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DECISIONS OF THE COURT.

Case in Court for Eighteen Years in which Buckster W. F. Rockey is a Principal Decided in His Favor.

A lawsuit which has been in the courts for the last eighteen years, and in which the costs piled up to an amount considerably in excess of that originally at stake, was finally terminated last week when Judge Orvis reversed the findings of the master and directed that judgment be entered for the defendant, William F. Rockey, the huckster, of Tusseyville. Originally the plaintiff was George Campbell, of Milesburg. Before the latter's death he assigned the case to Captain C. T. Fryberger, of Philipsburg, a relative. The ruling by Judge Orvis is against Captain Fryberger.

The case is especially interesting in view of the number of judges and lawyers figuring in it and most of whom died before the litigation was brought to a close. Judges Furst and Love, before whom the matter was taken both died before the case could be concluded. The late Colonel W. F. Reeder was the first counsel for Mr. Rockey, who subsequently engaged the late J. C. Meyer. The late Colonel E. R. Chambers also figured as counsel for Mr. Rockey. At the termination of the case the plaintiff was represented by J. Thomas Mitchell, while Mr. Rockey's lawyers at the finish were W. G. Runkle and Charles P. Hewes, the latter of Erie. Two masters also figured in the proceedings. The late John Rankin was the first master. After his death, Harry Keller was appointed to hear the proceedings.

Back in 1894 George Campbell brought suit against Mr. Rockey for commissions due him for sales made by him as agent. He contended that he was working under contract. This Mr. Rockey disputed, although he admitted that there was a verbal understanding covering commissions on sales. The amount of the claim filed was disputed. The late John Rankin was named as master to hear the case. He died before filing a report, and Harry Keller was named. The case was instituted before the late Judge Furst. Following the latter's death it was brought before the late Judge Love. With the death of the latter the case automatically came before Judge O. Vis.

Harry Keller, as master, finally submitted a report, finding in favor of the plaintiff, who by this time was Captain Fryberger. The finding was appealed. Judge Orvis, before whom the appeal was argued, set aside the finding of the master and directed that judgment be entered for the defendant.

Several other cases were disposed of by Judge Orvis, as reported by the Republican. That of T. H. Harter, of Loganton, the well known lumberman, against Nathan, Emeline, Roy and Elmer Hough, of Miles township, for trespass, was decided in favor of Mr. Harter. Originally the jury in the case brought in a verdict for Mr. Harter for \$244. The defendants appealed. The plaintiff asked that the verdict be doubled, the law giving him the privilege of asking that a verdict in such a case be doubled or tripled. Judge Orvis in his opinion refused to strike off the verdict, as asked for by the defendants, and directed that the verdict be doubled for the plaintiff, making the amount \$488 instead of \$244.

In the case of W. H. Johnsonbaugh vs. M. S. Betz and Gabriel Betz, Judge Orvis refused a new trial and directed that judgment for \$102 be entered for the plaintiff. This suit was brought against the defendants for lumber sold and delivered and over payment for which there was some dispute. The jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$102. The appeal was dismissed, Judge Orvis finding for the plaintiff.

In the case of Alfred Cherry vs. W. G. Runkle, administrator for Catherine Harper, a new trial was granted. A rule to open judgment was made by Judge Orvis in the case of William Witmer vs. John and Samuel Garner.

Potter Township School Teachers.
At a recent meeting of the Potter township school board the following teachers were elected:
Pine Bluff, Thomas L. Moore;
Earleystown, Ralph Goodhart;
Pium Grove, A. R. Zimmerman;
Manor Hill, Bertha Miller;
Potters Mills (Grammar) Boles Brown;
Potters Mills (Primary) Ruth Bower;
Egg Hill, Edward Meringer;
Cross Lane, Foster Ripka;
Centre Hill, Bruce Ripka;
Fleishers Gap, Bruce Ishler;
Pine Grove, Charles Horner;
Tusseyville, Lizzie Bitner;
Colyer, Elmer Miller;
Cold Spring, Cora Brown;
Tusseyville, vacant.

The Centre county fair date has been changed from the first week in October to the first week in September.

THE LOCAL PAPER.

It is Entitled to Your Support Although It May Not Always Represent Your Personal Opinion.

The columns of a newspaper are the publishers' stock in trade, and the parties who ask to use them for their special benefit must expect to pay for the same, and we hope that all parties will, after due consideration, view the matter in the proper light. Every public-spirited citizen of a place should have pride in seeing his own town and surrounding country improving. Every new house or barn in the surrounding country; every new fence, pavement, street, road or shade tree; every new manufacturing establishment erected; every new business opened enhances the value of property in our midst.

