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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

CASES HEARD AND DISPOSED OF BY THE TRIBUNAL.

The Regular April Term Convened Monday Morning—The Usual Petty Cases Up for Trial and the Results.

April session of court convened on Monday morning with His Honor Judge John G. Love on the bench.

The morning session was largely taken up in receiving returns by the sheriff in partition proceedings in several decedent's estates, and in hearing motions and petitions as presented by the several members of the bar.

The grand jury was then called and sworn, and W. Galer Morrison, of Bellefonte, was chosen foreman. After being charged by the court relative to their duties, they retired to the room to pass on the several bills of indictment that will be laid before them by the district attorney.

At this juncture the constables of the several townships and boroughs made their quarterly returns.

Thos. Barr and Thos. Hayes received their final discharges from jail under the insolvent law of the Com.

List of traverse jurors called, absentees noted and several were excused by the court.

The civil trial list for the first and second week was then called over and the following cases disposed of:

Philip A. Leister vs. E. M. Huyett; settled.

Frick & Lindsay Co. vs. Kate A. Miller, trading as the Gowland Manufacturing Co., etc., Geo. B. Simler, Jr., vs. same. The Ohio Injector Co. vs. same; Pittsburgh Gage and Supply Co. vs. same; Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., L. & R. Wister agents, vs. same; five appeals from the decision of a justice of the peace; stricken from the list.

Dr. John Sebring vs. overseer of the poor of Bellefonte boro; settled.

Runkle Bros. vs. Central R. R. Co. of Pa.; continued.

L. C. Bullock vs. Homer Carr; settled.

On the second week's list the following cases were disposed of:

John P. Harris, Wm. E. Gray and Samuel T. Gray vs. Jacob Thielman, Samuel Marsh and Geo. Chapman; continued.

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John G. Love and Louisa H. Hoy, executors of etc., of Adam Hoy, dec'd, vs. the German American Insurance Co., of New York; continued, the case being special to Judge Love.

Samuel Wilkinson, James Stoddard and Joseph C. Foreman, Sr., in behalf of Rush township vs. Richard O'Neill, overseer of the poor, and P. R. Gorman, supervisor; continued.

S. S. Messinger & Son vs. John Wert and Jas. Wert; settled.

Henry Wohlfort vs. Nathan Hough and Eneline Hough; continued at the costs of the defendants.

Monday afternoon the criminal list was taken up as follows:

Com. vs. Wm. Lyon, indicted; first count, public nuisance on public road; second count, public nuisance on private road; prosecutor G. A. Confer. This prosecution grows out of the digging of a trench in a certain road leading from the main Bald Eagle road, north of Bald Eagle creek, to the summit in Howard township, by the defendant, the road leading through the properties of the defendants, Mrs. Swartz and Mrs. Emma Confer. Verdict not guilty and divided the costs equally between the prosecutor and the defendant.

Reuben Hoover was discharged from custody under the insolvent laws.

Com. vs. Howard Schenck, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Laura B. Haines. This case is from Howard township. The defendant plead guilty and, the child being dead, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, and \$25 lying-in expenses.

Com. vs. Andrew Kerns, indicted, first count, adultery; second count, bastardy; prosecutrix Lizzie Shirk. This case is from Phillipsburg and the defendant is a married man, and a brother-in-law of the prosecutrix. Verdict on Tuesday of guilty in a manner and form as indicted. Sentenced on the first count to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months, and on the second count the usual sentence in like cases was imposed by the court.

Com. vs. Edward Fetzer, indicted for escaping a board bill, prosecutrix Harriet Rawley. The defendant had been boarding with the prosecutrix in Snow Shoe township and for some cause or other left her place with a board bill against him for \$16.26. Defendant plead guilty and sentence was suspended.

Com. vs. John H. Taylor, indicted

for betrayal, prosecutrix Mary E. Treaster. This case is from Potter township and the defendant for a number of years lived with the prosecutrix as man and wife, when a few years ago, tiring of her, left her and a prosecution for desertion was tried in this court, when it developed that they had never been married. Verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. Sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and, the child being dead, to pay a fine of \$25 and \$75 lying-in expenses.

This exhausted the criminal list for trial by jury and the civil list was taken up as follows:

The National Computing Scale Co. vs. F. B. Stover; settled.

All jurors not empaneled in the following case were discharged on Tuesday afternoon.

