



COURT PROCEEDINGS.

THE TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE TRYING THE CASES.

Gillam, the Phillipsburg Would-be Wife Murderer, Gets over Five Years in the Penitentiary.

Court convened on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, with Hon. John G. Love, president judge, on the bench.

The list of grand jurors was then called and eighteen answered, after which they were sworn, with Daniel H. Rote, of Aaronsburg, as foreman. After listening to the instructions from the court they retired to the grand jury room to deliberate on the different bills of indictment to be presented to the District Attorney.

The constables of the different townships and boroughs of the county then made their quarterly return to the court of quarter sessions.

A large portion of the time of the forenoon session was taken up in hearing petitions and motions by different members of the bar.

The list of civil cases was then called and the following cases disposed of.

L. A. Schaefer vs. J. H. Reifsnnyder. Case stricken from the list by agreement, and a case stated to be submitted to court.

John Watson vs. Charles E. Murray and Lot M. Jones, trading as Murray, Jones & Co.; settled.

Harrisburg Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Co., vs. Louis Doll and George Doll, trading as Louis Doll & Son; settled.

R. J. Schad & Bro. vs. H. H. Schreyer and Samuel Sheffer, trading as Schreyer & Sheffer; settled.

Geo. C. Peifer vs. I. B. Archer; non suit entered.

Court adjourned at 11 o'clock and convened again at 2 o'clock, when some time was again consumed in hearing motions and petitions.

The case of C. C. Luse, vs. J. S. Houseman and Wm. Colyer; settled.

A. F. Harter vs. G. P. Garrett. This case is brought to recover on some pieces of planing mill machinery, which the plaintiff alleged the defendant bought from him for \$20, and which the defendant alleged he bought from Clark Gramley, the agent for the plaintiff, and the defendant produced a check showing that he had paid Mr. Gramley for the same pieces of machinery. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$20.75.

Com. vs. Edward Woodring, indicted for larceny by bailee, prosecutor, H. I. Goss. Mr. Goss, who is a bicycle dealer at Phillipsburg hired a wheel to the defendant to ride to Blue Ball, in Clearfield county, on the 7th day of last September, but instead he went to Bellefonte where he tried to sell the wheel at such a figure that it at once put the bicycle dealer on inquiry, which resulted in young Woodring's arrest. After hearing some of the evidence on the part of the Commonwealth, the defendant changed his plea from not guilty to that of guilty.

Com. vs. Edward Woodring, indicted for larceny, prosecutor Jacob Woodring. The defendant drove some of the prosecutor's cattle off last September and sold them to a man in Blair county. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Clark M. Gramley vs. Adam F. Harter. Suit brought to recover balance on book account. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$62.53.

W. H. Strohecker vs. Geo. Wouford and wife; settled.

Lazarus Moyer vs. John Erb. The defendant confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$65.00 with stay of execution for thirty days.

S. H. Reifsnnyder vs. J. A. McClain. The suit was brought to recover on a promissory note. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff \$80.96.

Daniel Long vs. the Central R. R. Co. of Penna. This suit is brought to recover the value of a steer killed by the defendant company on the 23rd day of June last. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$18. on Wednesday morning.

Com. vs. Louis Doll, Jr., charge, betrayal; prosecutrix Agnes M. Boal. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay \$40 lying in expenses and the costs of prosecution; the child being dead.

Com. vs. Ollie Orbison, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Maggie Harding. The defendant pleaded guilty and received the usual sentence in such cases at the hands of the court.

At this juncture the grand jury made their final report and were discharged.

Com. vs. Joseph Casselberry, indicted for embezzlement of the school taxes; second embezzlement of road taxes; third, embezzlement of poor taxes; and fourth, embezzlement as collected of Howard township; prosecutors J. K. Leathers, Samuel B. Leathers and H. J. Fletcher, three of his bondsmen. This case was called for trial at four

o'clock, and the Commonwealth is represented by District Attorney William J. Singer, W. F. Reeder and J. C. Meyer, and Mr. Casselberry is represented by E. R. Chambers and ex-Judge A. O. Furst. The Com. offered the records of the appointments of Mr. Casselberry as collector for the years 1893, and also offered the election returns of the third Tuesday of February 1894, showing that Mr. Casselberry had been duly elected tax collector, of Howard township for the ensuing three years. The limitation two years had expired in which this action should have been brought, and the Commonwealth lost the case.

