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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

THE NOVEMBER TERM WITH A BIG LIST FOR TRIAL.

The usual Criminal List Up Before Court, Working Hard on the Large Civil List. Sentences Imposed by Judge Love.

The November session of court convened at Bellefonte last Monday with Judge Love on the bench. The forenoon was taken up in hearing motions and petitions by attorneys. Thomas J. Sexton, a student, was admitted to practice in the several county courts.

List of grand jurors was called and absentees noted. A. A. Shenck, merchant of Howard, was selected as foreman, and after being duly charged they proceeded to the grand jury room to pass judgment on the several bills of indictments brought before them by the district attorney. The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county made their quarterly returns to court, after which the list of traverse jurors was called and absentees noted.

List of civil cases for the first and second weeks of court was then called over by the court and cases for trial noted. The cases on the first week's list disposed of were as follows:

Philip A. Leister vs. E. M. Huyett; continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

Cases on the second week's list were disposed of as follows:

G. G. Snyder and James Snyder, trading as Snyder Bros., vs. Peter F. Collins, administrator of, etc., of Thomas Collins, deceased; settled.

John P. Harris, W. E. Gray and Samuel T. Gray vs. Jacob Thielman, Samuel Marsh and George Chapman; continued generally.

John P. Harris, William E. Gray and Samuel T. Gray vs. Jacob M. Thielman, Samuel Marsh, George M. Chapman, Morrell Marshall and Lobe Kelling; continued generally.

Austin Swisher vs. John Bruss, Geo. Bruss, Hugh Adams, and Elizabeth Bennett; continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

J. F. Barber, G. W. Barber, William Lauderbach and John G. Platt, co-partners, trading and doing business under the firm name of Platt, Barber & Co. vs. the Clearfield Traction Company, a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; continued.

Sigmund Klenke vs. Charles A. Rooney and John T. Foley, defendants and the Clearfield Traction Company, garnishees; continued.

George F. Stevenson vs. William Reed; case settled as per paper filed.

John G. Love and Louisa H. Hoy, administrators of Adam Hoy, deceased vs. the German American Insurance Company of New York; continued, the case being special to Judge Love.

Sandy Ridge Fire Brick Company vs. Mattie S. Twigg; continued.

When court convened in the afternoon considerable time was again taken up in petitions and motions.

Com. vs. Thomas Hayes, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Gussie Oswald. This case is from Snow Shoe township. The defendant pleaded guilty and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed by the court.

Com. vs. Thomas Hayes, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Mary E. Rolley. This case is also from Snow Shoe township and the same defendant as in the preceding case. The defendant pleaded guilty and received the same sentence as before.

Com. vs. Thomas Barr, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Lillie Fike. This case is from Milesburg; verdict guilty, and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed.

Com. vs. Daniel Robb, indicted for cruelty to animals, prosecutor Herman Bowes. This case grows out of a difficulty between the prosecutor and the defendant on the 17th day of August last, in Liberty township. The prosecutor attempted to drive into the creek to fill a water tank for threshing purposes and was stopped by the defendant striking one of his horses on the head with a shovel and knocking it down, as the prosecutor alleges. The defendant admits the stopping of the prosecutor from driving into the creek at that point and alleged that the prosecutor attempted to drive over and that he did hit one of the horses over the nose, but that the horse was not injured. Verdict not guilty and the costs divided equally between the prosecutor and the defendant.

Com. vs. William Burns, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Susan Hill. This case is from Snow Shoe township. The defendant pleaded guilty and the usual sentence imposed.

Com. vs. Reuben Hoover, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Sarah E. Swabb. This case is from Howard township; verdict guilty and the usual sentence imposed.

At this point the civil list was taken up and the insurance cases were called, being ten in number and being appeals

from the judgment of J. M. Keckline, Esq., a number of these cases having been disposed of at June argument court, and grow out of the failure of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg, and assessments laid on the policy holders, being as follows: Elmer W. Moore, receiver of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Pittsburg vs. M. Salina Goodhart, D. C. Martz, Jas. A. Decker, Juno F. Gray, J. N. Krumrine, James L. Murphy, trustee of the M. E. church; Adam H. Krumrine, J. B. Ard, P. F. Bottorf, and I. C. Korman. Discontinuances were entered in each of the above ten cases upon the payment of the costs by the plaintiff without prejudice.

