



COURT PROCEEDINGS.

CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES DISPOSED OF.

The January Session Now Sitting.—Cases Up for Trial and the Result of the Verdicts Rendered.

January term of court convened on Monday morning, with President Judge, John G. Love on the bench. This is the first Court at which Centre county had but one judge on the bench, as the term of the last associate judge expired the first of January this year.

The day was largely taken up in hearing motions and petitions, presented by the several members of the bar.

The list of Grand Jurors was called and twenty answered to their names, and C. P. Long, a merchant from Spring Mills, was chosen foreman by the court. The court instructed them as to the duties devolving upon Grand Jurors, whereupon they retired to the grand jury room to pass upon the several bills of indictments which will be laid before them by the District Attorney.

The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county, then made their quarterly returns to the Court of Quarter Sessions, after which the Court instructed them as to their duties in reference to forest fires, under a recent Act of Assembly, and handed to each a copy of the act.

The list of traverse jurors was then called and forty-two answered to their names.

The following civil cases were disposed of:

Julia A. Brown vs. S. Peck, executor of etc. of Henry Brown, late of Walker township deceased; verdict in one case for \$54.46, and in the other for \$1524.11 in favor of the plaintiff.

Sophia S. Rocky vs. S. Peck, executor of Henry Brown, late of Walker township, deceased; verdict in the one case for \$258.90, and in the other for \$206.96, in favor of the plaintiff.

Com. of Pennsylvania, use of D. M. Lieb, guardian of Fannie Gregg, minor child of Lida P. Gregg, deceased, now for the use of Fannie Gregg Brown, vs. John Curtin and H. L. Barnhart, surviving James B. Curtin, now deceased. Non suit entered.

Com. of Pennsylvania, use of D. M. Lieb, guardian, now to the use of W. H. Musser, guardian of Lida Gregg, minor child of Lida P. Gregg, dec'd, vs. John Curtin and H. L. Barnhart, surviving James B. Curtin, late of Centre county; continued.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Com. vs. Charles Linn, indicted for larceny, prosecutor David Chambers. The defendant is charged with taking a shirt, a pair of cuff buttons and \$65 in money, from Edward Arms, in Snow Shoe, on the night of December 30, 1897. Verdict on Tuesday afternoon of not guilty on the three counts in the indictment.

Com. vs. Alf. Hoffman, indicted for open lewdness, prosecutor W. J. Singer. The details in this case are not fit for publication, and after the jury had been charged, the defendant changed his plea from not guilty to that of guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$25, costs of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of 7 months.

Com. vs. Ardel Campbell, indicted, first count, larceny, second count receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen, prosecutor Jacob Woodring. At November sessions Edward Woodring pled guilty to driving away and selling to a Mr. McClain, at or near Bald Eagle station in Blair county, two cows belonging to Jacob Woodring, of near Port Matilda, and is now serving time for the offense in the Reformatory at Huntingdon. Some time ago this defendant was arrested at Bellwood for being an accomplice in the taking of these cows, and in the trial of Mr. Campbell Mr. Woodring, who had been brought from the Reformatory, testified that Mr. Campbell was implicated, and helped drive these cows away, and also named two others, and stated that all participated in the funds realized from the sale of the cows to McClain. Verdict of guilty on the first count of the indictment, and not guilty on the second.

The important civil cases on the list to be tried this week were the cases of John S. Dauberman and John H. Krumbine, trading as Dauberman & Krumbine, vs. O. L. Saylor, Presiding Elder of the Williamsport District of the Evangelical Association, John H. Erdman, pastor at Centre Hall, of the Evangelical Association, and W. C. Farner, Wm. Boal and D. J. Tressler, trustees of the Evangelical Association at Centre Hall; appeal, plea non-assumpsit. And the case of A. P. Luse, and C. W. Luse, trading as A. P. Luse & Son against the same defendants

and the same pleas. Both of these cases grow out of the trouble in the Evangelical church, between the Esher and the Dubbs factions, which finally resulted in a division in the church, one faction being known as the Evangelical Association of North America, and the other the United Evangelical church, now two separate and distinct church organizations. These cases were settled by the United Evangelical church buying the Centre Hall church and parsonage from the defendants, paying therefor \$400, and assuming the debts against the two properties, and the defendants giving to the United Evangelical church a quit claim deed, and to give to the purchasers immediate possession of the church at Centre Hall, and give possession of the parsonage on the 1st day of April.