Every honest, reflecting mind knows this to be true, and you should not forget that the local newspaper adds much of the general wealth and prosperity of the place, as well as increases the reputation of the town abroad. It benefits all who have business in the place, enhances the value of property, besides being a public convenience. If its columns are not filled with brilliant editorials, still it benefits you in many ways. It increases trade, it cautions against imposition, it saves you from loss, it warns you of danger, it points out different advantages and increases your profits. Now, if you want such a paper you must give it your support, assist in increasing its circulation by getting your neighbors to subscribe with you for it. If you want such a paper you must not consider it an act of charity to support it but a means to increase your own wealth as well as that of the place in which you live. The local press is the power that moves the people; therefore, give it your support in all the ways you can.

Ziegler Reunion.

The Ziegler reunion at Grange Park, Centre Hall, on Saturday, June 22nd, was a very pleasant occasion, and was very largely attended by relatives and friends from different parts of the state.

The day being an ideal one added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. The forenoon was spent in social intercourse, and in the cultivation of a closer friendship.

After dinner a service was held in the auditorium at which Prof. I. W. Ziegler, of Reading, delivered the address of welcome in a forceful style, and cited some history of the Ziegler's ancestry and patriotism in the revolutionary and civil wars, after which the Hon. W. C. Heinle, of Bellefonte, made a very timely and appropriate address.

The executive committee met at 3 p. m. and transacted its business. The following officers were elected: President, J. T. Ziegler, Pleasant Gap; Secretary, C. E. Ziegler, Spring Mills; Treasurer, J. C. Rosman, Spring Mills; Historian, Prof. I. W. Ziegler, Reading.

The next annual reunion will be held at Hecla Park, in June, 1913.

State Treasurer to be Elected.

Judge Kunkle of the Dauphin county court decided that the term for Auditor General A. F. Sisson will expire May, 1913, and therefore it will be lawful to elect his successor in November of this year. A test case was brought to determine the effects of the Constitutional amendments of 1909 so far as they refer to the election of Auditor General. The effect of the decision is to legalize the nomination of A. E. Powell of Allegheny county, the Republican nominee for Auditor General, and Robert E. Cress, of Johnstown, the Democratic nominee.

Farm House Burned.

The home of Jerry Roan, on Buffalo Run, near the Meyers cemetery, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday afternoon a week. The contents of the house, including \$70 or \$80 in money, were burned. The house was occupied by Mr. Roan and the family of his son-in-law, John Kelly. The loss is upward of \$2000, with but \$600 insurance.

Mr. Roan and Mr. Kelly were out in the harvest fields when the fire was discovered. It is supposed that the trouble was caused by a defective stove.

Smith-Dale.

Rev. G. E. Smith, pastor of the Houserville charge of the United Brethren church, and Miss Bertha Dale, of Houserville, were married at Johnstown. Mr. Smith is one of Centre county's most progressive young ministers. His bride is a popular young lady and is well qualified to grace her new home. The young couple have many friends who extend congratulations and best wishes.

Would John D. have enough oil, even if we had the money to buy it, to settle the dust on Main street?

DEATHS.

Noah Rockey, an aged and well known Centre countyman, died rather suddenly on Saturday evening a week, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Elmer Lambert, between Spring Mills and Millheim. He was in apparently good health on Saturday afternoon. While pushing a buggy into the barn at the Lambert home he was seized with a coughing spell. He rapidly became weaker until he passed away at the time noted. His body was removed to the home of a son, John C. Rockey at Millmore, on Monday, and interment, made there on Tuesday. Surviving are the children: Mrs. John (Louisa) Dunkard, Mrs. George (Amelia) Zettle, Mrs. Harry (Lydia) Corman, George Rockey, who lives in Montana; Mrs. Sadie Mechley, of Millmore, and Mrs. Elmer (Kate) Lambert, of near Spring Mills. Two brothers, James, of Altoona, and John B., and several sisters, including Mrs. Jane Albright, of Spring Mills, also survive.

Joseph E. Shirk died at his home, aged eighty-four years, eleven months. He was ill in bed the past eleven weeks with diseases incident to old age.

He was born at Potters Mills, but spent the greater part of his life in Lewistown. By occupation he was an ax-maker and worked in the factory of William Mann.

