

COURT NEWS.

December Court Holds Commonwealth Cases—The First Few Days of the Sessions.

December sessions of court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock, and after hearing a number of motions and petitions as presented by the several members of the bar, the grand jury was called and John N. Krumrine, of State College, was selected and sworn as foreman thereof, after which the constables of the several townships, boroughs and wards made their quarterly returns to the court.

Before the adjournment of the morning session the court called the attention of the members of the bar to the divorce question, and called specific attention that the proof must measure up to the strict letter of the law, and the allegations contained in the libel must be fully proven before a decree in divorce would be granted.

The civil list of cases for this week was gone over and the following disposed of:

Thomas Boal vs. W. H. Moyer, continued to next term.

Hannah Gummo vs. George Gummo, settled.

Monday afternoon in the case of Commonwealth vs. Jacob From, charged with larceny for the taking of corn from the shock out of the field, prosecutor James Stahl, the defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty to the charge of larceny.

Next case taken was John Williamson vs. Edward Hughes, being an appeal from the justice of the peace. Defendant moved to quash the appeal on the ground that the appeal was improperly taken. Appeal quashed.

Joseph Brothers & Co. vs. Lewis Rosenthal, being an appeal from the justice of the peace, and is for balance of back account. Defendant did not appear, but the case went to trial and resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs in the sum of \$56.33.

A petition was presented by Hall Moon township asking the Court to order an election to change from a work tax to cash road tax and fixing a date for the election.

A number of young men were indicted for larceny. These cases are omitted in giving the court proceedings in these columns, the Reporter believing that the omission of the names of parties involved is for the good.

Commonwealth vs. W. H. Roadhouse and Rudolph Roadhouse, indicted for forcible entry and detainer; prosecutor M. H. Davidson. On trial all day Tuesday.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jacob From, charged with stealing chickens, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Centre Counties in Illinois.

Centre county people now residents of Stephenson county are organizing to hold a picnic some time next summer. Several meetings have already been held in the county court house with a view of obtaining the names of all Centre county people now living in that county. The vice presidents appointed in the various townships are as follows, and are known to the majority of the Reporter readers:

- Local—Charles Musser. Florence—John N. Stiffler. Ridott—William Lamm. Rock Run—Henry Sheler. Lancaster—Austin Yarger. Harlem—Calvin Young. West Point—A. A. Krapf. Waddams—Jacob Stamm. Buckeye—Oliver Cromley. Dakota—Dr. C. P. Litzel. Rock Grove—A. N. Zimmerman. Oneco—Eli Heckman. Winslow—William Emerick.

L. O. A. S.

Mrs. Gardner Grove a few days ago returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. C. Diez, of Howard, and her aunt, Mrs. Estle Heckman, at Lock Haven.

A black fox was seen by E. W. Crawford on Tussey Mountain. Reynard was fired at, but the result was the black bunch of fur simply traveled the faster from mountain to mountain.

The interment of the body of Ray Condo, a notice of whose death appears elsewhere in this issue, was made at Spring Mills Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Dr. Laurie.

As a result of the smooth condition of the road owing to the packing of the snow, the horse Miss Mary Delinda Potter was driving fell, and in doing so broke both the shafts of the buggy in which the horse was hitched.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dale, of Dale Summit, will attend a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Grange, at West Chester. Before returning they will spend some time with Mrs. Dale's father, D. C. Summy, in West Philadelphia.

George H. Goss, of the engineering force of the H. C. Frick Coal and Coke Company, who is located at Scottdale, Fayette county, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. George A. Young, in this place. Mr. Goss reports things very quiet in the coke region, owing to the scarcity of ready money. The Frick Company and American Bridge Company, as well as other firms, are paying all salaries in script of the denomination \$2.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00. Cash is very scarce and one was able to buy \$100.00 worth of script for \$75.00 cash the first pay day, as the men were somewhat suspicious.

Harris township.