Walks 2000 Miles for \$60

We had an idea the Centrehall-Pottersmills mail route was a poorly paid one, but here is one worse yet:

The United States Government pays one of its employees in Licking county, O., the sum of \$60 a year for walking 2184 miles. His name is Louis Rehard and he carries the mail between a little cross-roads post office, Ben and Newark. Ben is located seven miles northwest of Newark, and there are three mails each week. Rehard being paid at the rate of .027 cents a mile for carrying the mail pouch on foot. The office was established in 1894 on the percentage plan, and for the first ten months the carrier received an average of 10 cents a round trip of 14 miles. The first ten months he walked 1120 miles and received about \$8 for it. He has never missed a trip since he began work in 1894, but is always on time, rain or shine, hot or cold.

On the route from Centre Hall to Potters Mills the distance is 10 miles or 20 miles on the round trip daily, for 313 days of the year makes a total of 6290 miles, for which the contractor gets \$220 per year, serving five post offices twice each day. This service is performed with horse and covered wagon.

HAD TOO MANY WIVES.

A Bigamy Case Develops at State College.

—The Principal in Jail.

Elmer Letterman, a former resident of State College, is in jail in Emporium, charged with bigamy. Five years ago Letterman came to State College, stating that he was a representative of one of the oldest families of Kentucky. He found work and remained some three years. During that time he married a Miss Lytle, one child being the result of the union.

Two years ago Letterman went to Sinnenmahoning, where he soon found employment with Barelay Bros. There he formed the acquaintance of Bertha Fulton, daughter of Undertaker D. A. Fulton, whom he wooed and won. Everything went along smoothly until a few weeks prior to the date of the wedding, November 24. Then a rumor gained credence that Letterman was a married man, his wife and child living at State College. The young man got out of the mess by stating that the Letterman referred to was his cousin. This appeased the family allowed the two to be married on the day set. The question of Letterman's being married never became thoroughly settled in the minds of the residents of that town, and in order to satisfy all, Mr. Fulton came to State College last week to investigate. He was almost crushed to find Letterman's wife with his three-year-old child at her father's home. Fulton returned to Sinnenmahoning and separated his daughter from her husband, then had the latter arrested for bigamy on Saturday. The blow prostrated his second wife so that now she is at the point of death, and the first wife at State College, on learning of her husband's duplicity, collapsed, and her life is despaired of.

The Overcrowded Asylums.

There are 1030 patients in the Danville hospital for the insane. There are accommodations for only 800 and the trustees have decided not to accept any more until the legislature provides means to increase the capacity of the institution. The Danville hospital was built for patients from the counties of Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, and Potter.

The Warren hospital, built for the counties of Warren, Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango, Forest, McKean, Elk and Cameron counties, is also overcrowded.

John I. Thompson Dead.

John I. Thompson, an old-time resident and prominent citizen of Martha, died at his home on Friday morning, last, after an illness of three months. He is survived by one son, Budd, at home, and one daughter, Nora, wife of Dr. Thompson, of Stormstown; also, one brother, James Thompson.

A CHURCH DANCING SCHOOL.

A Jersey City Pastor Has a Class in House of Worship

The first dance under the auspices of a minister of the gospel, and held in a sacred edifice under the eye of a professional dancing master to boot, has been pulled off, and the participants live to tell the tale. Some time ago you were told that the progressive rector of an Episcopal church, just across the Hudson in Jersey City, had decided to add dancing to his gymnastics. Since then there has been a good deal of talk, pro and con, but the up-to-date shepherd went right on perfecting his plans, and on a night last week the unusual event occurred, much to the delight of the young people of his large congregation. Early in the evening the old sexton had the lower lights all burning for the unique experiment. Dancers came early, both young men and maidens. They were members of the rector's Bible class, which lately resolved to elevate the art of dancing, and incidentally to cultivate grace of the body and spiritual grace at one and the same time. Each one was held up on the way to the ballroom for the price of a ticket, a fellow-Bible student being in the box office. No money, no dance, was the rule, for the demand for dancing instruction was greater than the floor space. Thus did many call, and some were turned away. Even the parents of the pupils were barred, the entire floor being given over to the young people. The elders, however, were permitted to gaze into the gymnasium, where the Bible scholars were put through their first evolutions under the eye of the dancing master. When the master of the dance cried out "Take partners" there was a scramble. The piano struck up a march and 90 pairs of dancers followed the leader around the hall.

