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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

THE SECOND WEEK OF COURT IN SESSION.

Several interesting civil cases tried—cases settled and continued until the next term.

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

Considerable time was consumed in hearing petitions and motions presented by the several members of the bar. The list of jurors was then called and absentees noted.

The sheriff gave notice of special returns to sundry writs on Wednesday afternoon.

J. B. Ard and P. F. Bottorf vs. The Pine Grove Water Company; plea not guilty; continued.

Lillie E. Essington vs. Mary M. Boileau; plea not guilty; continued.

Mary V. Hale and Ellen H. Andrews vs. the Central R. R. Co. of Penna.; plea not guilty; continued.

Delores R. De Cassanova, guardian vs. Harry Keller, administration of etc., of Emilia C. DeVilaverde. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$10,000 with interest from July 1, 1898.

Henry Fryer, use of John Hoffa, Jr. vs. The Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburg, Pa. This suit was brought to recover on a policy of insurance against fire placed upon the house and personal property of the plaintiff, at Coburn, Pa., by the defendant company, which property so as aforesaid insured was totally destroyed by fire on the 26th day of August, 1896, after which time Mr. Fryer assigned the proceeds of his policy to Mr. Hoffa for a valuable consideration. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$781.90.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to use of Elizabeth Weaver and Anna Gentzel vs. Charles C. Bartges and Ivy W. Bartges, executors of etc., of John Hettinger, in lunacy, and Wm. Pealer and F. W. Heckman, sureties. Settled.

W. E. Delmage, now for the use of W. H. Black vs. A. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, partners, trading as A. M. McClain & Co. Continued.

Mrs. A. R. Long vs. Cyrus Gordon; continued at costs of plaintiff.

Margaret C. Brockerhoff and Andrew Brockerhoff, administrators of etc., of Henry Brockerhoff vs. Caroline A. Orvis and E. L. Orvis, executors of the last will and testament of John H. Orvis, deceased, summons in assumpsit. This case grows out of the sheriff's sale of the Wm. Stump farm, in Potter township, lying on both sides of the Bellefonte and Youngmanstown Turnpike, in January 1870, against which Henry Brockerhoff had liens amounting to about \$15000, and on the 25th day of January, the day set for the sale of the said farm an agreement was entered into by and between the law firm of Orvis & Alexander, and Henry Brockerhoff by the terms of which the said firm of Orvis & Alexander were to buy the said farm; after which portions of the farm were to be sold and thus liquidated—the liens held by the said Brockerhoff against the farm, sometime in November 1871 the sheriff acknowledged his deed poll to Henry Brockerhoff for the one-half interest and to J. H. Orvis and C. T. Alexander to each one-fourth interest, and about the same time a portion of the farm was sold for \$9000, which reduced the liens to about \$9000. About the same time a bond and mortgage was executed and delivered by the said Orvis & Alexander to Henry Brockerhoff for \$3500. Some years afterwards Judge Orvis' interest was sold to the Bellefonte Building & Loan Association, and afterwards purchased by Mr. Brockerhoff whereupon this suit is brought to recover from the estate of Judge Orvis the one-half of this mortgage, which the representatives of the estate allege has long since been paid as the mortgage has been in possession of the mortgaged premises. On Tuesday morning the plaintiffs offered to amend their pleadings in the case, and a juror was withdrawn and the case continued at the costs of the plaintiffs, and a nile granted on the defendants to show cause why the plaintiffs should not be allowed to amend their pleadings.

Joseph S. Ford, executor of etc., of Geo. W. Ford, deceased, vs. William J. Jackson, Eleanor H. Jackson, David D. Woods and John Shook; continued at the cost of the plaintiff.

G. G. Snyder and James Snyder, trading as Snyder Bros., use of etc., vs. Thomas Collins; continued at the costs of the defendant.

John Curtin and H. R. Curtin, trustee vs. J. L. Bathurst; continued at the costs of the plaintiffs.

Mary S. Thomas vs. Thomas Butler and Burdine Butler. This case grows out of the placing in the hands of the sheriff sometime during the summer

of 1897 an execution to enforce the collection of a note he held against David R. Thomas, the husband, upon which Burdine Butler is bail, whereupon the sheriff levied upon a lot of farming implements and household goods in Patton township as the property of David R. Thomas, and which Mary S. Thomas claims as her property, having received a portion of it from home and the balance by virtue of a bill of sale executed and delivered to her from her husband, David R. Thomas on a valid claim.