Com. vs. Samuel Gillam, was heard Wednesday. Several weeks ago Gillam met his wife in the railroad station at Phillipsburg, and attempted to kill her. He shot at her with a revolver, the ball lodging in the neck. They had been separated for some time, and he asked her to return to him. She refused and he shot her. Gillam pleaded guilty to the first count in the indictment, assault with intent to kill and the court called the prisoner on the stand for his statement. Gillam said he wanted to disgrace his wife, and charged her with being untrue to him, viciously assailing her character. Mrs. Gillam then took the stand and emphatically denied the allegations. Judge Love sentenced Gillam to imprisonment in the Western penitentiary for 5 years and 4 months, and costs.

The State's Taxing System. Auditor General Mylin is gathering data and information to be incorporated in a report to the legislature, touching upon the vexed subject of the State's taxing system. It is flattering language to call our present ways of raising means toward defraying the running and other expenses of the Commonwealth a "system." The incongruous and haphazard style of so doing was of little importance in the times when it was only a question of one or two millions per annum. But now-a-days the budget of Pennsylvania rises into the twenty million dollar line, and much study is required to remove the odious character of exacting contributions to this end.

Cut Off the End of Finger. This week one day ex-County Commissioner James B. Strohm, now fattening at Centre Hill, was feeding the chickens. For a sheller he stood the ear of corn on end and chopped away at it with a hatchet. By a mis-stroke he cut off the end of one of his fingers of the left hand. The cut was clean and a rooster waiting his turn, was not long in picking up the finger end and gulping it down. Thanksgiving being but a couple days off that chicken enjoyed a feast, and dined on human flesh for a change.

Two Sad Solecisms on Account of Shame. James Denniston, jr., a well known young man of Hollidaysburg, was arrested a few nights ago and placed in the county jail on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Overwhelmed by his shame and disgrace, he hanged himself by his handkerchief to the cell door.

Grief and chagrin over the disgrace of his father, Charles Charney, drove to suicide James, his son, who was found in his room in the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, with a bullet in his heart.

The father was formerly president of the Presbyterian board of aid for colleges and academies, disappeared last summer, short some \$60,000 of the money entrusted to him.

Killed by Falling From a Tree. Lawrence Shivery, the 13 year old son of Harry Shivery, a farmer living one mile west of Bellefonte, fell from a tree on Tuesday morning and broke his neck. He died instantly.

He and his two little brothers were out rabbit tracking, and chased a squirrel up a tree and to frighten it out of an old nest Joseph climbed up after it.

When about 30 feet from the ground the limb upon which he stood broke and he fell lighting upon his head.

Public Sale. P. P. Long will offer at public sale at the grain house near the R. R. station, Spring Mills, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at one o'clock, the following: black horse 8 years old, perfectly safe and a good leader, weighs 1400 lbs., also spring Wagons, sleds, corn sheller, 12-horse wagon, 3 in. tire, cutting bench, and many other articles.

LATE NEWS CONDENSED. Had a disgraceful scene in the Austrian Reichsrath yesterday. A motion caused a riot, challenges to fight and blows being freely exchanged.

The coffee Arabuckles and the sugar Havemores having ended their fight, it is likely they will now put up the price of coffee and sugar.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

What Changes a Former Residenter Can Write Of.

A Stevenson county, Ill., correspondent can draw a pretty fair picture of changes and improvements in Penna valley during an absence of fifteen years, and the readers of the Reporter will read it with interest.

Take Coburn, on my stepping from the train I was surprised to find before me a brisk, busy and hustling little town, with fifty nice, new homes, four or five stores, three churches, grain-houses, coal houses, creamery and various mechanical shops, telegraph and telephones and the Millheim hotel busses meeting all trains. Fifteen years ago this point was called the Forks, the silence of death reigned except when haunted by fishermen among whom the editor of the Reporter was a familiar figure. There were only two houses near the spot, those of Kerstetter and of Evert. B. N. Kerstetter and the elder Evert are no more but are represented by some of their children. A good hotel, and several steam establishments also deserve mention.

Taking the bus for Millheim I went over a good pike and found the two miles from the Forks up to Millheim built up with good houses almost like a continuous street. Fifteen years ago there weren't a half dozen houses and it was a lonesome township road to travel over.

