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PROCEEDINGS OF COURT.

THE JANUARY TERM NOW IN SESSION.

The Commonwealth List of Unimportant Kind Beyond Those Interested.—The Civil Cases Disposed of.

Court called at 9.30 a. m. on Monday with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench.

The greater part of the session was taken up in hearing petitions and motions presented by different members of the bar.

The list of grand jurors called, and jury sworn, and retired to pass on the different bills of indictment that will be laid before them by the District Attorney, Hayes Shenck, Justice of the Peace, of Howard boro, foreman.

The constables of the different boroughs and townships of the county then made their quarterly returns.

List of traverse jurors called and thirty-nine answered to their names.

List of civil cases down for trial for this week was then gone over, and cases for actual trial ascertained.

Court adjourned at 11.30.

DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES.

Fisher & Co. vs. Richard Bowen; judgment taken in favor of the plaintiff, for \$86.74.

Centre County Banking Co. vs. H. M. Meek, defendant, and Wm. Witter, terre tenant; continued.

Samuel Gramley, executor of etc., of Sarah Shaffer, deceased, vs. Jacob B. Hazel; continued, at the cost of the defendant.

J. Comel & Co. vs. Celia Ratowsky; settled.

Abe Funk and B. J. Emertine, trading as Funk & Emertine vs. Celia Ratowsky; settled.

Harry Ritzinger and Joseph Zeuleuke, trading as Ritzinger & Zeuleuke vs. Celia Ratowsky; settled.

J. Cohen vs. Celia Ratowsky; settled.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Com. vs. Albert Everts; charge adultery; prosecutrix, Eva Everts; defendant pleaded guilty.

Com. vs. Roland Confer, charge betrayal; prosecutrix, Bert. A. Zeigler; defendant renewed his recognizance to April sessions.

Com. vs. Frank Huey; charge betrayal; prosecutrix Lucy Hampton; defendant renewed his recognizance to April sessions.

Com. vs. G. P. Garret; charge libel; prosecutrix Tobias Klinefelter; settled.

Ellis L. Orvis, executor of etc., of John H. Orvis, deceased, vs. A. Brockertoff, administrator of etc., of Rose A. McCarty; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1487.50.

Francis M. Atherton, use of Thomas Meyer vs. Margaret F. Alexander and James W. Alexander, administrators of etc., of C. T. Alexander, dec'd, James W. Alexander, H. C. Yarrington and Robert Yarrington, heirs at law, and Margaret F. Alexander, widow of C. T. Alexander, deceased, defendants, and Robert McAlmont and Rose Shortidge, terre tenants; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1364.13.

W. H. Williams and Jennie B. Williams, administrators of etc., of Aaron Williams, deceased vs. Jacob Mattern, David Mattern, Miles Mattern, J. Linn Mattern and Mary M. Mattern, administrators of etc., of John B. Mattern, deceased; verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$8729.99 and an attorney's commission of \$210.

Henrietta Kline vs. the Overseer of the poor of Boggs twp; this action is brought to recover for eighteen weeks board of Irvin Kline, plaintiff's son, and eight weeks board for his wife, at the rate of \$1.50 per week, amounting to \$40.50 from the defendant's township; and the Overseers of the Poor allege that they had provided a place for these people at a Mrs. Heaton's, in Boggs township, whereas the plaintiff lives in Spring township; verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the defendant.

Com. vs. Wm. Scott, charge larceny; prosecutrix, C. A. Davis; for taking a child's watch, valued at about \$2.00; defendant pleaded guilty.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Com. vs. John Casher, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Margaret Cahill; defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution and to pay to the prosecutrix the sum of \$40.00, the child being dead.

Samuel Alters, use of Jacob Ketner vs. John Stoner and Emanuel Eisenbuth; action brought to recover for timber sold to the defendants and for hauling telephone poles and props for John Stoner; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$67.06.

Com. vs. Harry Switzer, indicted on three charges; first count assault and battery, second count aggravated assault and battery, third count felonious

assault with intent etc.; prosecutor Levi Fye; the facts in this case are about as given in this paper in the first issue in January.

Facts About the Last Election.

