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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES DISPOSED OF.

The Large Civil List on the Docket Being Cleared Up.—Important Suit for Damages to a Wife Now on Trial.

Court convened on Friday morning, when Edward Woodring, who plead guilty to two indictments last Monday for larceny, was sentenced to the Reformatory at Huntingdon on one of the indictments, and sentence was suspended on the other.

Court adjourned at ten o'clock, until Monday morning, at nine.

The following cases returned to November sessions, and not already reported, were disposed of as follows:

Com. vs. Arthur Evans, charge, larceny and dangerous, prosecutors Jas. T. Corman and H. H. Miller.

Com. vs. John A. Taylor, charge in two counts; first count assault and battery; second, assault with intent to commit rape; prosecutrix Agnes Rossman. Bill ignored, and prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Wilkinson Horner, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Sallie Ryan. Recognizance renewed to January sessions.

Com. vs. Milford Stover, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Sadie Kleckner. Recognizance renewed to January sessions.

Com. vs. Ammon Gramley, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Ella Johnston. Settled.

Com. vs. James Shilling, charge adultery, prosecutrix Maggie Bloom. Bill ignored and the prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Clara Frank, alias Clara McKinley, charge adultery, prosecutrix Maggie Bloom; bill ignored and the prosecutrix to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Thomas Witmyer, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Mazie A. Bower. Recognizance renewed to January sessions.

Com. vs. Susan Long and John H. Long, charge breach of the peace, prosecutrix Emma Fabringer.

Com. vs. J. O. Mohn, charge aggravated assault and battery, prosecutor Wm. Huey; continued to January sessions.

Com. vs. Daniel Murphy, charge assault and intent to commit a rape, prosecutrix Fannie Barre; bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Clem. Hanna, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Anna Mingle; true bill.

Com. vs. Robert Keath, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Bessie Bradley; true bill.

Com. vs. Charles Munice, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Susan Martin; recognizance renewed to January session.

Com. vs. Clyde Roper, Luther Roper and Jerry Condo, charge, illegal fishing, returned by the constable of Gregg township; continued.

Court convened on Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench, and after hearing motion and petitions court adjourned until 1.30 p. m. on account of the jurors from Philipsburg and Snow Shoe not being able to get here before that time.

The following cases for this week's court were disposed of as follows:

Mary Ellen Shutt vs. Eve Mingle, feigned issue; settled and discontinued.

Gertrude B. Reber vs. administrators of Aaron Williams, dec'd, feigned issue; continued on account of the serious illness of Capt. W. F. Reber.

Catharine M. Resides vs. John W. Cook, S. M. Buck, The Saylor Madill Coal Mining Co. and the Beech Valley Coal and Iron Co.; continued.

Mary C. Treaster vs. J. W. Mitterling, administrator of etc., of John Mitterling; continued.

Calvin Davidson vs. Harriet Stere, Priscilla Stere and Eli Stere, three cases, one against each of the defendants above named; continued.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. Beaver Lumber Co., Mary L. Ardell, John Ardell, Jr., Geo. Lucas, David Hoover, D. C. Shope, Isaac Lanning, Alfred Ammerman, and Wilson Walford; continued.

Lehigh Valley Co. vs. Geo. Lucas, Frank Lanning, Nelson Walford, Isaac Lanning, David Hoover, Daniel C. Shope, Alfred Ammerman, John Ardell, Jr., and Mary L. Ardell; continued.

Philipsburg Coal and Land vs. The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co., of Philadelphia, Robert A. Jackson, and John O'Neil; continued.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Co., vs. A. J. Griest; continued.

Joseph S. Ford, executor of etc., of Geo. M. Ford, dec'd, vs. Wm. J. Jackson, Eleanor H. Jackson, David L. Woods and John Shook; continued.

Court convened on Monday afternoon at 1.30 and the sheriff acknowledged eight sheriff's deeds and three were continued, two special returns

were read and quite a number of petitions and motions were heard.

H. A. McKee, use of Kezin Dunning now Kezia Stevens vs. H. M. Dunning; non suit entered with prejudice. Annie C. Essington vs. W. R. Campbell, summons in trespass, plea not guilty; non suit entered.