Mike Katch, Mike Holley, Herman Artka, Joseph Backals, F. X. Vohner, Mike Simmons, Baltzer Kline, Mike Shevack, Henry Anna, Adam Batotzkey, Jacob Mateskey, Auton Zadzizins, Vincent Roska, Katie Campbell, Andrew Groff, Wm. Bennett, Joseph Artka, Chas. Cosin, John Dansmore, P. Toney, Lewis Artrickey, Henry and Pins Yenger, M. Schodenskey, Andrew Trebos, John Sheehan, Andrew Mallady, and Mat Saevack, all to the use of the Blubaker Coal Co. and G. Murray Andrews, a stockholder. These are twenty-seven separate appeals from the decision of John M. Keichline, justice of the peace, and consolidated for the purpose of one trial. Sometime in July, 1899, 27 of the miners of the defendant company obtained judgment before Henry Anna, a justice of the peace, at Hastings, Pa., against the defendant company for labor claims and execution was issued and the personal property of the defendant company sold at constable's sale, and bought by the Blubaker Coal Co., and the Blubaker Coal Co., paid these claims in full and took assignments of the judgments, and sometime in the early part of the present year suits were brought against the defendant company and Mr. Andrews, a stockholder, to collect the difference.

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MURDER IN LEWISBURG.

Union County's First Murder.—The Victim of Centre County Family.

The first murder ever committed in Union county occurred late on Saturday night in Lewisburg, when, after a quarrel, James Lenhart cut the throat of his friend, Newton Motz.

The tragedy occurred in the principal street of Lewisburg under the glare of an electric light and was witnessed by perhaps ten people. Motz and Lenhart worked side by side in a planing mill and spent much of the time outside the mill in each other's company.

Saturday night they were together and while drinking in fellowship at the Cameron house bar, Lenhart jocularly referred to Motz as "Nigger."

This he now says had no special significance, but Motz resented it and they quarreled. The quarrel was soon over, for the men drank again for friendship renewed. An hour later they were in the barroom at the Baker house, where the quarrel was renewed, and they separated, Motz going to the office of Weidensaul's livery, and Lenhart to a restaurant close by where he picked up a butcher knife and slipped it up his sleeve, but this was taken from him before he left the place.

In the Baker house he is alleged to have opened an ugly looking pocket knife and slipped it into an outside coat pocket, remarking, "Well, I guess that will fix the nigger." Just as Motz and Weidensaul left the latter's office, Lenhart appeared on the sidewalk. By the light from the restaurant window Weidensaul saw something glisten in Lenhart's hand. He exclaimed "Look out Motz! he has got a knife," and the next moment Lenhart and Motz had come together. Then there was a quick upward movement of Lenhart's arm as he reached for Motz's head; the next instant Motz staggered into the arms of Weidensaul, blood gushing from a horrible wound, and he died in less than five minutes.

After the deed Lenhart walked leisurely toward home, but was overtaken by two officers who arrested him. He pleaded with the officers to shoot him as he said he knew he would be hung.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

ARMY OFFICERS ACCUSED OF ROBBERY CUBANS.

A Great Scandal in the War Department.—Two Salaries Being Paid and the Republicans Endorse It.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Another ugly scandal has cropped up under the rule of the War Department, which cannot fail to add to the wave of public sentiment, daily becoming higher and stronger that will sweep the Republican party, with its record of scandals, out of power. This particular scandal was uncovered quite by accident and its existence was not denied by Secretary Root, who is responsible for its continuance, although it was originated by Alger. It is to speak plainly, the robbery of Cubans, for the benefit of officers of the U. S. army.

Hints of extravagant living by American officers in Cuba, and of large sums paid for their expenses, have been frequent, but it was not until within the last forty-eight hours that it became positively known that officers in the U. S. Army were in direct violation of law, drawing two salaries, one from the U. S. and one from the Cuban revenues. The ground upon which Secretary Root justifies this robbery is worthy of a shyster lawyer but not of a member of the U. S. Cabinet. That the money drawn from the Cuban revenues by these officers, is not a salary from the U. S., and consequently their receiving it is not a violation of the law prohibiting two salaries. Mr. Root goes even further than that. He says this robbery was carefully considered and endorsed by Mr. McKinley and his entire Cabinet before it was started, and that he intends to increase the number of officers who are allowed to participate therein. But he won't, unless prominent Republican Senators who have expressed surprise and regret at the scandal, change their minds. The Senate has adopted a resolution, calling for all the facts.

Experience doesn't always teach. Notwithstanding the awful experience of our soldiers in the war with Spain, thousands of whom were made sick and unfit for duty, by eating the so-called canned roast beef, the War Department has ordered a big lot of the stuff sent to the Philippines for the use of our soldiers over there. Gen. Miles is as much opposed to this meat as he was during the war with Spain, and the War Department acted without consulting him.

