops, and all hands come down from tree and roof and from across the fences and heroically proceed to divest the animal of its hide, and then the bovine is put thro the 2nd, 3rd and 4th initiation degrees same as the porker.

Where butchering goes along right smart, sausages and savory liver-wurst throw out their fragrance from the supper table. Where the work goes ahead braggingly smart, they boast of having sausage in time for dinner. A dinner at a butchering is an affair fit for a prince to sit down to; a roast turkey most always being on deck, flanked by all the and-so-forths and dainties that the good wives and pretty cooks so well serve up.

The product of a day's family butchering, is a tub or two of sausages, a little pile of liver-wurst, a dozen or two of hams and shoulders, sides, dry beef chunks, bologna, swarten magen, even blood-wurst, pigs feet, and so weiter. These are cured to keep, and draw on when your friends b'such you during the coming winter and summer, and you are served with sausages smoked or put up in lard, and with fragrant country ham or delicious dry beef.

Just now the clatter of the chopping machine can be heard every day, as a chorus to the dying squeal of the porker.

A country butchering does not wind up with a hoe-down like a fitting, but in the lower counties of York, Lancaster, Lebanon and Berks, it winds up with a "metzel soup", which when well seasoned, is more excellent than an oyster soup. Up here in Centre county, alas, the majority of families don't seem to be posted on it. A "metzel soup" is made up from the choicest juices of the boiling meats and boiled wursts, to which are added vegetables and seasoning, to make it a soup of delicious flavor.

We give the description of a rural butchering to let our city cousins see that while they may think us green in some things, they are just as green in many others.

—The Philadelphia Branch leads in common sense clothing at common sense prices—hard fair prices. They look for only a fair profit there. In many of the goods they sell they don't get any.

LINES DIVIDED

TROUBLE ALREADY IN THE REPUBLICAN RANKS.

The McKinleyites Say that the Dingley Tariff Bill Shall not go Through, and it Won't.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The first round between the McKinley and anti-McKinley Republicans has been fought, and the McKinleyites have won, but the victory isn't substantial enough to crow over. As quick as it was known that the Republicans had won the National election such men as Senator Sherman and Speaker Reed began to announce the necessity for pushing the Dingley bill or some similar revenue measure through the Senate at the short session, if it could possibly be done. That caused a lining up of the Republicans for and against the Dingley bill and the contest was getting lively when the word was passed that McKinley would not have the Dingley bill put through. That ended the round. The Dingley bill is dead, and the anti-McKinley Republicans are temporarily leeked, but they will have their innings later on and will do their part towards showing the country how badly divided the Republican party is even on the tariff question, and the financial division will not be overlooked either. The fifty-fifth Congress promises to be one of the liveliest seen for years, and although the Democrats therein will not be numerous enough to accomplish much by voting as a party, there is no guessing what they may do by holding the balance of power between the Republican factions in the Senate.

There is no more amusing feature of the situation than the talk of the Populists about the Democrats party having to come to them in the next National Campaign. It would be a case of the tail wagging the dog sure enough, for the party which cast more than five-sixths of the votes Bryan received being absorbed by the party which cast less than one-sixth of the votes.

There are some things in which this country might take a few profitable lessons from older nations, and one of them is in the wording of official reports which are intended to be made public. A case in point is the annual report of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification. This board is composed of prominent army officers, including Gen. Miles, and has ex-Congressman Outhwaite for a civilian member. In its anxiety to impress upon Congress the necessity for large appropriations for Coast Defences, the Board made the mistake of using the following language: "Should a conflict arise we are liable to be embroiled with some power whose navy, in the present defenceless condition of our coast, might destroy or exact enormous ransoms from our chief cities." That sort of stuff may do very well in the sensational newspaper offices, but it is decidedly out of place in an official document. It is the publication of that style of matter in official reports, for this isn't the first time it has been done, that has made every country owing a few modern war ships cocky in its dealings with the United States, because of the belief that fear of the destruction of our sea coast cities will make us stand almost anything from a country with a Navy. Chili had that idea several years ago, and Spain has it now. While there is no doubt that these gentlemen meant well in using such language, such a report would never have been made public by any European power, and it should not have been published here.

Ex-Senator Walsh, of Ga., now visiting Washington, retains the editorial faculty of stating the situation in a nutshell. He said: "It is to be sincerely hoped that prosperity will come to the country through the incoming administration. Every patriot hopes for that. The Republicans will have the responsibility, and if their methods and policies are for the general good, to them will belong the credit. But if they fail to carry out the promises they have made, that if entrusted with power, great benefit would accrue to the country, then the Democracy will meet them at Phillippi. Any man who reckons that the Democratic party is dead is making a serious mistake. If I am not greatly mistaken it will be very much alive in 1900."

Those who always jump to conclusions have taken it for granted that McKinley would send to the Senate for ratification, the treaty negotiated during the last days of the Harrison administration, providing for the annexation of Hawaii, which was withdrawn by Mr. Cleveland. He will do nothing of the sort. He is opposed to the wording of that treaty and will not send it to the Senate at all. McKinley, while not opposed to annexation, will take no steps toward that end until fully assured that the peo-

ple of Hawaii desire annexation and shall have formally asked for it. Then he will agree to the negotiation of a new treaty.

Chief Ford, of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics agrees with Senator Gorman both in the belief that the Dingley Tariff bill would do the Treasury no good and that the best way out of present difficulties would be to put a duty on coffee and tea. He said: "If Congress desires to pass a purely revenue bill at this session it will be easy enough to get up one that would stop the deficit. A tax of 40 per cent. on coffee and tea and a dollar a barrel additional on beer would do it to a nicety, by adding about \$75,000,000 a year to our revenue."

An Injustice.