In the recent Presidential election the results were so paradoxical that some able statesmen have questioned the fairness and honesty of the returns. They claim that nothing but wholesale bribery and fraud can account for the figures furnished by the returning boards. It is no great surprise to any cool headed man that Bryan was defeated. No other result could have been reasonably expected when all the facts attending the nomination and the canvass of the defeated are taken into consideration. That he should have had over six millions of votes in the presence of such impediments to success is phenomenal. There is no parallel to be found in this republic!

The grounds of suspicion that fraud and corruption and not an honest vote and fair count make McKinley President for four years is disclosed by an examination of the figures themselves. The evidence is circumstantial. If a person on trial for murder was confronted with as many and as strong coincidences pointing to his guilt as this case presents, it would require the eloquence of a Corwin or a Voorhees to save his neck from the halter, doubtful as it may be what would be the verdict of a jury.

Senator Allen, of Neb., has introduced a resolution in the Senate for a thorough investigation of all the facts and a report as to what legislation, if any, is necessary to eliminate fraud and bribery for future elections. It is proposed that this Senate Committee shall thoroughly investigate the extent to which money was used, if any, in promoting the nominations or influencing the choice of Electors at the late Presidential election, and to inquire whether or not any such expenditures were excessive, corrupt or unlawful, and to what extent, for such purposes, the owners of silver mines, gold mines, bankers, manufacturers, railroads or other corporations and millionaires of all classes, made contributions; and if any were made by persons or corporations residing abroad, etc. There are a great number of citizens who believe that such an investigation should be had, and that it will be worth its cost to the American people. If our elections are honest the world should know it; if corrupt, every loyal citizen should know it and apply remedies. The figures furnished by the returning boards are very remarkable and present coincidences that will be difficult to reconcile.

How was it those states which were regarded as doubtful without an exception give such large votes? Where did the votes come from? There was no falling off in the Bryan vote, but an unaccountable gain in the McKinley vote.

For instance, Ohio was carried by Harrison in 1892 by a majority of 1,072. Bryan got in Ohio 69,000 more votes than Harrison, and yet Ohio gave McKinley a large majority. Kentucky gave Cleveland in 1892 a majority of 49,029 votes, and Bryan received 42,336 more votes than Cleveland and Kentucky is given to McKinley.

Cleveland carried Illinois in 1892 by 7,125, and Bryan got 47,000 more votes than Cleveland, and yet was beaten by McKinley. The vote of Illinois was 250,000 larger in 1896 than in 1892. The vote of Ohio had increased in the four years 100,000 and Kentucky 100,000.

Could this increased vote be accounted for by an increase in immigration? The states where the immigration was really the largest show the least gain in their votes in the past four years. This might be regarded as accidental if it had taken place in three or four states; but where the same is universal in every state considered doubtful, it requires a great stretch of credulity to believe that all was fair, honest and honorable. To ascertain the facts, the whys and wherefores is worth all it will cost. Let the investigation proceed?

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

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THE STATE'S FINANCES.

Something Will Suffer for Lack of Appropriations.

In speaking of the low ebb of the state finances the Harrisburg Patriot, in an article on the subject has this to say:

Unless the most rigid economy is observed by the present legislature in authorizing public expenditures for the next two fiscal years it will bankrupt the state treasury. A general reduction will have to be made in the appropriations to the institutions dependent entirely upon the state for support to keep within the limits of the revenues. To begin with the appropriation of \$5,500,000 a year to the public schools will have to be scaled down at least a million or two. If it is not, many of the semi state and private charities will be cut off without a cent.

The question of finance is the most important that confronts the state lawmakers. Two years ago Governor Hastings found it necessary to send a special message to the legislature calling a halt on the indiscriminate appropriation of public moneys. At that time a movement was started to reduce the appropriation to the public schools. It was checked at the start by 125 members of the House signing an agreement to oppose such a reduction. Unless immediate action is taken by the legislature to increase the state revenues there can be no relief for the overcrowded insane asylums, penitentiaries and hospitals. Even if legislation is enacted increasing state taxation the money would not become available before the beginning of next year.