The sentiment of the Christian public will abominate this.

Intemperate Habits.

Judge Harry White, of Indiana county, while disposing of the license question the other day, defined what he considered a man of intemperate habits, and consequently a man who should be refused at the bar, in the following words: "To our mind, then, a man so given to the habit that he frequently goes to the bar for a drink, occasionally gets under the influence, yields to the temptation of getting liquor when offered, or accepts a treat whenever invited, leaves his employment in working hours to get a drink, spends his earnings for it while other responsibilities are neglected, feeds a growing appetite for liquor without any effort to control, is a person of intemperate habits; and when those habits become known to the community in general, or in the neighborhood where he lives, or among the people with whom he has intercourse, and see him from time to time in the indulgence of these habits, he is under the ban of the liquor laws as "A person of known intemperate habits."

Pointed Paragraphs.

A bad memory is the skeleton in the liar's closet.

The more we think of some people the less we think of them.

When a farmer tickles the earth his fields laugh with crops.

Printers measure their takes and tailors take their measures.

When a young man or a clock gets too fast a setback is necessary.

A man seldom gets so full of emotion that he has no room for dinner.

The ardent lover is all at sea when his best girl throws him overboard.

There is more action in an ounce of kitten than in a ton of elephant.

No man has the courage to tell a woman the things that her mirror does.

Most men are generous to a fault when the fault happens to be their own.

Men and women have more faith in each other than they have in their own sex.

The only charms some young men possess are attached to their watch chains.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others become humorists.

When a man tears a leaf off a calendar he realizes that his days are numbered.

The man in the basement can always undersell his competitor on the floor above.

It is better to purchase 2 cents' worth of music daily from the organ grinder than to owe for a grand piano.

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.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

REED BLOCKS ADMISSION OF SEVERAL STATES.

He Frankly Says the Republicans Would Lose Control of the Senate.—Cuba Opposed by the Administration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Czar Reed has one commendable trait—frankness. When he learned that the committee on Territories was inclined to favorably report bills for the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, as states, he told the members flat-footed that it was useless for them to do so, as he did not intend that those territories should be admitted, so long as he had the power to prevent, and the present conditions continue to exist. He added that it was simply a question of gold against silver, it being well known that each of the territories named would send two silver men to the Senate, if they had the opportunity.

The hot fight made for recognition of Cuba, by the Democrats of the House, has frightened the whole administration outfit very badly. The fake news of Spanish successes in Cuba also indicate that the fight has extended to the Spaniards. The fighting isn't over yet. Representative Bailey proved on the floor of the House that the efforts of the Democrats were thwarted for the time, only by a breach of faith on the part of Czar Reed and Mr. Hill.

Senator White, of Cal., who is leading the fight against the ratification of the annexation treaty, is so confident that the treaty cannot be ratified that he proposed to Senator Davis, who has charge of the treaty, that a day be set for taking the vote, and the proposition was declined. That little incident tells the story of the situation as well as it could be done in a column of space.

The refusal of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, which has been holding daily sessions in order to hear everything that Secretary Gage, members of the monetary conference, and other advocates of the single gold standard, might have to present in the shape of a gold argument, to grant hearings to representatives of the American Bimetallic Union, was an unprecedented and an uncalled for insult. The Executive Committee of the American Bimetallic Union sent a very manly and dignified protest to the Committee, closing with the following appeal to the love of fair play that every properly constituted American has: "So far as we are aware, this is the first time that in a matter of so much importance, a great Congressional Committee engaged in giving hearings on a proposition before it, has refused to accord a full and fair hearing to both sides."