Prof. Angel, the eye specialist from Bellefonte, was here on Monday, looking up persons who were in need of treatment for their eyesight.

George Keller and son Wayne, of Houserville, spent Thanksgiving day in Boalsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Irvin, of Millburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Adam Krumrine, the parents of Mrs. Irvin.

Miss Annie Lohr spent the time from Saturday until Monday at her home at Centre Hall.

Prothonotary A. B. Kimport with his family spent Thanksgiving with his uncle and aunt, James Kimport and sister, Miss Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClellan Fry, of Fairbrook, were guests at the home of J. F. Kimport, over Sunday.

Miss Sara Reed, of Pine Grove Mills, visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Reed.

Mrs. Frank Allen is ill of typhoid fever.

Miss Maria Alexander, who has suffered from rheumatism for several years to the extent that she was unable to walk without assistance, is now laid up with a broken limb, the fracture being between the knee and ankle.

The members of the Lutheran church sent a box of clothing and provisions to their Orphans Home at Loysville as a Thanksgiving offering.

Mrs. W. S. Bailey and Miss Margaret Knox, of State College, spent a day with the Misses Goheen.

W. H. Stuart visited at Pittsburg, during the Thanksgiving season.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Meyer spent Tuesday at the county seat.

William Cramer visited his parents, near Rock View, the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeney, of near Centre Hall, spent Saturday evening in Boalsburg.

Mrs. Alice Magoffin enjoyed a week with her brother, Dr. George Woods, at Pine Grove Mills.

I. J. Dreese, of the Houserville Woolen Mills, attended to business in Boalsburg, Saturday.

Miss Martha Boal, of Centre Hall, is spending this week with Mrs. Leech and family, at Shingletown Gap.

Although the corn crop was a short one and of an inferior quality, yet quite a number of heavy hogs have been slaughtered during the last fortnight.

Mrs. Susan Lenker, of Renovo, with her grandson, Guy Edmiston, a student at State College, visited at the L. Mothersbaugh home.

E. W. Hess, H. C. Bailey and H. M. Hosterman are attending court as jurors.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fortney and daughter, Miss Beulah, entertained a select party at dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Harriet Musser died Friday, of heart failure, having been ill only a few days. Her parents were Jesse and Sarah (Bloom) Moore, and the early part of her life was spent in Boalsburg. She was married to George Gilman, by whom she had two children. After seven years of married life he died, and she was afterward married to Jonathan Musser, who died about seven years ago. Mrs. Musser then returned to Boalsburg and cared for her mother until the latter's death, since last spring she and her brother Charles made their home with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Miller, near Boalsburg. Besides her daughter she is survived by one son, Harry Gilman, of near Rebersburg, twelve grandchildren and four brothers, Wm. and Henry Moore, in Missouri; Samuel B., of State College, and Charles D., of Boalsburg.

Smith, the Photographer.

W. W. Smith, the Photographer, will be in Centre Hall Friday, December 6.

The members of the United Evangelical church will hold a chicken and waffle supper in Grange Arcadia Saturday evening, prior to Christmas day.

Hello, there, kids! Ain't you glad For the good time you've had, And don't you think School is on the blink? Of course you do; You wouldn't be true To yourselves if You didn't want to hit it a bit, And kick it in the pants, And knock its chance To get its books Into you for the books. That's your style— But hold up awhile And think? Wouldn't you be zeakin' If you had no schools to teach You how to reach For the highest and best things? To give you wings To fly with above those who crawl All over this terrestrial ball? Do you want to die And live like a pig? Or do you want to fly And live on Pie, And pull the plug In a big red chug-chug? Say, Are you built that way Or the other? Do you want The crown of effort or its cross? Its gain or loss? What? You want the hot Stuff? That's enough! Get after your books; Stick to them all day, And things, by and by, Will be coming your way. W. J. LAMPTON.

Aaronsburg.