Frank P. Blair vs. Austin Brumgart, Sarah Gibbs and Charles Treziuly, summons in ejectment, plea not guilty. This suit is brought to recover a tract of land containing about one hundred and ten acres, located on the ridge dividing Nittany valley about one mile east of Zion, in Walker township. The plaintiff claiming under the Wister survey and the defendants under the J. J. Lingle survey, a junior survey, the two surveys interfering. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ, subject to the question of the law reserved by the court, whether judgment should be entered on the verdict with or without costs.

John A. Logue and Wm. A. Hartsock, administrators of etc., of Josephine Williams deceased vs. Wm. J. Kline, J. C. Henderson, and George Kline, No. 91 April term 1896, and judgment opened as to J. C. Henderson and he let into a defence. The judgment was never opened as to Wm. J. Kline and Geo. Kline, and the jury was sworn only to J. C. Henderson.

This suit grows out of a note dated Feb. 21, 1889, and given to Josephine Williams for \$200 and purporting to have been signed by the three defendants above named. The note was entered and filed in the Court of Common Pleas on the 31 day of January 1894, and some time in 1895 the note in suit disappeared from the files in the Prothonotary's office and has not since been found. Mr. Henderson alleged that he never signed this note and that if his name is on the note it is a forgery. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$305.30.

D. F. Fortney, executor of etc., of Margaret Woodring, deceased vs. J. L. Spangler and H. H. Montgomery; verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$285.60.

An interesting case is now on trial. It is the case of Mrs. Moyer Lyons vs. Gus Lyons, and is for damages on the ground that defendant caused the alienating of her husband's affections. The attorneys for Mrs. Lyons are C. M. Bower, Ellis Orvis and E. R. Chambers. The defendant is represented by ex-Judge A. O. Furst, Wilbur F. Reeder and James Searlet.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Wm. E. Green and Kate Miller, of Bellefonte.

Samuel B. Wasson and Mary R. Glenn, of Lemont.

Wm. S. Williams and Mary P. Miller, of Lemont.

Chas. H. Watson and Finis Vivian Meek, of Snow Shoe.

Franklyn Kline and Minnie Houser, of College Twp.

Franklyn Walker and Mollie E. Adams, of Howard Twp.

Died Near Centre Hall.

Miss Katie Toner, daughter of William Toner, of Bellefonte, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Daniel Callahan, on Nittany mountain, near Centre Hall, on Monday morning, after an illness of several years, aged about 47 years. The remains were taken to Bellefonte where they were interred in the Catholic cemetery Wednesday morning.

Cantata.

The Reformed Sunday school of Centre Hall is preparing a Cantata for Christmas Eve. Those who have heard the music of it, pronounce it one of the finest for amateur work. As there is considerable expense in connection with its rendition, an admission fee of 20 cents for all over 12 years of age, 10 cents for all under 12, will be charged.

Corn from Seed 3000 Years Old.

The Rev. Lafayette Johnson, of Owen county, has some corn raised this season from seed taken from a sealed jar that was found in a mound in Missouri, fifteen feet beneath the surface of the earth, two or three years ago. It has possibly been in its hiding-place for 3,000 years, according to the Rev. Johnson's estimate, he being an antiquarian of no mean repute. The grains of the corn grown by him are the color of an Indian.—Louisville Post.

For Sale.

Over 100 loads fine mason stone, cheap; quarried, culled and banked on my lot. Can be bought and hauled any time. FRANK E. ARNEY.

—When you want a suit to fit, of good quality and at a low figure, there is but one store in Bellefonte that can touch all these points. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch is the place.

A CHANCE FOR THE GIRLS.

A Matrimonial Agent Wants Girls to Join His Colony in Alaska.

Charles Carrington, of Seattle, Wash., has announced his business to be the selection of 200 or 300 healthy women whom he proposes to take to Alaska in the spring for the purpose of equalizing the disparity between the male and female population that is supposed will exist in the gold region next spring.