His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Bennett, died thirteen years ago. A step-son, Thomas Watson, lives at Pittsburg. Three daughters, Mrs. Louise Patterson, Mrs. Mary Ritz, and Mrs. Maude Hill of Carlisle, survive. A niece, Miss Edna Shirk, and a great-grandson, Joseph E. Hanlon is living. Other surviving relatives are two brothers and two sisters, Daniel Shirk, of Meadville, Wells Shirk, of Oil City, Miss Catherine Shirk, and Mrs. Amelia Bethel, of Plainfield, N. J. Mr. Shirk was for years a member of the Lutheran church at Yesertown. His funeral services were held at his late residence, Rev. William Heakes officiating.

W. Frank Richardson died in the West Chester hospital on July 4th from injuries received just one month previous. The body was brought to Spring Mills for interment, which took place on Saturday, and was conducted by the Odd Fellows, of which order the deceased was a member. Rev. Price was the officiating minister.

On June 4th, Mr. Richardson, who by occupation was a farmer and lived at Newtown Square, in Chester county, fell from the top of his barn, breaking both arms and otherwise injuring himself. Later blood poison set in which caused his death, at the hospital named.

Mr. Richardson was a native of Gregg township, and was thirty-two years old last October. There survives one sister, Mrs. Luther M. Royer, of near Spring Mills. Also a wife, nee Sadie Boob, of Woodward, and two children.

John W. Woomer died at his late home on Marsh Creek, following an illness of but three days. Death was due to acute cramp. Deceased was aged fifty-seven years and fourteen days. He is survived by his mother, his wife and these daughters: Mrs. W. D. Walker, of Bigler; Mrs. S. T. Williams, of Hollidaysburg; Mrs. John S. Lucas, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Misses Edith, Esther and Mina at home.

Miles Township School Teachers.
The Miles township school board at a recent meeting fixed the school tax at four mills and elected the following teachers:
Madisonburg, Boyd Hazel
Madisonburg, Fairy Stover
Harter, N. J. Moyer
Rebersburg, High School, Dr. D. P. Stapleton; Grammar, F. A. Bierly; Intermediate, C. C. Small; Primary, T. A. Auman
Gramley, Amelia Sechrist
Wolf's Store, Celia Brungart
Brungart, H. C. Ziegler
Livonia, Jesse Adams

Snow Shoe Twp. School Teachers.
At a recent meeting of the board of school directors of Snow Shoe township the following school teachers were elected: Moshannon Grammar, H. G. Hoover; Moshannon Primary, Martha Kern; Star, Maude Rankin; Holts, Beulah Leeder; Scotchtown, Almada Pownell; Fountain, Blanche Zindell; Sugarcamp, Grace Langton; Clarence Grammar, Z. C. Meek; Clarence Primary, Verna Chambers; Cato, Edward Tubridy.

The Lewistown Foundry and Machine Company has increased its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$200,000. The concern has been very successful, and is making big money. D. S. McNitt, of Lewistown, well known in Centre county, is president of the company.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

Reporter Subscribers' Correspondent Column—Interesting Communications.

The prospects for a crop in Kansas are good at this time but harvesting will be late.

The conditions in the beginning of June were discouraging, and some of the most courageous left the country, and later the tide turned.

We have not raised a crop here in Trego county for two years. We had a wet spring, then by the first of May it turned in dry. Many farmers became discouraged and quite a few left the country. During the second week in June it began to rain, and rain fell almost continuously for two weeks. The wheat plants took new life, and now the prospects are first class for a fine crop, although harvesting will be later than usual.

I was raised near Linden Hall, and reading the Reporter affords me a great deal of pleasure, as I continue to retain interest in the people at the old home.

MRS. AGNES MARBLE.

Ogallah, Kansas.

Mrs. Alfred Catherman, writes the Reporter from Millmont, on July 5th, in this way:

Everybody is working overtime in Union county. Hay, which was a good crop, is about all stored. Some rye has been cut.

Better Roads in Potter.

Really there are prospects for better roads in Potter township. The portion of rebuilt road east of the Harper farm, tenanted by George Heckman, east of Centre Hall, has the appearance of having been carefully built. The stones are well crushed, and the sides of the road uniformly graded to a gutter. It is the only piece of road built in Potter township for some years that would receive a high score if passed on by road experts. The section in question has the appearance of having been built with care. It is not a road that will bear heavy traffic for many years, but it is such an improvement over the methods usually employed that the Reporter is pleased to make these favorable comments. As to its cost the writer has no knowledge; it is the finished product that is favorably looked upon.