The Big Storm.

Boston's storm loss will exceed one million dollars.

Along the coast 15 lives are thought to have been lost in wrecks.

The storm had cut off Boston from the rest of the country.

From all sections deep snows are reported, some localities having three feet.

The cold snap and snow storm struck all parts of the country. In Rhode Island three feet of snow fell. Snow blockades, prostration of telegraph and telephone wires are reported from many sections.

Three Holidays.

February, the shortest month of the year, will have three holidays this year, Lincoln's birthday, the 12th; election day, the third Tuesday, the 15th; and Washington's birthday, the 22d. Bank clerks and officials will work fewer days than in any month of the year, when the four Sundays are added to the above three legal holidays.

Wanamaker for Governor.

The Business Men's Republican League met in Philadelphia on Wednesday; 4000 representative business men from all parts of the state were present.

The platform strongly denounces the infamies of the recent legislature and Quay as its director. Wanamaker was favored for Governor.

County Statement.

In this issue we present the county financial statement, in which every taxpayer is interested. We did not have time to examine it closely, but think the county finances will be found in satisfactory condition. The assets over liabilities are shown to be \$14,560 88.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: John Smith and Bessie McLaughlin, of Boggs twp.

Wesley Thomas and Cora Parker, of Ferguson.

Wesley Tate, of Lemont, and Ida M. Love, of Jacksonville.

Hurt in Altoona.

Yesterday's Altoona Tribune says: J. H. Lytle, a resident of Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, aged about 60 years, fell on an east side curb about one o'clock yesterday morning, and broke his left arm at the shoulder. The fracture was reduced by Dr. A. L. Feltwell, and yesterday Mr. Lytle returned to his home.

Reindeer for Klondike.

The Thingvalla line steamer Hekla, which arrived on Monday at New York from Copenhagen, Christians, Christiansand and Shields, brought 35 reindeer for the Klondike. The original shipment was 42 animals, of which seven died on the passage and were thrown overboard.

Serenaded the Town.

The Bellefonte band, to enjoy the very excellent sleighing, on Saturday evening came to our town that our denizens might listen to some tip-top music, which the band discoursed upon our streets and in our stores. The Reporter was complimented with a serenade for which we say, Thanks, come again.

Declines the Nomination.

Henry Emerick, nominated by the Democratic caucus for the office of Overseer of the Poor, declines to allow his name to be used on the ticket. He will refuse to serve if he is elected.

Test the Law.

The question of compulsory vaccination of school children is to be tried in the Blair county court on complaint of a parent.

To Our Customers.

Chamberlain's Cough remedy is the best cough syrup we have ever used ourselves or in our families. W. H. King, Isaac P. King, and many others in this vicinity, have also pronounced it the best. All we want is for people to try it and they will be convinced. Upon honor, there is no better that we have ever tried, and we have used many kinds.—R. A. BLAKE & SON, General Merchants, Big Tunnel, Va. Sold by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

JUST ANYTHING.

To Interest Any One, and Hurt Nobody.

So to speak, we had one of the quietest of winters thus far—not many sleighing frolics or hops, no musical conventions always so popular with the lovers of free grub; no attractive entertainments. Perhaps this is accounted for by the ministers getting in good work through the many protracted meetings that have been and are still being held all around. The ministers must be given credit for leaving nothing undone to do some good.

But wait; there is lots of fun and free grub ahead. The public sales will begin shortly with a free lunch every day up to all-fools-day; many attend to buy; more to get a free bite, and still others to enjoy the sight of seeing how some make piggies of themselves and go a goodly number of miles to do it, too.

About the time the public sales begin to peter out, the flitting weeks will be ushering in, and that means fun and frolic, good meals, plumsock and hoe-down, et cetera un so weiter. But to make the stove-pipe fit; to know where your napkins, dishes, jars and jams, bed sheets, hatchets, silverware, and sich, have been packed and poked to, is an after-misery of the frolicsome flitting that is not seen upon the program.

County politics is not exciting yet, although quite a number are lengthening their poles to knock the prothonotary persimmon, while a few are fishing for the district attorneyship. All honorable men, which leads us to hope that there will be an honorable canvass, devoid of the methods that are a stench in the nostrils of decent men.