The matrimonial agent is an examiner and proposes the expenses of the party, getting his remunerations out of the sums that will be paid for wives on his arrival. "It is a perfectly legitimate business," said he, "and I consider myself a benefactor. There are thousands of young women in the east who are unable to find husbands in their own communities, and would gladly avail themselves of this opportunity if they could be certain of getting good partners for life. None but actual miners, who are not afraid to work and who have cleaned up a good lot of pay dirt will have a chance to get any of these girls.

"I am making a careful selection of good, respectable young women, and every one of them will be worth her weight in gold. I think a girl is foolish who would object to a husband on these terms. I have had a good many applications, and the only thing they object to is being auctioned off."

Believe the End of the World is Near.

A peculiar story comes from the southern part of this county which seems almost incredible, but it is vouched for as correct in detail. It is the belief prevalent there that the world will come to an end on December 12, and so strong is the belief among a certain class that farmers who inherit the same have left their corn standing in shock, and much of their work undone, in the belief that it will not be needed by them or any one else. Just who is the prophet after whose predictions these deluded people are following cannot be learned.

Twenty years ago in the same community there were scores of converts to Mother Shipton's prophecies that the world would come to an end in 1879, and at that time a man by the name of Miller was so confident that the prophecy would be fulfilled that he made all preparations for the momentous event. The subject was ever his talk, and he won many converts to the belief. Farms were then abandoned and work that should have been done left undone, and when the expected day drew nigh the people gathered together in groups and prayed and preached to each other. But the time passed and the world went on. Miller, however, did not lose his faith that the time would eventually come, and many times preached his doctrine. Others have taken up the delusion and now the date has been set for December 12.

Almost without exception the believers in this prophecy are non-church members, and scout the idea of predestinationism. And yet many of them are intelligent and well read, being able to discuss any topic and quote Scripture with the best of theologians. And still more strange is the fact that they base the claims of their belief on facts found in the Bible, and produce texts to prove the theory. At this time there are evening gatherings at the homes of the different believers, where the one topic of conversation is the coming destruction of the world and in making spiritual preparation for that event by praying and praise service. All worldly subjects are treated with indifference even to the stranger who may happen to come among them at such a time.

Alien Collections Cease.

No further attempt will be made by the Department of Internal Affairs to collect the unpaid purchase money for lands bought from the State years ago. The law passed by the recent Legislature has created a great deal of distress in Chester, Lancaster, Berks and other counties, and so great has been the pressure on Secretary Latta that he recently addressed the following letter to Major I. B. Brown, his deputy:

Dear Sir—The collection of the unpaid purchase money upon the land lien docket has developed so many instances of real hardship, particularly in the excessive charges of interest imposed by the act of 1864, that I am inclined to think the next Legislature would be disposed to afford relief. The State can lose nothing by the delay, and can be liberal if she chooses.

You will be good enough, therefore, to suspend further collections, except from those who prefer to pay to perfect title.

—The new Fall styles of dress suits have been received at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, and a more complete stock you will not find. If you need a new dress suit, hat or any furnishing goods, see their stock. Many sales and small profits is the way the firm has built up their large patronage.

Washington Letter

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A SCHEME TO ROPE IN THE DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS.

To Bring About Currency Legislation the Administration is Working for the Support of Senators and Members.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—"Walk into my parlor," says the spider to the fly; "walk into my National bank scheme," says the administration to the Southern Democrats. As fast as the Southern Democrats arrive in Washington, they are buttonholed by agents of the administration, who try to convince them what a boon it would be for that section and for portions of the west, where banking facilities are deficient, if National Banks could be established in small towns with a capital of \$25,000, were allowed to issue currency to the par value of bonds deposited with the government, and the tax on that currency was made merely nominal. After talking up the advantage of a plentiful supply of currency at home, to meet the home demand, they try to get the southern Democrats to pledge themselves to vote for a bill embodying these amendments to the National banking laws. It is a shrewd game, and the arguments are plausible when used to men who know how their constituents are at times inconvenienced by the lack of sufficient currency to meet their needs, and it is not surprising that some Democratic support for the idea has been secured. The administration hopes to get enough Democratic Senators to put this scheme through the Senate, in connection with other financial legislation, about which care is taken to say nothing at this time, or if that is not feasible, to put through a bill with no other feature. Anything that will strengthen the National Banking system will strengthen the gold standard policy.

