

THE REPUBLICAN.

CLEARFIELD, PA.
WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22, 1871.

Beauford Robbery Trial.

Our readers will remember the Benhoff robbery in Venango county some years ago, in which old Mr. Benhoff was assaulted in his own house by persons in disguise, who after robbing him of a large amount of money, made their escape. About a year ago, one of the accessories was arrested in Ohio, where he was living on his ill-gotten gains. He was convicted and sentenced to prison for a year; but he has now got out, and it seems is making things lively for some of the witnesses against him. Below we give an extract taken from the Titusville Herald.

An interesting case is now before the court at Franklin. More than a year ago, one Shoppert was tried and convicted as an accessory in the great Benhoff robbery. The principal testimony against him was given by two accomplices, Walde and Miller, whose evidence was secured by a promise on the part of the prosecution that, in consideration therefore, no further proceedings should be taken against them. But now Shoppert has served out his year in prison, and "goes back" to his comrades who so meanly "went back" on him. The testimony of Shoppert is very interesting, and we shall try to give it fully in another issue. It is said to be very damaging to two or three Meadville lawyers and some one or two detectives.

A curious feature in the case at present is, that Mr. Benhoff is assisting Walde and Miller in their defense.

Mr. B. recovered, it is said, forty or fifty thousand dollars of his stolen money, and never expects to get what the professional "crackmen" received for their work, or what James Sager, the superintendent of the whole affair, took with him to Europe, Asia, or Africa. A detective or two have sued Mr. Benhoff for the reward offered for the detection of the thieves. If Walde and Miller are now convicted of the robbery, the case of Detective is over. Benhoff will be materially strengthened for the plaintiff; hence the anxiety of Mr. B. to shield the parties now arraigned and thus frustrate the ends of justice. The case is before Judge Trunkley, Associate Judges Connelly and McCormick, with a sound jury, and we have no doubt but the law will be thoroughly vindicated.

LATER.

James Sager, Hugh Donnelly, alias Hugh Donaldson, Louis Walde, George Miller, et al. Indictment, robbery.

This is the second edition of the Benhoff robbery, committed on the night of January 16th, 1868. Two of the defendants, Louis Walde and George Miller, were placed on trial, the first as a principal in the robbery, and the second as an accessory before the fact. The suit has occupied the court over two days and was closely contested by the counsel on both sides. On Friday, after the evidence had been closed, and while the counsel were addressing the jury, it became known that the defendants had left without awaiting the result. Inquiry was made and it proved correct, for Louis Walde was not to be found. The telegraph and other means were brought into requisition and in a few hours the prisoner was again in custody, having been captured in Meadville. The jury, after an absence of about six hours, returned with a verdict of guilty as to George Miller. The court ordered the jury to be taken back to their room and left together until to-morrow, when the verdict as to Walde will be received, if the sheriff returns with him.

STILL LATER.

Friday morning, during the progress of the trial in this case, about half past ten o'clock, Walde left the Court room and made his escape to Meadville, where he was captured Friday afternoon by Sheriff Herbst and brought back to Franklin on the eight o'clock train on Saturday morning. Court convened this morning (Saturday) at half past eight o'clock, when the jury came in with a verdict of guilty as to Miller as he stood indicted, and guilty as to Walde on the third count in the indictment, viz: of being an accessory before the fact.

A motion was made by defendants' counsel for arrest of judgment, and also argued by Taylor and Marsh for defendants, and S. B. Myers, Esq., for plaintiff, and was refused by the Court, when Walde was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years and one month, and Miller for one year and one month.

An Affecting Scene.

(From the Evening (Ky.) Press.)
On Sunday last, as the venerable Chief Justice Robertson, stricken by the hand of death, lay almost insensible to the world, which he seemed fast leaving forever, while the gigantic brain which, for so many years, had throbbed grandly to the inspirations of his genius, barely fluttered with the consciousness of life, he expressed a desire to hear Miss Cary sing the ballad of "Old Polk's At Home," as if the strains of his favorite melody would have the power to call back his soul from the portals of the grave which he was so fast nearing. The wish was at once communicated to Miss Cary, who willingly consented to do anything in her power to rouse the ebbing current of life in one who was a statesman or jurist, has known but few trials during the course of a long and eventful life. On reaching the residence of Judge Robertson Miss Cary was ushered into the chamber where so much of intellect and learning was fast flickering out into the darkness of the unknown hereafter, and without accompaniment of any kind raised her rich contralto voice in the touching words, "Way down upon the Swannee River," but before she had sang three lines, broke down in the intensity of her emotion.—Calmly herself she again essayed the ballad and while so, generally and strikingly, pour'd out her whole soul in the singular utterances which gave so much pleasure to one whose great intellect had, in days gone, fascinated the most talented of the land.—When she had ceased, Judge Robertson could scarcely express his gratification by signs, yet signified a desire that Miss Cary should sing for him, "Home, Sweet Home." Twice did the gifted artist attempt to comply with the request, but her emotion was too great, and choked with feeling, she was compelled to leave the room. The whole incident was one of the most touching and affecting episodes that ever marked the death-bed of departing greatness.

Miscellaneous.

PENNSYLVANIA RAIL - ROAD.

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CLEARFIELD MAIL.

LEAVE SOUTH. LEAVE NORTH.

Tyron... 2.40, P.M. Tyrone... 9.35, A.M.
Philipsburg... 4.45, " " Oscoda... 11.15, "
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Tyron... 3.35, " " Clearfield... 12.45, P.M.

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Tyron... 7.00 A.M. Lock Haven... 12.25 P.M.
Philipsburg... 9.30, " " Intersection... 1.05, P.M.
Oscoda... 10.00, " " Oscoda... 2.45, "
Intersection... 1.08, P.M. Philipsburg... 3.45, "
Tyron... 1.20, " " Clearfield... 3.55, "

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FROM CLEARFIELD. FROM TYRONE.

Stations. Miles.

Leonard... 2 1/2 Intersections... 4 1/2
Woodland... 3 1/2 Vansoyen... 5 1/2
Higher... 5 20 Gardner... 5 22
Wallington... 11 35 Mt. Pleasant... 11 35
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