In marked contrast to the action of the House Banking and Currency Committee was that of the silver Senators, whose majority gives them the power to prolong the financial debate in the Senate, as long as they might wish to do so, on the Teller resolution, declaring U. S. bonds to be payable in silver at the option of the government. They merely desired to adopt that resolution, as a notice to the gold standard administration that gold standard legislation is an impossibility during the life of the present Congress, and to put certain Senators on record for the benefit of their constituents, and in order to show that they had no desire to unnecessarily prolong the financial debate, Senator Vest, who has charge of the resolution, submitted an agreement that the vote be taken on Thursday of this week, which was adopted. The adoption of the resolution by the Senate is a certainty; the House will, of course, in deference to Czar Reed allow it to be pigeon-holed.

The Republicans who started out to throw down some of the bars to the Federal office, are up against a snag in the shape of the inability of the House Civil Service Committee to agree upon a bill. To conceal this difficulty and to gain time, the Committee has started an indefinite series of hearings, such as the Senate Committee has been conducting off and on for months.

It will be lamentable if Mr. McKinley allows the scheming Republican politicians to dictate the successor to Hon. Ben. Butterworth, late Commissioner of Patents, whose funeral last week, drew together so many sorrowful public men, regardless of politics. Mr. Butterworth did the country a great and valuable service in reforming the abuses in practice before the Patent Office, and he was ably assisted in the work by Hon. A. P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner of Patents. Mr. McKinley could not show his sympathy with the reform work done by Mr. Butterworth in a more practical way, than by making Mr. Greeley Commissioner of Patents.

The selection of Senator White, of California, to be Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and the adoption of a strong resolution, endorsing the Chicago platform, ended the career of numerous very foolish fairy tales.

SHALL APPEAR ONLY ONCE

The Amended Sections of the Baker Ballot Law.

The act of assembly approved July 9, 1897, in regard to elections provides that sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 14 shall be amended so as to regulate the nomination and election of public officers, and in such a manner that the trouble heretofore arising through duplicate names being found upon ballots shall be avoided and it matters not whether a candidate be endorsed by a second party, the name shall appear but once upon the nomination papers and upon the ballot. This may have the effect of each party placing in nomination only names of persons of the particular political proclivity. The section of the act referred to, that is amended to apply to this subject is section nine, which provides: "That the county commissioners of each county shall send to the sheriff of the respective county at least ten days prior to the day of any general election, an official list, containing the names of all candidates whose nomination certificates or papers have been filed with said commissioners, as herein provided for such general election and to be voted for at each voting place in the county, substantially in the form of the ballots to be used therein."

"Upon the official ballots transmitted as herein provided by the secretary of the commonwealth and county commissioners and upon the ballots to be voted at any election the name of each candidate shall not appear more than once by certificate of nomination or more than once by nomination papers."

He Was Not Dead.

A family reunion occurred several days ago at the house of Mrs. Samuel Smith, near Turbotville, at which the guest of honor was William D. Acre, who was long ago mourned as dead and for whom funeral services were held. Acre left home in 1874 and went to Chicago, where, one night, he was knocked down by a tramp and robbed of his money and papers. Some time afterward the tramp was killed by a train. On his person was found papers bearing Acre's name. The body was supposed to be that of Acre, and word of his tragic death was sent to his family. A funeral was held, at which a sermon dwelling on the uncertainty of life was delivered, and Acre was mourned as dead until his recent return to correct the erroneous impression.

Speculative Life Insurance.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Runk case invalidating \$500,000 life insurance should settle the question as to suicide by a man of sound mind. He cannot recover life insurance. Suicide does not necessarily vitiate a life insurance policy, the courts frequently holding that the act of self-destruction may be the result of mental disease, and in such cases the policy holds good. But in the case in question Runk killed himself within a year after adding \$200,000 to his insurance, bringing the aggregate up to \$500,000. He also left a letter written the day before his death stating that it was his purpose to put an end to his life, so that his insurance money could be collected for the payment of his debts.