Our county seat has furnished the state with so many governors that we imagined the timber had been exhausted and that a higher strike would be made and we would furnish presidential timber for a half dozen terms, at least. But bro. Meek is spilling this calculation in his willingness to accept the governorship, which he would bear with all the modest dignity of a Shunk. To thus further honor our county a boom is soon to be whizzing.

If our county is again to be gubernatorially honored, then ring the ding-dong, the tom-tom, dinner gong, campaign song, to whoop'er along—but, run for President. Uphold county pride always.

But, the above is enough of the present; let us recall the "characters" of the past of our valley, whose mental aberration brought them under the observation of folks long ago, and who flourished in about the same period.

Sargeant George Aspach, a soldier of the Black Hawk campaign, who had his home at Potters Mills, became a military monomaniac, and ever after wore a uniform, marched only in military step and imagined he was the commander at all company drills and battalions. The sargeant was harmless if let alone, but when the boys began to annoy and tease him, there would have been slaughter had not the offending youngsters beat an immediate retreat. To yell, "Black Rock razor," within the sargeant's hearing, was equivalent to a declaration of war, and he would charge upon the offender at once.

Then there was that original tramp, Abe Lazy, the polluter of school houses, insulter of women whom he commanded to give him the best to eat, stout, healthy and barefooted, Lazy tramped the valley for many years, an annoyance to farmers and the terror of the women. The only effective argument that would make this tramp get up and git, was a black-snake cart- whip or the display of a shotgun.

About the same years there flourished a poor, harmless idiot, familiarly known as "Stine," who passed through this valley about once a month, constantly going over some church melody, and stopping at times to "preach." Stine was polite to all, in his idiotic way, and wherever night overtook him, in woods, field, fence-corner or stable, there he made his bed, exposure did not seem to break him down.

There was another who frequently visited the valley, also suffering from mental derangement, whose name we can not recall. He was a great traveler too, and never molested by conductors when boarding a P. & E. train. He was perfectly harmless and had a mania for spelling words, which he did, on any word given him, in such an amusing way, as to make any one have a kindly feeling for the poor fellow.

There were other "characters" of lesser note—but all have passed off the stage. Happily, but singular to say, since the passing away of these beings there have not yet been any to follow.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE HOUSE PUTS ITSELF ON RECORD FOR CURRENCY.

Reed Compels a Vote Where He Could Have Dodged.—Spain's Friendly Relations With Us.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Playing the voters for suckers is a very old Republican game, but it is to be played again this year, and, if it wins, in 1900. It is the regulation three card monte political trick. The Republican administration, through its President and Secretary of the Treasury, is manipulating the cards so that in sections where some silver votes are necessary to win, the cards will show the Republican party to be a great friend of bimetalism and many fairy stories will be told about what Mr. McKinley expects to accomplish for silver through international bimetalism, and in sections where the gold standard sentiment is held by a majority, the cards will show the Republicans in their true colors—supporters of the single gold standard. To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and if any real friend of silver gets caught in this game, he will deserve to be caught.

Czar Reed cracked the party whip and compelled the Republican majority of the House to stand up and be counted against the Teller resolution, declaring bonds to be payable in silver at the option of the government. Reed is no dodger, whatever else he may be. He is for the gold standard and for gold bonds, and he simply compelled the House to endorse the payment of bonds in gold by defeating the Teller resolution, although there are lots of Republicans who would rather that he had killed the resolution by the pigeon-hole method. If many of the Republicans of the House had dared to vote as they thought, there would have been enough of them with the solid Democratic vote to have overthrown Reed's plan and adopted the Teller resolution.

Senator Chandler, who has been conspicuous in his championship of Mr. McKinley's bimetalism, has this to say of the latest attempt of the latter to carry gold on one shoulder and silver on the other: "The President is trying to satisfy the gold people and also prosecute international bimetalism, which is a very difficult thing for him to do, because the former are not in favor of any kind of bimetalism. So he declares in favor of paying the national debt in the best money in the world, in deference to the gold people, and refrains from saying that the best money in the world is gold, in order to avoid disturbing the bimetalists. It may be sagacious policy, but it will be difficult to pursue it much longer, if Secretary Gage and his assistants are to continue to declare, on every possible occasion, that international bimetalism is impossible, while the President maintains that he is prosecuting negotiations with other nations. The time will soon come for the explicit declaration as to whether Mr. Gage or the President represents the Republican party." Senator Chandler was the only eastern Republican who voted for the Teller resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 47 to 32.