The improvements at Millheim were an agreeable surprise. The town is double the size I once knew it to be. Fine houses of modern style are to be seen in many parts of the town, with fine new churches, a modern two-story brick school house with upwards of half dozen rooms and basement heating and of the creditable school buildings in the county. There are more and better stores and the hotels keep up with the times. The town is livelier than ever. There are any number of strange faces that fill the gap of departed ones.

From Texas to Rebersburg few changes, save a few new houses, are noticeable. But near the foot of the mountain south of Rebersburg, a noble little hamlet has sprung up with a store, church, about 30 houses and a branch creamery. It bears the name of an old family being called Kremerville, and is supplied with mountain water piped into the hamlet, and at every corner there is a large public watering trough made of stout plank.

Rebersburg shows considerable improvement, growing along the west end, where a number of fine residences are to be seen. It has a fine public school building, its churches have been remodeled and the houses generally have been touched up and given an improved appearance. It now has the convenience of a daily hack line to Coburn station.

Old Aaronsburg is calm and serene with its wide streets, has grown some, and its residences and yards show that taste and an air of refinement exist in that good old burg, once a musical centre and the metropolis of the valley.

Proceeding eastward to Woodward an old-timer is surprised over the improvements that were made upon the farm properties in old Haines township; fine new houses and old ones overhauled and beautified to be up-to-date.

Woodward seemed to have on a new suit and the old cast away; it has grown some and shows up with houses that are a credit to the village.

To satisfy my wunner-itz, a drive was taken up the new back road along Pine creek to the Forks; it is a level road, and the changes along that once isolated district are a wonder. Every short stretch shows a new house and betterments on old ones.

The old s'cock of men and women I found all gone to a new and better habitation and new faces and strange are met on all sides.

Among some of the older ones noticed as still in the land of the living are Judge Frank, Samuel and Reuben Gramley, Em'l Harter and John Wolf in Brush valley.

Reuben Hartman, Jacob Eisenhuth, Wm. Weiser, Noah Stover, squire Reifsnnyder, John Bowerox, Jacob Kerstetter and Andrew Harter, in Penn.

Thomas Harper, Wm. Stover, Jesse Wert, Isreal and Aaron Weaver at Aaronsburg, and Henry Reinhart and Sam. Motz at Woodward. Those "old lords of the manor," the Hostermans, Hublers, Stovers, Bowers, and others, have all passed off the stage of life.

Rev. Reaick's Appointments Sunday Nov. 28, at Centre Hall, at 7 p. m.; at Spring Mills, at 10 a. m.; at Tusseyville at 2 p. m.

The largest assortment of Fall clothing ever received in this county are on display at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. The price is as low as the stock large. Satisfaction always guaranteed on every sale.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

TOM REED WANTS TO BE A PRESIDENT.

He is Building Fences and Has Organized a Machine.—McKinley and Spain Acting in Concert.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Czar Reed is in the field for the Republican nomination for President in 1900, and his candidacy may play an important part in the legislation of the House at this session of Congress. A Reed machine is already organized, and, in addition to all the Reed men, it will attract, it is expected, all of the large number of the Republicans who work for Mr. McKinley's nomination last year and have become disgruntled because of their failure to get what they wanted for themselves or their friends.

Senator Foraker is understood to be looking after the Ohio end of the Reed machine, and the fight on the election of Boss Hanna to the Senate is being used as a means of weakening Mr. McKinley in his own state, with a view to preventing his being able to control the Ohio delegation to the next Republican National Convention.

The rivalry between the Reed and McKinley factions, now secret, is likely to be open and spirited in the near future.

The Democrats do not have even to go to the trouble of fighting Secretary Gage's gold bond scheme; it is having the little life it had thumped out of it by Republicans. About one-half of the prominent Republican Senators and Representatives who have been in Washington since the gold bond scheme was made public, have taken occasion to publicly condemn it. As Mr. McKinley has always been known as a follower, not a leader, of the opinions of his party, it will be interesting to see what effect this Republican condemnation of the issuing of gold bonds will have upon his treatment of the subject in his annual message to Congress.

Already there are rumors of his intention to straddle the question by merely calling attention in his message to the recommendation of Secretary Gage without indorsing him.