Com. vs. Torrence E. Sage, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor S. C. Cowen. This prosecutor is a freight conductor on the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad and on the 20th day of Sept. last he was in charge of the fast freight train carrying perishable goods from Lock Haven to Tyrone. When some distance west of Mill Hall, the prosecutor saw two colored gentlemen riding on the train, which is against the rules of the company, but he did not care to stop his train to put them off, having a fast schedule, until he reached Port Matilda where the train stopped to take water. He ordered them off, but when the train started they attempted to get on again and he put the smaller of the men off. When he tried to put the larger of them off he assaulted him by striking him, and information was lodged against him. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty and sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, \$20 fine and an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of thirty days.

Tuesday morning the civil list was taken up as follows: Isaac Harris, Samuel Harris, and Fred A. Johnson, trading as Harris, Johnson & Co. vs. George E. Chandler; continued, pending settlement and not to go on the list again without leave of court.

Sallie A. Meek vs. the school district of Half Moon township. This suit is brought to recover on a school order issued by the school board in 1881 for one month's salary, which, as the plaintiff alleges, has never been paid. Miss Meek having that year been employed to teach a five months' term of school, that being the length of a school term at that time. The case had not proceeded very far when a juror was withdrawn by the court and case was continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

W. C. Krader vs. Wm. C. Sheesley, Daniel Eisenhuth and Susan Eisenhuth, late trading as Sheesley & Eisenhuth. This case was originally tried before a justice of the peace and judgment rendered against the defendants, whereupon Mrs. Eisenhuth took this appeal. Suit is brought to recover balance on book account for \$172.86 in favor of the plaintiff, who is a merchant at Coburn. Verdict on Tuesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiffs against Wm. C. Sheesley and Daniel Eisenhuth, and in favor of Susan Eisenhuth one of the defendants, the jury finding that she was not a member of the firm.

Com. vs. Dennis Motter, indicted on three counts—first count assault and battery; second count, indecent assault and third count, assault with intent to commit a rape, prosecutrix Elizabeth Williams. Miss Williams is a young lady sixteen years of age, living at Lock Lomond in Rush township, about two miles from Phillipsburg. She attended a social dance in the G. A. R. hall in Phillipsburg along with some of her young friends, on the night of the 17th day of October last. She started for home at about half past one in the morning with her escort, a Mr. Gerhart, of Chester Hill, and when at or near the Cold Stream bridge they were met by three young men; who by threats, etc., induced Mr. Gerhart to turn back. The prosecutrix attempted to catch up with her friends who were but a short distance ahead of her, when this defendant followed her, overtook her and walked with her some distance. He then pulled her off to one side and attempted to take liberties with her person, when she screamed and was heard by her friends who returned, and the defendant ran away. Verdict guilty on all three counts.

Com. vs. L. C. Bullock, charged with indecent conduct. Prosecutrix Fanny E. Wagner. This case is from Milesburg and the prosecution alleges that the defendant called at her home for a badge on the evening of November 22d last, and was informed that he could get it at a Mr. Hugg's when he took her by the arm and made some indecent proposals to her, while on the other hand the defendant says, he was there but denied touching her or making any proposals whatever. Verdict on Wednesday morning of guilty as indicted.

Com. vs. Lon. Gross, George B. Uzle and W. R. Haynes, indicted for killing game out of season; prosecutor Harry Ginter of Phillipsburg. These defendants are from about Snow Shoe and were arrested and bound over to court without sufficient hearing before the justice of the peace under the act of assembly pertaining to killing game. On motion of counsel for defendants the indictment was quashed by the court.

Com. vs. John Fry, George Fry, Lemuel Hipple and Oscar Veidendorfer, indicted for larceny; prosecutors, Geo. Salko, John Pincho, Frank Polenski, Oeo. Katchick, and Wm. Hipple. This is the cattle stealing case from Burnside township.

Court adjourned Wednesday until Friday morning over Thanksgiving.

FOUR MURDERED.

Razpedder Hummel Murdered Wife and Three Children at Montgomery, Pa.

A horrible murder was committed at Montgomery, in Lycoming county. A man named Hummel, a rag-picker, about three weeks ago married a widow with three children.

Some time afterward two of the children were reported missing, and some days thereafter the woman and the other child were missing. Hummel lived about a mile from Montgomery.

While Hummel was away neighbors visited the house and found some bloody burlap and the bodies of the two children beneath a straw stack. The children had the appearance of having been dead about two weeks.

On going into the house the mother and another child were found dead in the sleeping room.