Potter township is in need of at least one machine if it wishes to build roads that will be ready to use immediately after construction. The township is in need of a roller—a real roller. Whether or not the finances of the township are such as would warrant the purchase of such a machine at this time, the writer is not the judge, but if good roads are to be built, the roller is an absolute necessity.

LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Geary, and little daughter Agnes, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. Geary's parents, at Newport.

Jonas Stine, of Matternville, while working on the McNitt-Huyett sawmill, at Waddle, had his right hand so badly mangled that it had to be amputated.

Mrs. Anna Blitts and Mrs. Marie McCabe, both of Pittsburg, are at the home of the former's aunt, Miss Annie Bible, in Centre Hall, and will remain for two weeks.

Rev. C. T. Aikens and son, Claude, of Selmsgrove, the latter having just graduated from Yale College, with the former's brother, James Aikens, of state college, sailed from New York for a three months' tour of Europe.

If the State Highway Department, after it takes over the pike between Centre Hall and Bellefonte, ever puts that piece of road into better condition than it is now and keeps it that way, Mr. Bigelow will be entitled to a chromo.

Rev. D. Gress, of Harrison City, was one of the spectators at Baltimore who cheered for Wilson while his stock was on the rise. Since the nomination he is very much elated because of the good prospects of a Democratic progressive president being elected.

Sugar Valley Grange, No. 1470, Patrons of Husbandry, have selected Saturday, 27th, as the date on which the order will hold its second annual picnic and festival, in Jameson's grove, near Loganton. Hon. Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, will be one of the speakers. An elaborate program of exercises is being arranged for the occasion.

A large hay barn was erected on Saturday morning on the E. M. Huyett farm, west of Centre Hall. On account of the busy season, the willing helpers were called together early in the morning, and in a few hours the work was accomplished. The Huyett farm is tenanted by Perry H. Luse, who, on the day of the raising, had some forty loads of hay in the barn, and estimated that just about one-half of the crop had been housed.

Centre Hall Wins from Boalsburg.

By six runs to two, Centre Hall defeated Boalsburg Saturday afternoon, preceding the Fourth, on Grange Park. Smith pitched a masterful game for the local team, and only at one time was he called upon to resort to his effective ball—a speedy out-drop—in order to prevent the visitors from coming nearer than ninety feet within the home plate. The two runs scored by Boalsburg were fluky; one was the result of an overthrow, and the other came when the right fielder misgauged a fly ball.

Ross for Boalsburg also pitched effectively, and but for faulty fielding behind him, the game would have resolved itself into a pitcher's battle.

The seventh inning opened favorably for the home team when Knarr rapped one to left for three bases. With a two and three count against him, Smith walloped a "groove" ball on a line to left field and scored a home run. The ball left the infield with terrific speed, and at no time was over four feet from the ground. By nature of the drive, it rolled into foul territory, and the short grass offered little resistance to the fast traveling pellet. The left fielder did a veritable "Marathon" before he reached it.

William Bradford handled Smith's delivery in fine fashion. It was his first game behind the bat, and many "regular" catchers could not have done so well. Four of the enemy attempted a steal of second, and each time the runner was a victim of his unerring aim. "Billy" was always in the game, and a great share of the victory is due him.

DEFEATED AT MILLHEIM.

On the Fourth the local team met defeat at the hands of the Millheim club, on the latter's grounds, by the score of 9 to 8.

The game was featured by heavy hitting on both sides, although several of the big drives would have been caught by better fielding.

Centre Hall threw a scare into the camp of the enemy in the eighth inning where they scored four runs on heavy hitting and clever base running, and came near tying the score.

William Bradford pitched for the home team, and although it was the first time he did mound duty, he pitched a clever game.

Electric Light for Grange Park.

During the Grange Encampment and Fair a portion of Grange Park will be lighted up with electricity. The headquarters, the boarding house and the Huber building will be wired, and fitted up with tungsten lights. The motive power will be a gasoline engine, the equipment to be furnished by S. H. Landis, of Rheems. Ralph Stover, of Aronsburg, a regular exhibitor at the fair, will have charge of the electric light plant.

Transfer of Real Estate.

Whiting Griswold et ux to Rachel A. Yeager, tract of land in spring twp; consideration \$75.

Tyrone Mining & Mfg. Co. to J. Watt Miller, tract of land in Ferguson twp; consideration \$2350.

Anna E. Thompson et al to Penn's State College, tract of land in College twp; consideration \$10,000.

Lawrence W. Nuttall et ux to George Flugal, tract of land in Rush twp; consideration \$725.

John Houser et ux to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$893 91.