Secretary Long's annual report contains several sentences that must have escaped Mr. McKinley's blue pencil by accident. For instance, he speaks of "possible annexation of islands in the Pacific," as though he entertained doubts about the annexation of Hawaii, and he acknowledges his fear of that growing Treasury deficit by saying that in expenditures for the Navy "a due regard is necessary to the relation of the national expenditures to the national revenues." It is very difficult to reconcile the decidedly peaceable tone of the Secretary's official talk about only small additions to the Navy being provided for by this Congress, and of his intention to take war ships out of commission in order to say running expenses, with the section just taken by his department in placing a large contract—the largest made since the war—for ammunition and guns.

Several hundred employees of the Treasury Department find it impossible to prepare for Christmas in the proper joyous spirit, owing to the fear that the ax will in the mean time fall upon their official necks. The civil service law provides that each state and territory shall have a proportionate quota of the employees of the Government. Secretary Gage has just had a list prepared showing the residence of the employees of his Department, and has announced his intention to weed out the "barbarians." This has been interpreted by the employees to be made among the residents of those states having more than their share in order to give the places to residents of states which have less than their share. Should this be true, many persons residing, or claiming a residence, in nearby states will have to go, as the nearby states all have more than their share, but the heaviest blow would fall upon residents of the District of Columbia, which is legally entitled to only nine clerks in the Treasury Department, but which has more than three hundred. There has been several scares of this sort before, but it is not the sort of thing that the poor devils who have been in government employ so long that they have forgotten how, if they ever knew to make a living outside, can get used to. The odd thing about it, if carried out, would be that it would catch many more Republicans than Democrats, but not a few of them are political hermaphrodites, making it their business to always appear to belong to the party on top, without actually belonging to either.

Representative Hartman, of Mont., takes issue with the Republicans who are trying so hard to create the impression that the silver question is dead. He says it is the liveliest issue now before the people, owing to the absolute failure of the Wolcott Commission; that last year thousands of Republicans voted for McKinley, believing that he would do something for silver, and now they know that he will not. Mr. Hartman makes this prediction for 1900: "There will be 2,

500,000 free silver Republican votes, 1,500,000 Populist votes and 4,500,000 Democratic votes for the nominee who stands for the identical principles that Mr. Bryan stood for last year."

Representative Livingston, of Ga., who is one of the best friends Cuba has in Congress, doesn't think the outlook good for legislation favorable to Cuba. He thinks there will be a lot of talk but no action.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The Kind of Weather Foster Predicts for the Coming Month.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from November 23 to December 1, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about December 3, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 4, great central valleys 5th to 7th, and eastern states 8th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about December 3, great central valleys 5th and eastern states 7th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about December 6, great central valleys 8th and eastern states 10th.

Temperature of the week ending December 4 will average below normal in all parts of the United States east of the Rockies and above normal on the Pacific slope and great western plateau.

Rainfall and snow of the week ending December 4 will be above normal east, and below normal west, of the Rockies.

The second disturbance of December will reach the Pacific coast about December 9, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 10th, great central valleys 11th to 13th and eastern states 14th.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about December 9, great central valleys 11th and eastern states 13th. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 12th, great central valleys 14th and eastern states 16th.

Temperature of the week ending December 11 will average, and rainfall will be, below normal east of and above west of the Rockies.

East of the Rockies December temperature will average below, and on the Pacific slope above normal. Most rain and snow will fall in the Ohio valley, in the Atlantic coast states south of New York city and on the Northern Pacific slope. In the balance of the country rainfall will be below normal.

An important cold wave will enter the upper Missouri valley about the first of December, and real winter weather will continue for about two weeks.

This cold wave will affect all of the United States and Canada east of the Rockies, and will be attended by rains, hail, snows and blizzards, not all in one place, but within the countries mentioned.

About December 18 a warm wave will pass eastward over the country, and the remainder of the month will be much milder than the first two weeks.

Interesting Discovery.