Z. D. Thomas, accompanied by his niece, Miss Beckie Snyder, attended the funeral of his brother, at Loganton, Friday.

Wm. Breen, of Mill Hall, has come to spend a few weeks with his mother. Miss Miriam Kelster returned home after a few months' stay with friends at State College.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gettig, of Wilkensburg, have come to pay his parents a visit.

Mrs. Lenker and daughter attended a wedding at Lemont on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Breen spent a day last week with friends at Loganton.

Miss Beattie Stover has come home to spend the winter with her parents. She had been with friends at Spring Mills during the summer.

J. W. Foster accompanied by his mother and sister spent Thanksgiving with friends at Tyrone, returning home Saturday.

George Stahl, of Milton, visited at the residence of Mrs. Deshler, a few days last week.

Mrs. Mollie Kerne, of Ivers, Ohio, has come to spend the winter months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gettig.

Mr. and Mrs. Troxell, of Winfield, returned home after a few days' stay with their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Crouse.

Woodward.

Messrs. Thomas Weirick and John Mitchell, of Liverpool, and Harry Gilbert, of Millersburg, after spending a week hunting in the wilds of Centre county, returned to their homes on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Musser spent several days at Lock Haven, visiting relatives.

Miss Florence Yearick, daughter of A. M. Yearick, formerly of this place but now of Pittsburg, was married at the home of her father on Thanksgiving, to Lloyd Beal. The wedding took place at 7 o'clock p. m., the officiating minister being Rev. Gharret. The young couple left for Sewickley Saturday morning, where they will make their future home.

Howard Bowersox with his sons, Leroy and Sandy, left for Pleasant Gap Monday morning, at which place they are employed on a lumber job.

Charles Hosterman, wife and children, Milton and Grace, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visitors in town.

Oak Hall.

Daniel Lowder is able to be out again, after being housed up from a siege of carbuncles.

Luther Peters went to Rock Springs on Sunday to take charge of his brother's farm for a week, during the latter's absence at court as a juror.

Mrs. Newton Miller returned to her home in Altoona, Monday, after a two weeks' visit with her parents.

James C. Gilliland is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Mary Jane, of Alabama, expect to spend the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Irvin.

Misses Ella and Cathryn Dale were among the guests at a dinner given by the Misses Cornelia and Mary Dale, at Dale's Mills, on Thanksgiving.

The scholars of the Grammar school are enjoying a few days' vacation, while their teacher, Miss Goheen, is visiting in Pittsburg.

Misses Jane Marshall and Blanche Musser, of Hunter's Park, spent Monday in town.

Scott Wieland, wife and children, of Bellefonte, were guests at the home of O. L. Riebel, last week.

Rebersburg.

Misses Celia Brungart and Anesada Royer, and Samuel Bierly, all students at the Central State Normal School, Lock Haven, visited their parents, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brungart and daughter, of Sellingsgrove, are visiting relatives at this place.

The family of William Zeigler is at present stricken with illness.

Floyd Bowersox and wife, of Spring Mills, accompanied by Oliver Gramley and wife, of Millburg, spent a day in town this week.

Floyd Gramley, a student at State College, spent a short time with his parents, in this place.

Mrs. Harter, wife of the late Emanuel Harter, deceased, is critically ill with little hope of recovery.

Miss Emma Gramley and a gentleman from Millburg visited relatives in this community a few days this week.

Luther Frank is spending a short time in Lock Haven and Williamsport in the interest of business.

DUNLAP THE BARBER.—I am obliged to increase the cost of shaving and hair cutting, owing to the increase of general expenses, and consequently on and after the first of January, 1908, the rate will be the uniform price of 10 and 15 cents. C. L. DUNLAP, Spring Mills, Pa.

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Suppose you know all about the duties of a coroner. Perhaps it would be safer to say you think you do, for the chances are that your real knowledge of what these officials do is somewhat limited. It wouldn't be at all strange if there are many lawyers who are not thoroughly acquainted with the duties and privileges of these officials.