Dunham's "Hornet" unjustly assails the people of the lower end of this valley in the following paragraph:

"The friends of the murderers of Etlinger rolled up a populist-democratic majority of twelve hundred on the other side of the mountain. Those demo-pops people over there think they own the earth. Each precinct has its oracle from whom the people take political instruction, and these oracles get their instructions from partisan manipulators in Bellefonte and carry them out for a consideration. Etlinger was hounded to death because he was a mechanical genius and a republican and was increasing the republican vote in his precinct."

This is a new version of the Etlinger affair and seems to have been buried all these months in the poison sack connected with the Hornet's little stinger. Those people down there are among the best, most intelligent and hospitable found anywhere, comparing No. 1 in their schools, churches and homes, and the fellow who abides in a vicious Hornet's nest, don't know what he is talking about—the most clamorous for the scalp of the Hornet's friend, the outlaw, were men of Dunham's own party, anarchists, maybe.

Proposed New Calendar.

A new calendar is proposed. It is proposed to abandon altogether the present astronomical calendar and to adopt one which will be framed from a strictly practical and commercial point of view. By the proposed calendar the year will have twelve months with exactly twenty-eight days each, and one of twenty-nine, the latter to have thirty days in leap year or thirteen months in all. With this system the days will come in each month on the same date. Thus, January 1 being on Monday, as will be the 8, 15, and 22, so will the same dates in each of the other twelve months be Mondays. This system would greatly simplify commercial reckonings, and it has many advantages over the present style which is based largely on mythology and has at the present time no real foundation.

Frauds in Judgment Notes.

Since the abolishing of days of grace by a law passed at the last session of the legislature, business men have been agitating a reform in the matter of judgment notes that will go far toward preventing manufacturer and wholesalers being beaten by fraudulent creditors. Matters have gone so far that a prominent lawyer has been retained to draft a bill to be presented at Harrisburg. It is aimed particularly at the class who give judgment notes to their relatives and, when they get ready to fail, give them a tip to issue execution on their assets. Of course, the first execution in the hands of the sheriff has precedence.

Earnest-Schoch.

Hattie May, daughter of Geo. W. Schoch, and Franklin Earnest, both of Millinburg, were married May 27, 1896, at Camden, N. J., has just been announced. The Millinburg Times remarks: The above announcements were received through the mail Tuesday morning, and caused considerable excitement. The bride is the only daughter of Editor Schoch, the groom is the second son of Rev. Dr. Earnest. Why these young people should choose to keep their marriage a secret for nearly six months, we do not know, and it is none of our business, either.

Death of W. J. Hemphill.

W. J. Hemphill, a prominent citizen of Clearfield, died last week, aged 69 years. The deceased was born in Nitany valley, this county, at what was known as the old Red Tavern, along the old State road. He filled several offices of prominence and in 1849 represented Clearfield county in the Legislature.

—The knack of looking well is due principally to the clothing one wears; to dress well does not necessarily mean that one must own a silver mine or have a "corner" on gold. Inquire at the Philadelphia Branch—what they don't know about fitting you out nobly and at a low figure no one else knows.

LEBANON BANK LOOTED.

Cashier Hoffer Steals \$110,000, and With Other Crookedness Amounts to \$185,000.

The confessed defalcation of John H. Hoffer, late cashier of the First national bank, of Lebanon, is this week's sensation. He was the bank's trusted official for twelve years, and his stealings began six years ago.

While the bank loss of \$109,180 remains unchanged, the losses to individuals swells the defalcation to \$185,000 owing to dealings in the Modoc gold mine which long looked suspicious, and it turns out to have been general robbery.

At the hearing in Harrisburg Monday night, when bail in \$15,000 was demanded, Hoffer was handed over to the United States deputy marshal, who was to remain with the prisoner in Harrisburg.

Numerous gentlemen were ready to become bondsmen. John Hoffer himself objected to any bailment, saying that he had committed the crime, that he hoped for no mercy, and expected to serve his term in the penitentiary. But his friends persisted in bailing him out, until certain members of the family, in deference to Hoffer's wishes, asked the friends to desist, and the accused remains in Philadelphia a prisoner.

As You Like It.

Whip found—call at Reporter office. Gov. Hastings keeps five horses, five at Harrisburg and one at his Bellefonte home.

Wolf & Crawford have taken in upwards of 2000 bushels of apples this season.

The Gentzel hunting party did not meet with their usual success while out in the Green woods last week.

The fine fall with occasional rains have caused the wheat fields to present an unusually promising appearance.

Last Friday morning we had a short homeopathic snow—it came down in pellets like large homeopathic pills.

Deer hunters have not met with good success thus far this season. The hunting for bears seems to pan out better.

Sheriff Cronister came home from a hunt with a party of friends, having killed four deer and a lot of other game.

In this county there are Hastings men and Wanamaker men, for U. S. Senator, with home pride predominant.

Telephone manager Malin, of Bellefonte, on Monday evening celebrated his silver wedding, with quite a number of friends to extend congratulations and leave presents.

It has shown clearly upon superficial investigation that a contested election in this county would endanger every Republican having a small majority. The expense would very much outweigh the benefits.

Eat Apples Before Retiring.

Everybody ought to know that the very best thing to do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple has remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. It is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than any other fruit. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous growths, while it relieves indigestion and is one of the best preventives known for diseases of the throat. No harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before retiring for the night.

The Paper Must Come Out.

There is truth in the following from an exchange: "There is one matter wherein the country newspaper labors at a disadvantage in time of money stringency as compared with the manufacturer. The publisher never finds a time when he can shut down his plant and lay off his employes, except when he reaches a point where he becomes a "busted community" so to speak. The paper must be turned out every week and the expenses continue right on just the same as when money was plentiful."

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.