



## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

### THE REGULAR AUGUST TERM NOW IN SESSION.

Result of the Criminal and Civil Cases Tried—The Usual Number of Trivial Cases Brought Out.

The regular quarter sessions of the peace, in and for Centre county, convened at Bellefonte, on Monday morning at nine o'clock, with Hon. John G. Love, president judge on the bench. The several members of the Bar presented a number of petitions and motions, which were duly passed upon by the court.

The auditor appointed by the court to distribute the funds in the hands of the sheriff, arising from the sale of the real estate of Samuel Grove, a lunatic in the hospital at Danville, filed his report with exceptions renewed.

The list of grand jurors was then called, and twenty, out of the twenty-four answered to their names when called. J. M. Parker, merchant at Roland, in Boggs township, was chosen foreman, whereupon the court very ably defined the character of the several crimes, alleged in the several indictments likely to be laid before them in his charge, after which the jury retired to the grand jury room to deliberate and pass upon the indictments to be laid before them by the district attorney.

The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county then made their quarterly reports to the court.

The list of traverse jurors called and absentees noted, and several excused.

The following civil cases were then disposed of as follows:

Henry Kech vs. R. C. Gilliland, administrator of etc., of Mathias Kech, late of Burnside township, deceased; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1896.70.

The Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek R. R. Co., use of L. J. and H. H. Vandyeke vs. John B. Musser. Settled.

Simon Sellers vs. Frank P. Blair, sole surviving heir of W. H. Blair, deceased; continued.

Kern Lauderbach & Co., vs. Louis Doll and George Doll, late trading as Louis Doll & Son; settled.

At this juncture H. Y. Stitzer, Esq., chairman of the committee on resolutions on the death of Ira C. Mitchell, a member of the Bar, presented the minutes and resolutions of the Centre County Bar Association. Remarks were made by Mr. Stitzer and Hon. A. O. Furst, and at eleven o'clock court adjourned until two o'clock in respect to the deceased.

At two o'clock court convened with Judges Love and Faulkner on the bench, and the hearing of petitions and motions again taken up.

Several young men under sentence for betrayal were finally discharged from custody.

The sheriff gave notice of several returns to be read on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The case of L. Schaeffer vs. J. H. Reifsnnyder, was continued at the costs of the defendant.

The list of commonwealth cases was then taken up.

Com. vs. John Guisewhite, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Mary Jane Hartman. The defendant pleaded guilty and the usual sentence at the hands of the court in similar cases.

Com. vs. Allen Wagner; charge betrayal; prosecutrix Clara Shawley. Neither the defendant nor his bondsman R. S. Wagner appearing, when this case was called, the recognizance was forfeited and directed to be sued out by the court.

Com. vs. Sarah Weaver, charge assault and battery; prosecutrix W. T. Patton. This prosecution grows out of M. T. Weaver and his family removing a temporary fence, the material of which was worth about fifteen cents, from a lot in the village of Port Matilda, on the 22nd day of April last, used by the Weaver family by permission of the owner, but who sold it to J. H. Patton on the 21st day of April last. Verdict not guilty and W. T. Patton, J. H. Patton and R. A. Patton to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. George Hoguecamp, charge two counts, first count larceny, second count receiving stolen goods knowing the same to have been stolen; prosecutrix W. R. Haynes. This prosecution is for the taking of a case of Bartholomew beer from the wholesale liquor store of the prosecutrix, at Clarence, in Snow Shoe township, on the night of the 15th day of June last. Verdict on Tuesday morning not guilty, and the prosecutrix, W. R. Haynes to pay the cost of prosecution.

Com. vs. Wm. Harkins, indicted first count larceny, second count entering dwelling house in day time to commit a felony; prosecutrix Jonas Auman. This prosecution is for the taking of a foot rule, pocket book, and a pipe, all

of the value of about \$2, from the house of the prosecutrix in Penn township. The defendant pleaded guilty to the first count, and the commonwealth entered a nolle prosequi as to the second count.