The report of State Treasurer Haywood at the close of December showed a balance in the general fund of \$3,724,829. Against this the moneys owing the school districts, hospitals, penitentiaries and the salaries of state officials must be paid when they become due. There is still \$3,000,000 of the school appropriation unpaid, while \$1,500,000 must be returned to the county in personal property tax. These two items alone making \$4,500,000, nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the balance in the general fund.

This trouble did not arise four or five years ago when there was a balance of \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the general fund. The drain upon the treasury comes largely from the increased appropriation to the public schools, which jumped from \$2,000,000 in 1890 to \$5,000,000 in 1891 and \$5,500,000 since 1893, a difference of \$3,500,000 a year.

The revenues for the next fiscal year, it is estimated, will not be as large as they were during the past year, when they amounted in round figures to \$10,000,000. Of this nearly \$1,000,000 was derived by the collection of taxes due the state by the delinquent corporations. Some of these concerns were back several years in their taxes and the state will not have this resource to draw upon in 1897.

One or two remedies suggested to relieve this unfavorable condition is to tax anthracite coal five cents a ton at the mines, and also to increase the tax on the actual value of the capital stock of domestic insurance companies.

Philadelphia's Biggest Fire.

On Tuesday morning Philadelphia had the largest fire in its history. It broke out in a grocery in the section where Wanamaker has his big store. In all about 28 buildings were burned. Wanamaker's building took fire but the flames were arrested before it had gained much headway; the entire stock of goods was damaged by smoke and water. His loss will be about \$100,000.

The total loss will be upwards of three million dollars.

What an Illinois Judge Has Done.

An Illinois judge has cut down a doctor's bill from \$2,059 to \$849. The judge said that there was no means of measuring accurately the value of a physician's services, but he thought \$100 a day ought to be enough, as eminent lawyers could be obtained at that rate. The physician whose claim was subjected to such a liberal reduction had charged \$2,000 for eight days' attendance upon his patient, that time being consumed in traveling with her in a private car to a health resort. There was no surgical attendance or operation, and the judge said \$100 per day was enough. The court might have added as one reason for cutting down the claim that the doctor did not save the unfortunate woman, and that she might have died much less expensively. The doctor who sent such a heavy bill to his deceased patient's executors was acting upon the advice, "Physician, heal yourself!"

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CAPITOL NEWS.

MORGAN NOT FRIENDLY TO THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

Representative Grosvenor stated on the Floor of the House that he was not McKinley's Representative.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Senator Gray, of Delaware, will this week present the credentials of Mr. Kenney, who was last week elected Senator by the legislature, and whose credentials are properly certified by the governor of that state. A hard fight is going to be made by the Republicans to keep Mr. Kenney out of his seat. Inasmuch as Mr. Kenney, who is a silver Democrat, will receive the support of all the silver Senators, it is expected that the Republicans will devote their efforts to trying to stave off a vote until after the 4th of March, when they will be stronger in the Senate. It is said that "Little Billee" Chandler's scheme of reopening the Dupont application will be abandoned because of the refusal of some of the Republican Senators to support it, and that instead the claim of the gas millionaire, Addicks, which has already been presented to the Senate by Chandler, — he is always around when anything dirty in the political line is needed — will be urged against that of Senator-elect Kenney. Addicks has got plenty of money and if there are any votes in the Senate that can be bought, he is willing to spend it.

Senator Turpie called up the Cameron Cuban resolution and made a spirited speech thereon, in which he made it plain that while he was just as strongly in favor of the independence of Cuba as ever, he was even more strongly in favor of action which would declare the Senate to be independent of Executive authority.

Senator Morgan has not at any time been overfriendly towards the arbitration treaty, and since the Nicaragua Canal bill, of which he was an ardent supporter, was given its death-blow by the notices from the minister of the Greater Republic of Central America that Nicaragua, which is a part of that republic, would not allow the concessions granted to the Canal Company to be controlled by the United States, as proposed in the bill, but would be willing to open negotiations on the subject with this government direct, he seems disposed to even up things with England by trying to defeat the arbitration treaty. Senator Morgan says that England is merely making a catspaw out of those little Central American governments, and that one of its reasons for wanting that arbitration treaty enforced is to get a hand in the control of the Nicaragua canal. This it would do, if the arbitration treaty were in force, by getting up a dispute with us over the Canal and then referring it to arbitration, with the certainty that King Oscar, of Sweden, would name an umpire who would decide in England's favor. Senator Morgan is fighting mad about it, and that is not going to help the arbitration treaty any.