Mrs. Hummel's name before her recent marriage was Mrs. Oliver Delaney. She was about 30 years of age. Hummel's age is between 50 and 55. The couple were married on November 10. Mrs. Hummel's first husband died about six months ago.

On Friday morning last a constable and his deputies scoured the country surrounding Montgomery, and finally found him at Farmer Russell's house. They approached the house from different sides, and peering through the window, Hummel was seen seated at the breakfast table. Constable Meyers and his deputies drew their revolvers, and on entering the house Hummel was informed they had a warrant for him, and he jumped to his feet and exclaimed, "I am not guilty!"

The charge of murder was read to him, the handcuffs were put on his wrists and the party started for Montgomery, and thence to prison at Williamsport.

The prisoner said that on Thursday night a week ago he and his wife made sauerkraut. After they finished the work, he continued, "My wife took the three children upstairs and put them to bed. She returned to the lower floor, and then we had something to eat. While enjoying the lunch, a stranger drove up to the house and was admitted. He and my wife appeared to be acquainted. He requested her to go to his home at Kelly X Roads, Union county, where, he said, his wife was sick, and he wanted my wife to nurse the woman. My wife agreed, and it was arranged that she could take the children along. I was told that the man's name was Harry Smith. My wife dressed herself up finely in a brown dress and neglected to dress the children, whom she put in the wagon in their night clothes."

He said he gave his wife \$9.50, with which to make some purchases, and that Smith had evidently killed her to get the money.

Hummel's statement does not agree in any particular with the true state of affairs. Instead of his wife being dressed in her best, she was attired in nothing but her night gown and stockings, and the children were dressed in their everyday clothes. The prisoner was taken to the undertaking establishment to look at the bodies of his victims. He showed no signs of nervousness, and coolly remarked that the corpse was not that of his wife, nor were the children in any way related to him. But later remarked that the body of the woman did somewhat resemble his absent wife.

Later developments point to the fact that Hummel murdered the family with a pole ax on Thursday, November 16. On the day following he buried the body of the baby, bones being found in a fire in the rear of the house. Finding this to be slow work, and fearing detection, he loaded the woman, boy and girl into his wagon and hauled them to a straw stack, where their bodies were found.

The house shows blood stains, a pair of gum boots having been found with blood stains on them, the axe has blood and hair on it, and the wagon has blood on it.

When Hummel was taken to Montgomery the greatest excitement reigned, and calls to lynch him were frequently heard. He was terribly frightened, and begged the officers to protect him from the mob. More than 2,000 people witnessed the passage of Hummel from the depot to the jail in Williamsport.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

CZAR REED'S GAG RULE TO BE OUTDONE.

The Republicans With a Narrow Majority Must Apply the Gag at the President's Orders.—A Gold Standard Bill.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Gag law is to rule the House again, and, unless present indications are at fault, the McKinley gag is likely to be even worse than the Reed gag. All the pretty talk about changing the House rules in the interests of more liberty for individual members has been hushed up by the application of the gag even before the House assembles. Even Hepburn, of Iowa, who defied Reed in the last House and made a savage attack on the injustice of the rules which made a tyrant of the Speaker, has allowed himself to be gagged and has acquiesced in the program which includes a re-adoption of the Reed rules without any changes that will lessen the Speaker's authority over legislation. The order for the re-adoption of the Reed rules came from Mr. McKinley, who feared that without them he would be unable to jam some of the legislation he will ask for through the House, with its narrow Republican majority.

According to present plans, the gag rule is also to be applied to the gold standard bill prepared by the House Republican caucus committee, which is now being considered by the Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee, who for some reason persist in withholding their endorsement of it. Instead of having the bill follow the usual routine of being referred to a committee, it has been decided to have it endorsed by the Republican caucus when it meets to nominate House officers and ordered passed by the majority of the House.

At the last meeting of the Washington Anti-Imperialist League, a resolution was unanimously adopted, calling attention to the anniversaries of the death and birth of George Washington—Dec. 14th, and Feb. 22nd—the trend toward imperialism on the part of his successor, now in office, in direct contradiction to the lessons taught by the life laid down by the farewell address of Washington, and the necessity of keeping the life of Washington, as a beacon light before his countrymen. As one of the ways of doing this, the League offered a prize of \$10, for the best essay, to be written by a school child of the City of Washington, on the lessons to be learned from the life of Washington.