Com. vs. J. Lawrence Bathurst, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutrix H. R. Curtin. The defendant was prosecuted for cutting and removing timber trees from the Samuel Miles tract in Boggs township belonging to the Curtin estate. The question of title to the land arose, which question could not be tried in the Quarter Sessions. At the close of the evidence the Com. suffered a voluntary nolle prosequi.

Com. vs. Amos Garbrick and Lawrence Gessner, indicted for cruelty to animals; prosecutrix Frank Lockard. On Sunday afternoon the 25th day of July last, Mr. Garbrick was informed that there were some hogs in his corn, at or near the village of Coleville, a suburb of Bellefonte, when he with several others proceeded to put the hogs out, and by so doing as the defendants allege, overheated one of them the property of Mr. Lockard, from the effects of which it died, but the Com. alleges that the hog was abused by beating it with a stick and with stones. The hog was worth about \$5. Verdict, defendants not guilty and Amos Garbrick to pay three-fourths of the costs and the prosecutrix, Frank Lockard, to pay one-fourth of the costs.

Com. vs. Joseph Sellers, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutrix Thomas Taylor. The defendant was prosecuted for cutting down the division fence between the lots occupied by the prosecutrix and the defendant, in the boro of Milesburg, on the 12th day of July last; verdict, the defendant not guilty and divided the costs equally between the defendant and the prosecutrix.

Com. vs. Wm. Garner and Jeremiah Garner, charge surety of the peace; prosecutrix Emanuel Sunday, one of the Overseers of the Poor of Ferguson township. The defendants are two bachelors, keeping "bachelors hall" at or near Rock Springs, and have living with them their father, Henry Garner, and for some time that community was rife with rumors of the ill treatment that the sons were inflicting upon their father, and the father complained to a large number of the best citizens of the township of the abuse, neglect and ill-treatment he was receiving at the hands of his sons, when the citizens could no longer stand it and decided to take the matter in hands, and petitioned the overseers of the township to cause an investigation by presenting to them a petition, bearing the names of fifty-three of the best citizens of the township, when they consulted the proper officers of the county and this prosecution was instituted. The case was heard by the Court without a jury. John Gates testified that he saw Jeremiah Garner choke and kick his father in March last; Wesley Thomas heard Jeremiah cursing and swearing at his father in the house and heard him say that he would not stop much and blow his father's brains out. Mrs. Thomas was at the Garner house in June or July last and the father wanted to go to church and the boys objected to his going, and Jeremiah said, "don't go there" and "where I don't go, I don't want people that I board to go." John Dunlap, the constable who made the arrest, testified that Jeremiah said that they had "made a mistake in having the doctor called when he was sick."

Claude B. Hess testified that these sons lived in the property belonging to Henry Garner, and that Henry complained how his sons were abusing him, and that Jeremiah had choked him a number of times and hit him over the head with a board, and that the boys would wet his clothes and then make him put them on. Henry C. Campbell testified that Henry Garner was at his place during corn husking last year and that he was afraid to go home, and that he told him that the half had never been told of the abuse and neglect that the boys were inflicting upon him, and described how the boys would choke and kick him, and that Jeremiah would carry a revolver for a half day at a time for him, and that he was afraid of them. The defendants denied all the charges of the Com., and Henry Garner, the injured party, went upon the stand and denied all the charges in toto, and stated that he was not being abused, he was receiving all the attention from his sons that was required, and that he was not afraid of them, and further stated that he had never complained to any one about his sons, and if he had he could not remember. This disposed of the case as the very party whom the citizens of that community desired to protect, swore that he was not abused, which left nothing else for the Court to act upon, whereupon the Court discharged the defendants, after reprimanding them, and directed that the county pay the costs of prosecution. The sentiment of those who heard the testimony was that these

sons had been abusing their father shamefully.