Miss Maude Stalnaker, a young lady of Washington, D. C., was recently an applicant for a position under the Civil Service Rules, and probably passed the most difficult examination that has ever been prepared by the Civil Service Commission. She was the only one who was able to pass the examination, but the War department refuses to appoint her to the vacant clerkship on the ground that she is a woman. The examination required translation into English of Technical Military Works in French, German, Spanish and Italian; typewriting in all of these languages; and ability to do proof-reading and prepare manuscript for the press; a knowledge of modern library methods; cataloguing, indexing and of the English language and literary composition. The salary of the position demanding all these requirements is \$1500 a year.

Some very interesting, although rather tardy talk about the methods by which President Cleveland shut members of Congress out of his presence, thus depriving himself of information he should have had about legislation asked for by the people who are directly represented by the members of the House, preceded the passage of the bill providing for the establishment of a new division of the Eastern judicial district of Texas. Representative Cooper told the House of several trips he made to the White House for the purpose of explaining to Mr. Cleveland why his constituents wanted this legislation, and of his finally being told by private secretary Thurber that it was useless for him to continue his efforts to see the President, because he had already made up his mind to veto the bill. It is believed that the Senate will indorse this action of the House.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio,

has alarmed those who are interested in his welfare by stating on the floor of the House that he was not McKinley's representative and could not speak for him. As modesty has never been a part of Grosvenor's make-up, it is feared that his mental faculties are getting disordered.

For Better Roads.

Senator Brown, of Westmoreland, will make another effort this winter to secure better road legislation. He introduced two bills Tuesday, one providing for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the different townships to be divided according to the number of miles of roadways in each. The supervisors are directed to measure the number of miles and certify under oath to the County commissioners. Hitherto the fear of the farmers that they would be heavily taxed has prevented a good road law from being passed. In the second bill the term of office for supervisors is placed at three years and the pay at \$2 per day for each day of actual sworn service. The supervisors are required to give bonds for \$5,000; are directed to buy necessary tools and machinery and hire labor to keep the roads in the best possible condition.

Important Changes.

Two radical changes in the procedure of the pension office have been made. All claims for increase, save in extraordinary cases, will be sent direct to the medical division of the bureau, without having to be passed upon by the board of review, as has been the custom for years. This action is taken on the ground that the bulk of increase cases involve only medical action, and that much routine detail is going through other channels of review will be saved. Another step in the simplification and quicker adjudication of claims is that hereafter there will be no necessity for cases before the board of review being passed upon by three or four examiners.

County Notes Condensed.

Peter Walisa, an old resident of Millheim, died Sunday of last week, aged 76 years. A widow, five daughters and four sons survive him.

Madisonburg will have a musical convention, beginning Monday evening, Feb. 8. Concerts Friday and Saturday evenings. Prof. Enos, of Oswego, will be the instructor.

Milton Dinges, of Millheim, says the Journal, had a leg fractured by a log rolling on it.

Robert Miller, who was running the Metz mill at Woodward, died Wednesday of last week, aged 38 years, leaving a widow and three children to survive him. He was a son of George Miller, a former well-known landlord in this valley.

The new creamery near Fiedler, in Haines township, is now in running order, R. E. Stover, manager.

Makes War on Bears.

An exchange publishes the following: Twenty years ago last Thanksgiving day a bear killed the three year old baby of Edward Baum, of Ridgeway. Every Thanksgiving day since that time Baum has shouldered his gun, gone into the woods and has never returned without bringing with him a dead bear. Over the grave of his dead baby, Baum swore that he would kill a bear each Thanksgiving day. This was twenty years ago and he never once broke his vow. Sometimes he has had to go far into the mountains and once he journeyed fifty miles from his home, but found the bear and killed it.

After the Job.