Those who have been blackguarding Spain for trying to buy the friendship of the U. S. through trade concessions offered in the negotiations for a reciprocity treaty between the U. S. and Spain, to include the products of Cuba and Porto Rico, which are now under way, will doubtless be surprised to learn that the first step in these negotiations was taken by the U. S. minister to Spain, under instructions from the Department of State, but such is the fact. Just why this administration should have gone out of its way to make such a practical demonstration of its friendliness towards Spain, each individual must determine for himself; but it seems to be all a part of the same deal with Spain which pacified Congress and the people for a time by sending a U. S. war ship to Havana.

The House by a vote of 188 to 67 passed the bill to pay \$288,000 to the Southern Methodist Book Publishing Company, for damages sustained by the Company during the war.

No Senator presents more unique arguments than Senator Tillman, of S. C., and his latest, on the silver question, was one of the best. He said, as he walked down the aisle: "Before 1873, we used to go on two legs. One leg was gold and the other leg was silver. Then we cut one leg off, but not content with that, we placed the cut-off leg on our shoulder, and now we go hopping along on one leg with the other leg on our shoulder." The Senator illustrated his remarks by action and when he ended by hopping around on one leg, bending over with the imaginary burden on his shoulder, there was such a burst of laughter and ap-

plause that the Vice President had to sharply demand order.

The only Democrat who voted against the Teller resolution, declaring U. S. bonds payable in silver at the Government's option, was Senator Caffery, of La.

The Lodge gold bond resolution having been defeated by a vote of 53 to 24 in the Senate, the gentlemen who have been paying board bills in Washington with the idea that legislation for gold bonds could be secured from this Congress have at last got their eyes open to facts known to most people from the first day of the session—the absolute impossibility of gold bond legislation.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next Personally-Conducted Tour to California via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg by the "Golden Gate Special" on Wednesday, February 16, stopping at the Great Mammoth Cave and New Orleans during the Mardi Gras Carnival. Four weeks will be allowed on the Pacific Coast. Returning, stops will be made at Salt Lake City, Colorado Springs, (Garden of the Gods,) Denver, Chicago, etc. Round-trip rate, including transportation, meals, carriage drives, hotel accommodations, and Pullman accommodations en route, and Pullman berth Los Angeles to San Francisco, and transportation in California, \$335.00 from all stations east of Pittsburg; with hotel accommodations, meals, transfers, and carriage drives through California for four weeks, \$125.00 additional. An experienced chaperon will accompany the party for the benefit of the lady tourists.

For itineraries and full information, apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. feb3-2t

Bribe of \$10,000 For a Vote.

Representative John C. Otis, of Cincinnati, who voted against Hanna for Senator, told the Legislative Investigating Committee how an attempt was made to bribe him for Mr. Hanna. He said he met H. H. Boyce, of New York, who witnesses have testified arranged the deal over the telephone from Cincinnati with Mayor Dick, Mr. Hanna's manager in Columbus, in the Gibson House, Cincinnati, and was promised an office by appointment of President McKinley to vote for Mr. Hanna. Mr. Otis says he referred Mr. Boyce to his attorney, T. C. Campbell.

Mr. Otis subsequently met Mr. Campbell who showed him \$1000 which he said he got from Mr. Boyce. Later Mr. Campbell received \$750 more and was promised the remainder of \$10,000 in Columbus.

Mr. Campbell on the stand produced \$1750, which he said he received from Mr. Boyce to be given to Mr. Otis if he voted for Mr. Hanna.

Spring 1898—Always Up to Date.

All of our New Spring Goods are now coming in. Bought before the advance, at the lowest prices. New Suits, New Overcoats, New Hats, New Neckwear, New Fancy Half Hose, New Wollens, New Gloves, New Umbrellas, New Collars and Cuffs, New Fancy Shirts, New Trunks, New Suit Cases, New Bags, New Sweaters—Everything New, and at attractive prices.

MONTGOMERY & CO.
Bellefonte.

A BIG DEFICIT.

Auditor General Mylin announces that the state treasury will be short four million dollars under present legislation. Corruption at Harrisburg, increase of offices, raising of salaries, creating useless clerkships, &c., &c., is doing all this and the people pay for the paper because they voted for that kind of paper.