Representative De Armond, of Mo., one of the candidates for the Democratic leadership of the House, has very positive opinions as to the policy that should be followed by the Democrats of the House, during the present session of Congress. He thinks the Democrats should be aggressive from start to finish in order to place the Republicans on the defensive and expose their weak spots to the country; that they should put themselves on record as favoring the withdrawal of U. S. authority from the Philippines, and the establishment of an independent government by the Filipinos; that they should advocate the return to the Cubans of their own—their not only by natural right, but by the solemn promise and declaration of Congress at the opening of the war with Spain; that they should make plain to the country that the administration party is the pro-creator, as in a large degree it is the creator of trusts; that they should vigorously oppose the enactment of gold standard legislation, if the majority dares to attempt to carry out plans which the money kings are trying to compel them to accept; that they should oppose the creation of a large standing army as one of the methods of crippling imperialism, if it cannot be headed off, and that they should ruthlessly expose the steadily growing extravagance in public expenditures, and the unequal burden of Federal taxation borne by the poor.

Of the coming session of Congress, Judge De Armond said: "It promises to be an important and far-reaching one. It will not be surprising if its influence upon the approaching national election should be great, if not controlling."

Representative Ball, of Texas, who is a supporter of Representative Bankhead for the Democratic leadership of the House, says that while the contest is spirited, it is being conducted in such a friendly way that no wounds will be left at its close to mar Democratic harmony, and that as yet, no candidate has enough votes pledged to win. Mr. Ball says the talk of a deadlock in the interest of reelecting Mr. Bailey leader, is arrant nonsense; that Mr. Bailey always makes an open fight or none, and that he meant exactly what he said, when he announced at the last session of Congress, that he would not again be a candidate.

Hon. D. C. Dunbar, Democratic National Committeeman, from Utah, says the fight against Representative elect Roberts, of that state, is a political rather than a moral one; that while he is bitterly opposed to polygamy, which he fought for years, he knows that the accusations of having violated the U. S. laws against polygamy, which have been brought against Mr. Roberts, have no foundation in fact.

Ex-Senator Palmer, of Ill., who is in Washington, predicts that the leading issues in 1900 will be anti-imperialism, anti-militarism, and anti-trust, and that Col. Bryan will be nominated and elected President.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Beware. I knew a maiden fair to see; Take care! She can both false and friendly be; Beware! Beware! Trust her not, she is fooling thee! She has two eyes, so soft and brown; Take care! She gives a side glance and looks down; Beware! Beware! Trust her not, she is fooling thee!

And she has hair of a golden hue; Take care! And what she says, it is not true; Beware! Beware! Trust her not, she is fooling thee.

She has a bosom as white as snow; Take care! She knows how much it is best to show; Beware! Beware! Trust her not, she is fooling thee.

She gives thee a garland woven fair; Take care! It is a fool's cap for thee to wear; Beware! Beware! Trust her not, she is fooling thee.

—Louisell.

Heavy frosts the past six days.

When hunting you get dear meet.

Half inch of ice Monday morning.

Read Smith Bros. new furniture ad.

Hannah Shilling, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$8.

The cold snaps are ripening sausages which makes pigs squeal.

Aaron Embig trapped six bears in Sugar valley this season.

H. C. Campbell is now a citizen of State College; left Fairbrook.

Big negro, 'other day, saw a big deer in a field this side Linden Hall.

Some 15 deer and 6 or 8 bears have been killed in the Seven mountain section this season.

Nineteen gray squirrels were killed by L. L. Weaver, a Woodward nirod, this season.

Dentist Hosterman, of this place, sold his lumberland in Miles twp., to a Mr. Finkle of Gregg.

S. Edwin Royer, of Altoona, formerly of Potters Mills, is traveling in the interest of the Philadelphia Ledger.

Ira Cottle, years ago a tailor in this place, then removed to Kansas, has located in Milroy, to engage in his occupation.

Rev. S. L. Whitmore, resigned his pastorate of the Millinburg Reformed church and accepted a call from Pottsville.

One day last week a fine deer was seen feeding in a field near Aaronburg; hunters got after it but failed to secure it.

Nathaniel Boob, formerly of this valley, with companion, killed a bear in the Brush valley narrows, weighing 410 pounds.

Keep putting in a good word for our town and stand by those who aid its substantial prosperity by real deeds instead of empty words.

The most aged lady of our town, is aunt Katy, widow of Peter Durst, aged 81 years. A most excellent woman all her life; at present not in the best of health.