The term of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, N. C. Shaffer, expires next June, and already a number of applicants are looking after the job, among the most prominent being Dr. T. B. Noss, of the California, Pa., State Normal School. Supt. Shaffer was appointed by Gov. Pattison, and many of the leading educators of the state would like to see him re-appointed.

Dutch Way of Collecting Taxes.

The dutch have a delightfully original way of collecting their taxes. If, after due notice has been given, the money is not sent, the authorities place one or two hungry milltiamen in the house, to be lodged and maintained at the expense of the defaulter until the amount of the tax is paid.

One Way to be Mappy.

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 G. H. Long, Spring Mills, 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.

IMMERSED IN ICY STREAM.

Six Enthusiastic Converts Baptized in Zero Weather.

With the thermometer shivering below zero, six people were immersed in the icy waters of Spring Creek, at Milesburg, on Sunday afternoon. The immersions were the result of a large and enthusiastic religious revival conducted by Rev. Hipple, of the Evangelical church. Seven other converts were sprinkled prior to the journey to the creek.

The immersion was witnessed by a large crowd which stood and shivered along the shore, singing hymns and praises. It was necessary to cut the ice to enable the minister and his new converts to reach the water. While the members of the church and spectators enthusiastically sang hymns, the converts were led out one by one to where Mr. Hipple was standing in the freezing water. After each one had been lowered beneath the surface of water they were led to the shore by willing helpers, where they stood and joined in the singing until the immersion had been concluded.

The event attracted widespread interest among church people throughout the county and many of them drove miles to see it. Those who were immersed were: Miss Mary Newman, Miss Gingham, Oscar Shope, W. H. Emil, John Frantz and James Frantz. Notwithstanding the icy temperature of the weather and the exposure of the converts, not one has suffered in the least as a result of the trying ordeal.

Notes of Local Interest.

Tuesday night broke the backbone of the icy blizzard.

Wednesday night we had about 3 inches of snow, and thermometer 2 above zero.

David Geiswite, of Green twp., Clinton county, died last week; he was one of the oldest residents of Sugar valley.

We are having fine sleighing just now, and since Sunday 17, with prospects of lasting for a week or two yet under this temperature.

Bella, a daughter of farmer G. W. Glace, of near this place, fell down the cellar steps sustaining such bruises as to require a call for Dr. Jacobs, late on Wednesday evening.

Bring your job work, sale bills, letter heads, wedding invitations, etc., to the Reporter office for a first-class job.

We understand Peter Breen is on the sick list. The widow Stiver is improving.

Ice is delivered in town for storing, at \$1 per ton, or two-horse load.

The ballot boxes are all in Bellefonte now, but a re-count has not yet begun.

George B. Goodlander, of the Clearfield Republican, and known to many in our county, died at his residence on Sunday, of pneumonia, aged 70 years.

Rev. M. W. Davis, late pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place, is now located in Minneapolis, Minn.

To elect fit men for township and borough officers, is of the greatest importance to the tax payers.

We learn from Dr. Emerick that there is less than the average number of cases of sickness in this section.

A Political Trick.

It was surely a mean political move to circulate the report that the Colorado Legislative Hall was infested by mice, just when the new female members were beginning to enjoy the proceedings, too.

Not So Thirsty.

There are only five applicants for license to sell liquor in Indiana county, and the Prohibitionists have filed remonstrances against all of them. Are the people of Indiana county not so thirsty or is it simply a greater monopoly for the lucky ones?

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Flisher's Gap school, Potter district, for fourth month ending Jan. 18, 1897: Number of pupils enrolled, male 22, female 28, total 50; per cent. of attendance during month, male 92, female 90, total 91. Those present every day, Fred H. Royer, Bruce Resner, Samuel Klinefelter, George Nevel, Ella Royer, Virgie Kritzer, Lizzie Klinefelter, Irene Resner. Those absent one day, Foster Ripka, Elmer Miller, Rufus Bedeyon, Grover C. Resner, Florence P. Kritzer, Carrie Ripka, Ida Mesmer. Virgie Kritzer has not been absent one day during the term.

EDNA M. KRUMHINE, Teacher.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.