The trial of James Cornely, charged with setting fire to the armory, electric light plant and the court house, was begun Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. The court room was crowded with people anxious to hear the proceedings. The legal talent on both sides is the foremost before the Centre county bar, and there is unusual interest manifested in the trial. District Attorney Singer is assisted in the prosecution by W. F. Reeder. The defense have employed ex-Judge Furst and Hugh S. Taylor. The selection of a jury took up considerable of the time. The case will be hotly contested by both sides. A large number of witnesses will be heard. As we go to press this morning, the case is being tried. It is not likely that it can be concluded before tomorrow. Both sides are sure of a victory and the public sentiment seems in doubt.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 29th to 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about September 1st, cross the west of the Rockies country by close of 2d, great central valleys 3d to 5th and eastern states 6th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 1st, great central valleys 3d and eastern states 5th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 4th, great central valleys 6th and eastern states 8th.

The low of this disturbance will pass through the southern and the high through the northern states, which will cause not very high temperatures in the warm wave, but quite low temperatures in the cool wave.

Temperature of the week ending August 28th will average above in the northern and below in the southern states. Not much rain during that week.

General high temperatures will prevail about August 29th and 30th, and heavy rains will follow, heaviest in the southern states.

Next week's bulletin will contain general forecasts for September, including rains and northern frosts.

## COURT HOUSE REPAIRS.

### PROPOSED PLANS THAT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

An Extension to be Built to the Front—Will Give More Room—Estimated Cost Placed at \$30,000.

This week, the writer was shown the drawings being made for the proposed repairs to the Court house, says the last week's Bellefonte Democrat. The same will be presented to the grand jury, at court next week, for consideration. The plans have been prepared by Robert Cole & Co., architects, of Bellefonte. The proposed repairs consist of an addition of about sixty feet to the front of the present structure, which would bring the same down to within a few feet of the fountains.

This addition would be about five feet wider than the present building, and built of a white sand stone, same as the present county jail. The style of architecture would be in harmony with the jail, so that there would be a uniformity in the appearance of these public buildings. The front of the building would have a large, square, massive tower, with the town clock in the top and a spacious room on second story. The south corner would have a half-round tower, while the north corner would be squared.

This addition would give two large spacious offices on either side of the hall, on first floor, or four in all. The second floor would be more commodious and convenient for holding court. The bar and bench would be moved forward about thirty feet. This would give ample room for larger grand and traverse-jury rooms with closets. Back of them would be a library, ladies' waiting room and witness room, with necessary conveniences. This is a brief description of changes and repairs proposed. It would necessitate few alterations on the present structure and would give us a building that would meet public requirements and would be an ornament and a credit to our county.

The architects' estimate is for an expenditure of not more than \$30,000, which would be a moderate sum for the purpose. Considering the size of our county, and the large amount of business transacted, the present structure is entirely inadequate. Grand-jurors and traverse jurors know the inconvenience of being penned up in small, poorly ventilated rooms for days. Then there is no decent accommodations provided for women in attendance at court, which is a discredit. All of which would be well provided for by the proposed new improvement.

Sooner or later something must be done in this direction. The expense could be gradually paid in ten or twenty years, by a slight increase in the millage, that few would notice the difference. Every jury, every witness, every litigant, every person transacting business about the Court House would realize at once the benefits of the improvements. At this time we believe it would be a wise thing for the grand-jury to give this matter serious consideration. A new roof now is absolutely necessary and the court room is in an unsightly condition. The question is whether more patch work should be done, or permanent and needed repairs be made.

If the grand-jury thinks improvements, as will be proposed, should be made, they should not hesitate to act according to their best judgment. Some people would never favor any decent improvements, and would allow the public property to deteriorate and rot. On the other hand there are extravagant people with large ideas and small purses, who would plunge the county into a heavy debt. In this matter the grand-jury should act with deliberation, and at the same time have a bit of local pride, for the condition of our public buildings.

It will not be necessary for the commissioners to have the approval of the grand-jury in order to make repairs. They can act on their own authority.

### Death of Rev. Dotterer.

Rev. John Dotterer, a member of the West Susquehanna classis of the Reformed church, died last Friday forenoon at his home near Clintondale, in Nittany valley, aged about 50 years. He is survived by his wife and six children. The deceased some years ago was pastor of the Rebersburg Ref. charge.