Five Sisters Married to Five Ministers.

The reading of the history of Zion Lutheran church, of Greensburg, during the celebration of the golden jubilee on Sunday, developed two remarkable features. Daniel Welty, who was the first elder of the church, had five daughters who married five Lutheran ministers, and who are the wives of Rev. Prof. Dr. Aughey, Rev. J. Sarver, Rev. V. B. Christy, Rev. Dr. A. D. Potts and Rev. J. Ash. Beside this Rev. John Ragan and Rev. A. H. Waters each married sisters named Steck, so that seven female members of the Greensburg Lutheran church became wives of seven Lutheran ministers.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—EDGER W. WHITTEMORE, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Der woe feesiert zu hoch—Scheest immer lyvers Noerk, Kumpt olstorf hinne noek, Mit syme gonse Lebenswerk, Larer Kop un feel gaplopper, Is en Sign fun Sprow im evvere Hopper.

Inch and a half sleet Tuesday afternoon, furnished fair sleighing.

The storms since Saturday night downed many fences in our county.

Willis Holly, formerly of this place, has a situation in the Perry Co. Star office.

The Centre county grain fields are still having the appearance for a good crop.

A new house by Samuel Shoop is on the tapis, to be erected in the south end of town.

We are glad to learn from Dr. Emerick that Henry Stoner, of near Tusseyville, is recovering from his illness.

Rey. Rarick's appointments for Sunday, Jan. 29: At Centre Hall at 7 p. m.; at St. Johns church at 2 p. m.; at Georges valley at 10 a. m.

A short time ago Clayton Vonada, of Woodward, killed a bear in Pine Creek Hollow. Frank Bressler also killed one at same place that weighed 340 pounds.

George Mowery has got over them-ales; we guess George ran away from them when a youngster, but after a long chase they overtook him when near being an old man.

Among the persons overtaken by grip is our lifelong friend and reader of the Reporter, Henry Reinhart, Esq., of near Woodward; are glad to learn he is shaking off the pest.

Shamokin's sensation is a girl that slept 72 hours, awoke, fell asleep again and is still sleeping. It's a true saying the best Indian is a dead Indian; to this allow us to add, the best girl is the sleeping girl.

Scott Royer, a brother of Thomas J. Royer, of Rebersburg, was killed in New Jersey a short time ago, by being run over by a locomotive. He was a conductor on a Lehigh Valley R.R. freight train.

It seems a little odd that Altoona, a big city and on a trunk line railroad, must go to out-of-the-way village Hollidaysburg on court business. It's as if Bellefonte had to go to Paddentown to do its courting.

The new steel cells for the Centre county jail arrived last week and are being put in place by William Hillbish, who has the contract for the job. Let's see who will be the first to saw his way through the steel cells.

W. A. Tobias' relatives at Millheim, gave the veteran a surprise party one day last week, the occasion being his 65th birthday. Nice things to eat and a nice time all around. The Reporter adds its congratulations, William.

John Alexander Hughes, in jail at Reading for wife desertion, refuses to eat, and declares he will starve himself to death. The Reporter thinks John consistent, not wanting to furnish anything for his wife to eat he won't eat any thing himself.

Mrs. Christine Krumrine, widow of John Krumrine, died at her home at State College, Tuesday of last week. Four sons and four daughters survive the aged mother, who had reached 74 years, 11 months and 29 days. Sidney Krumrine, druggist in Bellefonte is a son.

A person not insane and committing suicide, his life insurance can not be collected, so decides the supreme court in the Darlington Runk case. Runk's widow endeavored to collect a \$75,000 life insurance, and failed her husband not being proven insane when he committed suicide.

Ed. Reporter: Who was the world's greatest man? Ans.: Julius Caesar; as a general he was the equal of Napoleon, as an orator he was greater than Cicero, as a writer he traps Xenophon, and as a statesman he is accorded the highest rank.

Did you see a chick or chicken that had the luck to pick up a crust of bread or bit of meat, but what the entire flock of the barn-yard, chickens and turkeys, race it to take the morsel and gulp it down themselves? Now isn't that just the way some men do when a neighbor makes something?

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.