Time was when coroners of Maine outranked the sheriffs. Ever hear about that? It wasn't so many years ago. In those days the coroners were required to give a bond of \$50,000 and the sheriff one of \$40,000. Today it is different. The sheriffs give the same big bond, but the coroners have to have financial backing to the extent of only about a thousand. The legislature has changed the law.

Even now there are only two officials who can serve a paper upon a sheriff, a coroner or a high sheriff of another county. It used to be that the coroner was the only one who could do this.

There are times when it becomes necessary to serve a writ of attachment upon a sheriff, and this, too, when he doesn't owe the man who makes the attachment a single penny.

A brings a suit against B and attaches his property to insure getting his cash. B, however, owes C a certain sum. Now, the property which A has attached is worth a great deal more than the amount of A's claim. C can't very well attach it, because there is already an attachment. To cover his claim he must attach the sheriff as custodian of the property. To look out for his own interests he had the attachments made. Here is where the coroner comes in. He or the high sheriff of another county must make the service. As coroners are, for the most part, most accessible, they are called for oftener in these cases.

The coroner also does the work of a sheriff or his deputy in the case of the death of a sheriff.

When a sheriff dies his deputies "die with him." In such an event the county is left without a sheriff or a deputy sheriff. Its only officers to serve civil papers are constables, and they cannot make attachments above a certain sum. Some provision has to be made by law to guard against emergencies. On the death of a sheriff the governor, first of all, appoints a jail breaker, so that there may be some person legally to have charge of convicts in the penal institution of the county. After that he names a sheriff to fill the unexpired term. But this doesn't provide for the service of civil papers.

Here is where the coroner steps in. He, under the laws of the state, has power to serve these papers.

The last sheriff to die in office in Maine was Sheriff Reed of Penobscot county in 1886. In the time between his death and the appointment of his successor, Charles R. Brown of Springfield, there came an important attachment to be made on a Bangor concern. A coroner was called in by the firm of lawyers who had the case, and he was requested to make the service. It was a new duty for the man, but he successfully grappled with it.

You see, coroners are something more than officials for investigating cases of violent deaths.—Lewiston Journal.

An Emperor's Attic.

The winter palace of the czar surpasses any other palace in Europe. It is on the banks of the Neva and owes its existence to the Empress Catherine II, that most extraordinary woman, extraordinary in ability and in vice, the surprise of all her contemporaries and the wonder of all who have studied her character. The building is four stories high, of a light brown color and highly ornamental in architecture. It is a wilderness of halls, stairways and apartments. The Nicholas hall and the St. George's hall will never be forgotten by those who have seen them.

One of the most interesting rooms is that where Nicholas I. died. It is in the upper story of the northeast corner of the building and is approached by four doors and finally by a narrow passage. It is a small room, only about eighteen feet long and twelve feet wide, with two small windows, and is the place where the emperor spent most of his time when not officially employed. It is the room in which he died, some say by poison administered by himself in a fit of melancholy induced by the outcome of the Crimean war. The room remains just as he left it. Near the center is a plain iron bedstead. Some chairs and a few cheap pictures adorn the room, and a dilapidated, down at the heel pair of slippers complete the furnishings of the attic room in the palace.

Dancing Birds.

One of the many strange sights on the plains of southern Africa is a party of wilding ostriches. Their queer antics have been described thus:

"When there are a number of them they will start off in the morning and after running a few hundred yards will stop and with raked wings will whirl rapidly round till they are stupified or perhaps break a leg. The males pose also before fighting and to make their court. They kneel on their ankles, opening their wings and balancing themselves alternately forward and backward or to one side or the other, while the neck is stretched on a level with the back and the head strikes the sides, now on the right, now on the left, while the feathers are bristling. The birds appear at this time so absorbed in their occupation as to forget all that is going on around them and can be approached and caught. The male alone utters a cry, which sounds much like an effort to speak with the mouth shut tight."

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