### Good News.

No other medicine was ever given such a test as Otto's Cure. Thousands of bottles of this great German remedy are being distributed free of charge, to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases, giving the people proof that Otto's Cure will cure them. For sale only by G. H. Long, Spring, Mills. Samples free. Large bottles 50c and 25c.

Kansas farmers are rushing their wheat to market, and the railroads are almost blocked with grain trains.

Lewins, Bellefonte, is making the greatest cut sale of all lines of summer clothing in the country, and every article offered is a genuine bargain. The prices have been cut in half and the goods are going rapidly. His counters must be cleared for new stock and price cuts little figure when a clearance sale is on.

## THE NEW GAME LAWS.

### The Act Signed by Governor Hastings Protects the Game.

The last Legislature completely revised the game laws of Pennsylvania. The bill was approved by Governor Hastings. The important points in the game law are given below:

No person shall catch, take or kill any elk, deer or fawn save during the month of November. Deer cannot at any time be killed or captured while in the water of any streams, ponds or lakes. Dogs must not be used in hunting elk, deer or fawn. A dog seen pursuing a deer can be shot on sight and the owner cannot recover. The penalty for offending against the above provisions is \$100 fine for each offense or one day in jail for each dollar of fine imposed.

It is unlawful at any time to kill, entrap or pursue deer, elk or fawn for the purpose of sale. Any person, firm or corporation buying, selling or exposing for sale these animals is liable to a fine of \$100 for every elk, deer or fawn, or imprisonment in county jail for each dollar of fine imposed.

From October 15th to December 15th is the time fixed when it is lawful to catch, take or kill wild turkey, pheasants, grouse, quail, partridge, woodcock and prairie chicken. It will be unlawful to catch, take or kill any Mongolian, English or Chinese pheasant for a period of five years from June 4th, 1897. Woodcock may also be hunted in July of each year. Offenders are liable to a fine of \$25 for each bird, or imprisonment of one day for each dollar of fine.

It will be lawful to trap quail from January 1st to February 15th for the purpose of keeping them alive during the winter. Quail thus caught must be liberated in the same locality when the weather is suitable.

No person, firm or corporation or the agent or employe shall at any time catch, take or kill any of the birds or game mammals of this state, the killing of which at any or all times is prohibited, with intent to ship or remove the same out of the state. Railroads or any common carriers shall not transport without the state any of the above named birds, etc. It shall be unlawful for a person to kill in any day more than ten ruffed grouse, fifteen quail, ten woodcock, two wild turkey, or more than two deer in one season. Game from other states can be transported through Pennsylvania. Penalty \$50.

No person shall at any time catch, take or kill any game birds or game mammals in any other manner than by shooting them with a gun. At no time shall a person set, lay or prepare any trap, snare, net, birdlime, swivel gun, deerlick, pitfall, turkey blind or pen or any other device intended to catch, take or kill any game birds or game mammals. Deceits may be used in hunting ducks, wild geese and brant. Penalty \$50.

From November 1 to December 15 is the period in which it is lawful to hunt rabbit. The time for squirrel is from October 15 to December 15. The hunting of rabbits with ferrets is forbidden and the penalty is \$25 for each rabbit caught or killed by use of a ferret. Persons having ferrets in their possession are liable to a fine of \$25.

No person shall kill, wound, trap, snare, catch with birdlime or any similar substance, poison or drug any bird of song or any warbler, linnet, titmouse, bluebird, sparrow, yellow bird, thrush, downy woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, tabbird, pewee, vireo, martin, tanager, tiltup, bluefinch, indigo bird, oriole, shrike, killedeer, gnat catcher, snowbird, hairbird, gosbeak, whippoorwill, cuckoo, chickadee, chickadee chat, phoebebird, red start, finch, humming bird, cow bird, shore lark, wren, swallow, robin, grackle, meadow lark, unthatch, least bittern, swift, night hawk, starling or bunting. No person shall purchase or have for sale any of the above named song or wild birds. Song birds may be kept in cages as domestic pets. Penalty \$10.