House Defeats Silver.

The senate having passed Teller's silver resolution by a good majority, it was brought up in the house on Monday, when it was defeated by a vote of yeas 182, nays 182.

New Diseases.

Deputy Register Kauffman has been putting the returns of the births and deaths on record during the past week and while recording the causes of death given by the assessors discovered that there are some very peculiarly named diseases working on the sturdy yeomanry of Clearfield county. Following are the causes of death in a number of cases: "Phumony," "consumption," "arysipelas," "colera," "feaver," "colery," "membrains," "colrandantom," "stumich," "phanomia," "pendicitis," and "amonia."—Clearfield Republican.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Chaos who howled for winter Like in times of old, Say, between their shivers: "Too dodgasted cold." But another nuisance Now comes into view, And he's asking: "Is it Cold enough for you?" Chron.-Tel.

Potatoes are selling at 60c per bushel. This morning mercury was down to zero again.

Murders and suicides are still daily happenings. The Ward House, at Tyrone, rents for \$6000 per year.

Potter county Republicans have pronounced against Quay.

The wife of Edward Emert, of Salona, died on 7, aged 75 years.

The Hanna bribery investigation is showing up ugly for the boss.

Tuesday was groundhog day and the ananile seed its shadow.

Rev. Rearick has a protracted meeting in his church here this week.

A cowboy murdered two in Alaska and next morning he was caught and hanged.

Samuel McMurrie, of Bellefonte, has been allowed an increase of pension, \$6 to \$10.

Thus far the winter has been fair; not extremely cold and without serious snow blockades.

High winds set in Monday night and kept up all day Tuesday, causing some snow drifts.

There will be considerable tugging and fitting around in this county the coming spring.

James S. Carson, of Bellefonte, has been granted a restoration and increase of pension, \$4 to \$6.

Bellefonte's new post-master appointment will come to a focus in a few weeks. Who?

Hon. T. B. Turley, a bright, silver Democrat, was elected Senator from Tennessee, yesterday.

Attorney Wm. G. Runkle, in this issue, announces himself as a candidate for district attorney.

Lots of persons, big and little, are taking the measles. The best thing to take for a cure is, take care.

Mrs. Carris, aged 60, died on Saturday at Mackeysville, survived by seven sons; her maiden name was Tobias.

Some very fine ice, six to nine inches in thickness, was housed since latter part of last week from ponds near here.

Rev. Rearick's appointments for Sunday, Feb. 6: At Centre Hall at 2 p. m.; at Spring Mills at 7 p. m.; at Tusseyville at 10 a. m.

The Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph is printed on tinted paper, which, undoubtedly, will please the eye of the reader of this excellent daily.

Reports from the Klondike are still two-sided; one side has it there is starvation and few fortunes; the other that there is no starvation and plenty of gold.

For this evening's service, in the Lutheran church, Rev. Rearick has specially invited "those who do not pray, those who tell falsehoods and those who swear."

Mrs. Hoff, who claimed to have taken pneumonia in a Roxbury, Mass., hotel owing to the failure of the owner to provide sufficient heat, was awarded \$1000 damages by the court.

We had some elegant sleighing with in the past ten days—first from one-and-a-half inches of sleet which gave sleighing a good start, then there came five inches of snow that kept it up in fine condition.

In a recent lecture, Paul Du Chaillu, the African explorer, confessed that, during his journey through the Equatorial wilds, he had received no less than 20,000 offers of marriage, wholesale and retail. What a paradise that would be for Centre county stags.

While returning from Williamsport to his home in White Deer valley, on Monday, Cornelius Schaffer, an aged farmer, was thrown from his sleigh. He struck a telegraph pole and his skull was crushed. His horse became frightened at a locomotive whistle.

A death certificate that was being shown in town the other day, signed by a doctor, had the doctor's name in the space on the blank after the words "cause of death." He believes it to be an error, while some others think it absolutely a fact, says the Arcade Leader.

It is singular how willingly some persons cling to misinformation and how ready to question the motives of others. Insinuations are not manly, they often are—as intended—the foundation upon which gossips erect false fabrics and distort facts. Every fair-minded person will guard against cultivating such a spirit, instead of the divine edict, "Judge not that ye be not judged."