The events of the past week were confirmatory of the suspicion that the new Spanish Ministry and Mr. McKinley's administration are acting in concert in Cuban matters, for the purpose of adding to the hands-off sentiment in Congress. Although this policy may succeed for a time in preventing action by Congress, the friends of Cuba are confident that the lack of success on the part of Spain in bringing the war in Cuba to a close, will be so apparent before this session of Congress adjourns, that Congress will be sure to take decisive action.

Some amusement has been created in Washington by a long printed statement given out by the self-constituted monetary conference, as to its intentions concerning the financial scheme it is engaged in hatching out. These gentlemen say their report will be withheld from the public until the annual message of the President has been sent to Congress. The country would survive if it were permanently withheld. The statement acknowledges that they "recognize the fact that they have no holiday task before them in securing the adoption of the report by Congress," which is an entirely unnecessary acknowledgment; everybody knew it all the time. But here is about the most amusing sentence in the statement: "Sometime will be allowed to pass after the publication of the report before any attempt is made to force it to a vote in either House of Congress ('force' is good.) This time will be employed in a campaign of education, by means of thorough discussion in the press and in the popular magazines of the merits of the proposed financial reforms." The most of the "merit" side of the discussion will be paid matter, but the untrammelled press will make no charge for showing up its demerits. In view of the popular idea of "educated public opinion," the plan of campaign is exposed when the statement says that the members of the conference are confident "that the great body of educated public opinion in the country will come to their support." So much of it as gets its educational matter from Wall street and London, probably will.

It seems to be the general belief in Washington that if Gov. Lowndes had any chance to get the seat now occupied by Senator Gorman, he has lost it by choosing Senator Wellington to manage his campaign. The extent to which Wellington has this year been jumped on by the Maryland Republicans, indicates that his influence has pretty much all been lost. Postmaster-General Gary isn't doing any talking, but they say that he is making a still hunt for that Senatorship that may surprise somebody when that Republican caucus gets together.

The attempt of Ex-Secretary of State Foster, who has made a failure

of the seal negotiations, of which he has had charge to get himself put at the head of the commission to negotiate with Canada for the settlement of all disputes, means nothing more than that Mr. Foster is anxious to keep on drawing a big salary for very light work.

PENSIONS GROW.

Secretary Bliss Points to a \$5,000,000 Increase.

Secretary of the interior Bliss, in his annual report made public, submits estimates aggregating \$156,532,419 for appropriations by congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. Discussing pensions, he says 200,000 pension claims are awaiting adjudication, and it is estimated that forty or fifty per cent. of these will be finally admitted. If they are rapidly adjudicated they will swell the pension roll from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

When, however, these claims are adjudicated and first payments made thereon, the amount of the pension roll will decrease very rapidly, possibly to \$125,000,000 or \$130,000,000 the first year.

The total Indian population of the United States exclusive of the New York Indians and five civilized tribes, approximates 177,178, located on 177 reservations which contain approximately 33,404,837 acres. Of these, 4,545 have accepted allotments of land which aggregate about 644,177 acres.

The secretary says the five tribes have undoubtedly violated in many ways the spirit of their agreement with the United States, under which the territory is now held and governed, and while he does not recommend any harsh government action, he calls the attention of the president and congress to the chaotic condition of affairs of the territory growing out of the several tribes' methods of administration. Leading Indians have absorbed great tracts to the exclusion of the common people and government by Indian aristocracy has been practically established to the detriment of the people.

From 200,000 to 250,000 whites, by permission of the Indian government, have settled in the territory, but are merely tenants by sufferance. No government for the Indian territory will be satisfactory, he says, until congress shall provide for the establishment of a single uniform system for the entire Indian territory that shall place all its inhabitants in possession of the rights of American citizens.

BIG FIRES.

The Flames Get in Their Work Abroad and at Home.

Melbourne, Australia, had a great fire on the morning of 21. In a short time swept away an important business section in the very heart of the city. The loss as estimated will reach \$5,000,000.

The great fire in London, last week, destroyed property to the value of 20 to 25 million dollars, all business houses. It was the most destructive fire London has had since the great conflagration of 1666.

The large tannery of the Watson-Lown Tannery company was destroyed by fire on last Saturday night, involving a loss of \$150,000 and throwing out of employment over 100 men. Supposed to have been set on fire.

Clearfield on Friday night sustained the loss by fire of one of her most important industries—the large planing mill which was owned and operated by the Clearfield Lumber company. The fire started near the boiler house. The lumber stacked in the yard was saved.