Rev. Christine had a severe attack of colic Saturday last which prevented him filling his appointments last Sunday. He is now able to be about again we are pleased to note.

A Pennsylvania man is down in the Arkansas valley to gather 1000 jack-rabbits to start a rabbit farm at home. He says young jacks are more profitable than Belgian hares.

Safety from lightning is easily secured, according to the Scientific American. "Simply put on rubbers," it says, "and stand up so that your clothes won't touch anywhere."

If sheriff Spangler's method of destroying Canada thistles is the right one—and we believe in it—he has done more for the benefit of the farmer than "McKinley prosperity." Read it in another column.

In raising big porkers, George Durst living right on the edge of the boro, made a record that will take a young elephant to beat. On Tuesday he killed a hog which when dressed, pulled the beam at 547 pounds.

Dr. J. H. Hasenplug died at his residence in Philadelphia, Saturday last, having practiced there for 35 years. He was born in Millinburg, in 1827, and during the civil war served as a surgeon with the 109 Penn'a volunteers.

The Lewisburg Journal, William L. Kurtz, proprietor, has been a noteworthy success since he took it four years ago. A new outfit of job and body type, a new Babcock press, a large jobber, added to a medium one, and now finds it necessary to add a large four-roller No. 4 Columbian Optimus Babcock press, the only machine in the central part of the state, for doing fine book-work, a gas engine, etc. The hands employed in the last few years was 8 to 12, often employed 18 hours a day.

Jury Stuffing.

A sensation was sprung in legal circles in Clearfield county last Friday when warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Sheriff Gingery and the jury commissioners, on the charge of jury stuffing. The editors of the Clearfield Republican are under bond for libel. Their case would come up for trial at the December courts, and the attorneys in investigating and comparing the list of jurors drawn with the list on file on the prothonotary's office, discovered that out of the 24 grand jurors drawn, only two names were regularly drawn from the wheel, the balance being stuffed. Out of the 48 traverse jurors, only six were regularly drawn, the balance being stuffed. Judge Gordon and the members of the Clearfield county bar agreed that all cases on both the civil and criminal lists should go over until the February term of court, and all the jurors drawn for the December court will be notified not to attend. If the charges are true, justice is ladled out in Clearfield county similar to the Republican majorities in Philadelphia.

In His New Home.

Tuesday Dr. G. W. Hosterman flitted down street a couple squares into his handsome home, which he had in course of erection for over a year. He is now settled down and becoming accustomed to the marked change in his domicile. The new residence is one of the handsomest on the south side of Nittany mountain, without exception. It is built of brown stone quarried near the town, and the appearance is imposing. He has furnished it with every convenience, well lighted, roomy and airy, and is heated throughout with a hot water system. In the kitchen he has provided a heater which suffices for all cooking and heating of the house, requiring one fire only in the house at all times. It is a beautiful home and one the Dr. can justly be very proud of.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Frederick M. Heisley, Williamsport and Elsie M. Noll, Pleasant Gap.

Wm. James Cower, and Ida Beahm, of Haines township.

Oliver P. Bloom, Pine Grove Mills, and Ellie G. Logan, of McElaveys Fort.

J. C. Glenn and Mary E. Brisbin, of Lemont.

G. W. Lester Freeby, Wilkesbarre, and Lizzie May Condo, Millheim.

Geo. W. Mapledoram and Minnie B. Wright, Phillipsburg.

Walter J. Quick, Brooklyn, Ind., and Mary Alice Mitchell, Howard.

Alfred J. Musser, Peale, Clearfield county, and Estey Durst, of Spring Mills.

Geo. W. Johnston, Bellefonte, and Ollie Slotman, Pleasant Gap.

Grange Supper.

The ladies of Progress Grange are having a turkey dinner from 3 to 7 o'clock this afternoon and chicken and waffle and oyster supper from 7 to 9 p. m. Price reasonable, only 25 cents. The ladies are making this effort for the building fund, and should receive the liberal support of the public.

A Petition to Congressman Hall.

The Lutheran conference recently in session at Salona, passed resolutions against the seating of the Mormon Roberts from Utah, in Congress. Congressman Hall is receiving many petitions from this district asking him to vote against seating the polygamist.

Real Estate Sold.

The executors of the estate of the late Jonathan Tressler sold the farm east of Centre Hall, now occupied by M. B. Duck, on Saturday for \$3200. Mr. Duck was the purchaser.

A Sure Sign of Croup.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.