Representative Livingston, one of the most level-headed Democrats in the House, says the Republican leaders have determined to jam the ship-subsidy job through at this session of Congress. Speaking of this deal, Mr. Livingston said: "I know that a conference of Republican leaders was held at which it was determined to push the ship bounty scheme at all hazards. I also know that the next day, Pacific Mail, which may fairly be considered the barometer of the scheme, shot up nearly four points on the New York stock exchange. The man who can't plainly discern a chain of cause and effect in this, is indeed blind. Obviously, somebody who attended the Conference communicated to the men who control the market for Pacific Mail securities, the news that the Ship Subsidy bill would be brought forward and rushed through at this session, under the party lash. It would not surprise me if a special rule for its consideration and passage should be prescribed by the Speaker's Committee. Such a rule, it may be confidently expected, will limit debate almost to the vanishing point. Indeed, it may be that all debate will be cut off on the bill in the House. I believe they are waiting for a time when an unusual number of Democrats are absent from the House, to force the bill forward for a needed consideration. The Republicans are bound to get this bill through. I am informed that a large part of their campaign fund depends upon its passage. Therefore, it behooves us Democrats to keep our eyes peeled for the ship-subsidy scheme. Every mother's son of us ought to stay right here in Washington until the session closes and keep a sharp lookout for the Hanna-Payne bill."

It was an Ohio man—John Sherman—who originated the phrase which has since become so wide used: "I'm going home to look after my fences." McKinley, who is in Ohio this week, said before leaving Washington, that he was going to "look after repairs to my house," which is a slight deviation from Sherman's words, but means the same thing to the initiated. It was not a mere coincidence that the repairs upon Mr. McKinley's house, at Canton, should require his personal attention during the same week in which the Republican State Convention will be held in Columbus.

Senator Wellington has formally left the Hanna-McKinley party, and made this announcement: "I was opposed to the permanent acquisition of

the Philippines, and to the 15 per cent. duty on Porto Rican imports to the U. S. This being my position, I do not intend to support a platform that is against my convictions in such important particulars. I do not intend to remain a member of the Republican National Committee, nor to attend the National Convention." There are numerous prominent Republicans in both branches of Congress who believe just as Senator Wellington does, but whether any of them will show that they have the courage of their convictions by following his example, remains to be seen.

New Democratic Rules.

The Democratic County Convention will be held June 5 and the primaries June 2, in accordance with the decision of a combined mass meeting of Democratic leaders, candidates and the county committee, held in Bellefonte on Monday, when the party rules were changed providing that the convention hereafter be held the first Tuesday instead of the second in June.

A resolution was also adopted providing that all candidates for office must register with the county chairman and pay a stipulated registration fee at least three weeks before the date of the primaries, in order to become eligible to be voted for. Reports from county committeemen were very encouraging. Brief speeches were made by State Senator W. C. Heinle, D. F. Fortney, Captain Hugh S. Taylor and Chairman J. Kennedy Johnston.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

This body met at Harrisburg Tuesday and Wednesday, and was run by Quay and his subbosses. Tuesday evening a telegram was received from Washington saying that Quay had won his seat 41 to 40. This set the machine crazy with cheers, and a grand night parade was ordered fringed with a carload of the finest fireworks.

But, oh my! 15 minutes later the true result came that Quay had lost 32 to 33. This took the starch right out and spoiled the program with a car of fireworks on hand for sale cheap. The gloom was thick and dark as apple-butter and instead of cheers there were swears at McKinley and Hanna for not standing by Quay.

The convention being controlled by the machine the nominations were made without trouble as Quay ordered and are as follows:

For Auditor General, E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne county. Congressmen-at-large, Galusha Grow of Susquehanna and Robert H. Foerderer of Philadelphia.

Quay announces he will go into the fight again for Senator.

Long and Mellick were knocked out as delegates, not being Quay men and Gray and Womelsdorf admitted.

Should Compare Reports.

Constables throughout the country should compare the report of the mercantile appraiser with the business people of their jurisdiction, and see if he has overlooked any. Section 10 of the new law confers upon constables the right to make comparisons, and provides that for any omissions sent to the appraiser, or county treasurer, said constable shall be entitled to fifty cents fee for each and every one so reported.

Improves His Time.

Morris C. Esterly, a single man, of Upper Saucon, Montgomery county, who delights in spending his evenings at home sewing, has just finished the last of three fancy patchwork quilts for his work of last winter. One of them