The mill was comparatively new, having been built only a few years ago on the site of one previously destroyed by fire.

The barn of David Gunsalus, 3 miles north of Beech Creek, was destroyed by an incendiary fire early Thursday morning. All the contents in the way of hay and straw were consumed, together with 200 bushels of grain. Not known how the fire originated.

The Trouble Over. A prominent man in town said the other day: "My wife has been wearing out her life from the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and Indigestion. Her case baffled the skill of our best physicians. After using three packages of Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves she is almost entirely well." Keep your blood in a healthy condition by the use of this great vegetable compound. Call at G. H. Long's, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

—There is out one first-class clothing house in Bellefonte, and that is the Philad. Branch. Largest stock lowest prices, and everything first class.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; Weep and you weep alone; Advertise and the world is with you, Stay out, and you stay out alone."

Snowsqual Tuesday afternoon. Thanksgiving, to-day, is cloudy and cold.

Read C. A. Krape's ad, new Spring Mills shoe store. Well, on Tuesday one would think winter was on.

It does not seem unlike a prospect for sleighing. Dressed pork is selling at \$4.50 per 100 and is plenty.

S. F. Dorman has been appointed postmaster at Zion. An original pension has been granted to Daniel Shilling, Bellefonte.

A pension has been granted to a minor of John N. Dunkle, Centre Hall. An original pension has been granted to Henry Pletcher, Howard.

Representative Foster has our thanks for a copy of Smull's Handbook. An original widow pension has been granted to Sarah Rossman of Nittany.

Young pigs are plenty, which may keep pork low in price for another year. Miss Harriet Neff died at Hecla, Friday of last week, of diabetes. Interment at Zion.

Smith Bros., Spring Mills furniture dealers, want you to read their ad. in another column. Cora, a daughter of John H. Maize, of near Millheim, says the Journal, is sick of typhoid fever.

Twelve people were killed yesterday in France by a collision between a passenger and a ballast train. The President's policy in regard to Cuba will be one of inaction, and that nothing should be done.

Wednesday morning was the coldest so far, mercury down to 23 and the ground frozen near 2 inches. Deer hunters have not had ordinary luck in this county so far. What they do get it "dear" meat.

Harry Dinges is getting out timber for a small new barn on his premises down East Church street. In the east end of our county corn husking is finished; in this section some small patches are to husk yet.

An exchange says that a man's enemies never kick him when he's down. They just stand aside and let his friends do it. Hunting accidents from accidental discharge of guns and mistaken shooting, are still reported from all parts of the state.

Sam Jones and Eli Perkins have been secured by Superintendent Gramley as lecturers at our next county teachers' institute. Gov. Hastings eats his thanksgiving dinner in Harrisburg to-day. Perhaps he thinks Centre county hasn't turkey enough to go round.

We were pleased to find that our esteemed townsman, Simon Harper, has improved in health again, and, in fact, looks well enough to go deer hunting. C. R. Long writes us from Rockford, Ill.: Prosperity barely touched us here. Credit me to '98 on Reporter, the best and most reliable paper in the county.

The wife of Amos L. Spangler, of Middleburg, attempted to commit suicide one night last week by cutting her throat. She was not successful and will likely recover. Two masked robbers forced an entrance into the residence of Rev. D. S. Monroe, D. D., at Altoona, Methodist Episcopal presiding elder, on Monday morning and secured \$100 worth of jewelry and silver.

The survey of the new branch railroad from Tunkhannock to Williamsport is complete. The line will run by way of Forkstown and Laporte, and will pass through some of the richest coal, lumber and agricultural lands in that part of the state.

The three schools of the town, headed by a drum, and officered by their respective teachers, Professors Foreman, Krise and Snyder, were formed in line and marched to the church to listen to the Union Thanksgiving services in the Ref. church; at 10 a. m. this morning. Very appropriate.

Senator Hoar says that when he was a boy in Worcester, Mass., a catechism was in use of which the following is a sample: Where is hell? Under the earth. Who live in hell? The devil, his angels, and bad men. What do they do in hell? They curse God and sin continually. Do you deserve to go to hell? I do.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Ezra R. Keen, Millheim, and Annie Long, Coburn. Chas. Eldell, Snow Show, and Lulu E. Lucas, Moshannon.