W. Fred Reynolds et ux to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner & College twps; consideration \$125,349 50.

H. E. Zimmerman et ux to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$12,500 00.

Ada R. Duck et bar to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner & Harris twps; consideration \$695 70.

Daniel Callahan, Sr., to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$250.

I. J. Dreesse to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$983 83.

Mary A. Garver to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$500.

I. J. Dreesse to Potter Title & Trust Co., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$2256 30.

George P. Thomas to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Spring, Benner & Potter twps; consideration \$2368.

John Angstadt to Com. of Pa., tract of land in Benner twp; consideration \$125.

If you are a housewife you cannot reasonably hope to be healthy or beautiful by washing dishes, sweeping and doing housework all day, and crawling into bed dead tired at night. You must get out into the open air and sunlight. If you do this every day and keep your stomach and bowels in good order by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed, you should become both healthy and beautiful. For sale by all dealers.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

John Blauer, of Potters Mills, purchased two horses at the horse sale in Bellefonte on Saturday.

Misses Gertrude and Zella Kleffer, of Youngwood, are guests of Miss Cora Brungart, in Centre Hall.

Mrs. J. B. Heberling and Elizabeth Bloom, both of State College, were operated on for appendicitis.

The Reporter is short a column of news and all because there was no council meeting the first Friday night in this month.

Many requests for tents are coming to the management of the Grange Encampment and Fair. An effort will be made to supply all who make their wants known early.

Miss Mary A. Foreman, who taught school at West Conshohocken during the past school year, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Foreman, of near Spring Mills.

Miss Iona Tibbitts, who just graduated from a Maine college, came to the home of her father, F. J. Tibbitts, the furniture dealer and undertaker in Centre Hall, where she will remain for the present.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler and daughter, Miss Eloise, Monday morning went to New York state for a vacation of several weeks. The former will spend most of the time at Auburn and the latter at Clinton.

Phillip Saul, who for a number of years lived near Centre Hall, came from Bellefonte on the morning of the Fourth and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. George Michael, at Old Fort. He is now employed by H. E. Zimmerman, in Bellefonte.

After being located for a week or more at Clyde and Bellevue, Ohio, Guy W. Jacobs is again back to the Keystone State, and is now at Wilkingsburg. He thinks northern Ohio an ideal country, and the towns beautiful and prosperous.

George Smith, while helping Bruce Hettinger to make hay, was thrown from the rear of a wagon while loading, and the result was torn ligaments in the right arm. A quick start of the team hitched to the wagon was the cause that threw the boy to the ground.

The six inches of loamy gravel hauled on Main street through the borough last fall is gradually being carried away by the wind. An automobile that can't raise a cloud of dust a mile long by a half mile wide is going much less than the speed limit named by the council at its June meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. James High and granddaughter Mary came to the Runkle home near Tusseyville on a visit a short time ago. The day after the Fourth Mr. High returned home, and on Monday will go to Elkins, West Virginia, where he will be employed in a large tannery for a month or more.

Prof. A. M. Allison, of Highland Park, Illinois, and who has been connected with the school work in that place for several years, is attending the summer sessions of the Ann Arbor (Michigan) University to further fit himself for his profession. Prof. Allison is a brother of Dr. J. R. G. Allison, in this place, and was principal of the High School some years ago.

D. Olie Stover, who is here on a visit to his mother, brothers and sisters, cannot laud Berea, Ohio, highly enough. He has been in that thriving town for a number of years, and is now the right hand man of Dunham & Company, manufacturers of land rollers and pulverizers. He is a moulder by trade but during the past few years has been overseer of a number of workmen for the firm named.

John Burkholder, at Centre Hill, had a mishap that, while serious enough, might have been much worse. He was unloading hay with a harpoon, and when in the act of tripping the fork the trip rope broke, causing him to lose his equilibrium and fall from the load of hay to the barn floor. When picked up he was unconscious, and it was thought that he was badly injured, but on regaining consciousness it was found that no bones were broken, and in a few days he was able to resume haymaking as before.

The milk condenser at Mill Hall, received two car loads of fine Holstein cows which were taken to their stock farm near Flemington. This company did an unusually large business last month, having shipped thirteen car loads of condensed milk of their famous Pilgrim brand. Some of this product went to Florida and other points in the far south. Fifty six tubs of butter was the largest shipment of that product in one day during the month of June and with this large output of their goods, they are unable to supply the demand, according to a statement in the Look Haven Democrat.

Marked "Transfers of Real Estate" to Com. of Pa. as for "Rockview" Penitentiary.