It is unlawful to take or destroy the nest or eggs of any song or wild birds, except in cases where certificates are secured allowing persons to take birds, their nests and eggs and game mammals for scientific purposes. These certificates are granted by the State Board of Game Commissioners to any properly accredited person fifteen years of age. Two well-known scientific men must vouch for the fitness and character of the applicant. The board must be paid \$5 for the certificate. A bond of \$100 signed by two citizens of the state must accompany the application. If the person holding the certificate violates its provisions the bond is forfeited. The certificate is good for one year and is not transferable.

Birds not protected by this act are the English house sparrow, kingfisher, cooper's hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, duck hawk, pigeon hawk, great horned heron and night heron. Any person may have in his possession the game birds and game mammals mentioned in this act for fifteen days after the time limited for killing the same has expired and shall not be liable to penalty.

Every farmer in the valley, with few exceptions, has had a good crop of wheat harvested, and the recent advance in price has renewed the activity on the farm. They are more hopeful than for years past. With good prices the conditions in our valley will return to the good old times of the past.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

### Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Curwinstown has over 60 cases of typhoid fever.

The price of bread has gone up in England.

And the Bible water is still one and one-half miles away.

Read the article headed, "Plain Water Facts," in another column.

Not much sickness in the county, just now, the doctors inform us.

Jacob Wagner tells us he can't reach to the top of his corn stalks.

G. L. Goodhart found a lady's cape on Hoffer st.—left at Reporter office.

Peter Breon, we regret to learn, is still on the sick list and seriously ill.

Landlord Will Rankle looks forward to an enlargement of his hotel.

Strohmyer is getting rid of his crop of peaches at \$1.25 and up, per bushel.

A thunder shower some time within every twenty-four hours was the rule last week.

At Oak Hall last week, the grain merchants were paying 95 cents for wheat.

John Krumbine has put down a new walk in front of one of his properties down town.

Nights for the past three weeks have been cool enough to make people sleep under blankets.

A cloudburst in Williamsport, a few days ago, flooded a big part of the city and did great damage.

Thus far we have learned of no Centre county prospectors having left for the Alaskan gold fields.

Persons have told us if they don't agree to wrongs done by council they get no work worth taxpayers. Bah!

The cold spell we have been having the last couple weeks has done much to retard the growth of the corn.

Some corn in our county is so high if you want to see if there's a tumble bee on the blossom you must use a telescope.

The barn of Martin Bell, at Vira, Millin county, was struck by lightning night of 23, and burned with this year's crop.

What more detestable disposition can be imagined than that given to fomenting strife and lawsuits and gloat in secret over the harm done?

The ladies of our town deserve great credit for the pains they take to have the lawns and yards about their premises look neat, clean and pretty.

Some folks don't find out until too late how much better it would have been if they had strictly minded their own business and let other folks alone.

Our esteemed boro dads held another meeting on Friday evening. The session was brief and they only got in a whereas and resolute, and then adjourned.

Among the aged dames of our valley is grandma Reifsnnyder, at Farmers' Mills, now in her 90th year; she is the mother of J. H. Reifsnnyder, esq., of Millheim.

The little boys and girls of our town are practicing for a Tom Thumb wedding. When they get big enough it will be practicing many nights for a real wedding.

Erastus Burket, of Chicago, a native of Rebersburg, is in this section, visiting old home and friends, and took a night's stay in our town with Simon Harper, a boyhood companion.

John Krumbine and Dr. Ritter have put down new board walks in front of their residences down street. There should be a few more to follow suit in town before the picnic.

George Koch says the man who quoted him in the article in reference to the Boalsburg reunion, in last week's REPORTER, is a liar, and George says he knows who the liar is, too.

The Cameron House, at Lewisburg, has again changed landlords. Mr. S. O. Watts, of Jersey Shore, bought out Mr. T. F. Moyer, (formerly of Madisonburg), and took charge of the hotel ten days ago.

John Meyer killed a snake last Sunday on the mountain which was over three feet in length. It looked like a rattler, but had no musical appendage attached. John had the snake skinned and will have it tanned for a belt.

For a period of eighteen years back there has not been a year so favorable for mountain springs as this year. The supply has kept up from the frequent rains we have had, and the subterranean reservoirs supplying the springs have been replenished right along.

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