One of the interesting discoveries recently announced is the site of an ancient battlefield in Indian Territory near the Arkansas river. Professor Walters, a western archaeologist, who is said to have made the find, declares that the battle occurred about 20,000 years ago between the Mound Builders and the Mayas of Central America, and that fully 75,000 persons were slain. For a space of fully thirty acres the ground is literally covered with the skeletons bearing unmistakable evidence that they came there through the fatalities of battle. Not the least interesting feature of the find is the statement that the skeletons, which were buried in sand, had above them two distinct strata belonging to well-known geological periods, and it is this circumstance on which Professor Walters bases his estimate of the approximate number of years which have elapsed since the battle was fought.

During the past two years, Mrs. J. W. Alexander, wife of the editor of the Waynesboro, Miss. Times, has, in a great many instances, relieved her baby when in the first stages of Croup Remedy, by giving it Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. She looks upon this remedy as a household necessity and believes that no better medicine has ever been put in bottles. There are many thousands of mothers in this broad land, who are of the same opinion. It is the only remedy that can always be depended upon as a preventive and cure for croup. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

—If in need of a stylish and dressy suit, it is wise to consult Lewins, Bellefonte, and have him fit you out.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Every where.

Wheat 85 in this market.
Dressed pork \$4.50 per 100.
Apples and potatoes are 50 cents.
Beautiful day this, but cold in the morning.

Germany will not send a warship to Hayti to enforce a \$200,000 claim.

Snow on Monday forenoon, one inch in depth and third of the season.

Lutheran sociable in the Sabbath school room this evening. All invited.

It was altogether like winter this week; snowsquals, cold atmosphere and freezing.

A pension has been granted to Wm. A. Tobias, of Millheim, a veteran of the late war.

A half dozen hangings for murders committed went off within the past eight days.

Two million bushels of wheat, corn and oats, were exported from Philadelphia last week.

Prof. Snyder's school will debate the Cuban annexation question, to-morrow, Friday, afternoon.

The grangers are making good use of the present good weather in pushing ahead the work for their new hall.

By going from a quarto into an 8-page sheet, the Lewistown Gazette is greatly improved, as also in other respects.

Seven men died in Mapesville, Ala., from drinking wood alcohol and whiskey, and seventeen more are not expected to live.

Accidents from firing guns "that are not loaded," are on tap every day. The guns that are "not loaded" are really the most dangerous.

This town has many youthful graduates in cigarette smoking who between smokes pester their mamas "for a piece of lassy bread."

John Stoner, one of Millheim's most worthy citizens, of whose illness we made mention some time ago, we are pleased to learn, is able to be about again.

The Sinking Creek Presbyterian congregation by its attorneys, Fortney & Walker, give notice in the Reporter that application has been made for a charter.

Hiram Grove writes us from Morgantown: "Will give expression to the appreciation of your newsy and purely Democratic columns by having my label marked in advance."

A Kansas lawyer charged a fee of \$25 for collecting a \$19 bill, but he generously threw off \$6 and called the account square. He understands the ways of the profess.

Savannah women say that if an ordinance is passed compelling them to take off their hats in church they will demand the enactment of one requiring men to remain awake.

Harry Schope, of Milesburg, fell under a freight train at West Milton Friday night and both his legs were crushed above the knee. He died in the hospital at Williamsport next day.

Ex-Judge Riley, brother and son, together with a few other young men, of Boalsburg, returned from their hunting trip to Stone creek, with six deer. This is better luck than any other party had.

Here is the flower for an attractive button hole bouquet: The largest known flower in the world is the "Rafflesia" of Sumatra, the diameter of which is nine feet, but its odor is worse than that of asafetida.

The report going in this neighborhood and other parts of the valley, that a young man from this town had been run over and killed near Johnstown, by a train, is not correct. The unfortunate one was a different person.

Manager Garman, of the Bellefonte opera house, had a fine company there last Friday night, the Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra, composed of 32 ladies, which drew an unusually full house. Al is always on the watch for the best.

There are now 1,050 convicts in the Western Penitentiary, and 700 of these will be thrown out of employment after January 1, 1898, when the new law regulating the manufacture of goods in prisons goes in effect. Centre county has upwards of a baker's dozen in this brigade.

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. Longs, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial package free. Large size 50c. and 25c.