

A MURDER FOR WHICH SHE WAS SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY

THE JURY DECIDED A SUIT AGAINST ETHELBERT WATTS AND HIS SISTERS. A Peculiar Suit Growing Out of the Assignment of a Mortgage—Other Cases Tried in Common Pleas Court.

The suit of Edwin Dissenbaugh vs. H. B. Goff and George S. Broome vs. James Broome's estate, both settled, when called for trial on Monday afternoon.

The suit of John Kloha vs. Emma Dissenbaugh was set for trial on Monday afternoon before Judge Wertz. The plaintiff showed that he was in the employ of defendants for two years from April 1, 1887, at a compensation of \$70 per year, board and house rent during that time he had received only a few dollars on account.

In 1889 he demanded a settlement, and not being able to get any brought this suit. The defense presented an affidavit of \$100 for necessities of life furnished to plaintiff's wife.

The jury rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$725. Judge E. Snyder for plaintiff; H. C. Brubaker for defendant.

The suit of George Pepper, Sarah Pepper and Wm. Pepper, M. D., surviving executors for the estate of William Pepper, M. D., deceased, assignees of Henry M. Watts vs. Ethelbert Watts, Anna Watts and Frank C. Inerod, was set for trial on Monday morning.

Prior to the case being opened, Wm. W. Whitbank, of the Philadelphia bar, was retained as counsel for defendants, and admitted to practice in the common pleas court.

Plaintiff offered in evidence the mortgage for \$25,000 in 1873, by Ethelbert Watts to Henry M. Watts, as collateral for the payment of his note. Later, Ethelbert borrowed \$5,000 more from the estate and a paper was executed by Henry M. Watts setting forth that this mortgage was for the use of the Pepper estate.

The mortgage was not recorded at the time and so as the records on show, Henry M. Watts was the holder of it. Shortly after this Henry M. Watts took a deed for the property from Ethelbert and he was then, as the records show, the holder of the property and the mortgage on it.

Henry M. Watts at this time was indebted to his wife in the sum of \$50,000. In 1888 he conveyed the property to his wife. She conveyed the property to him with all knowledge that this mortgage had been assigned to anybody. She took the property for her own consideration without notice or knowledge of an existing encumbrance.

The consideration given by her for the property was an endorsement on the note of the mortgage for the receipt of \$30,000 on account of the same. Ethelbert Watts continued to pay his interest on the notes held by the Pepper estate regularly.

KEMMLER UNCONCERNED.

HE DOES NOT CARE NOW SOON THE EXECUTION IS APPLIED TO HIM.

The Execution Expected to Occur Early on Wednesday Morning—The Warden Preparing For His Terrible Task.

AUBURN, N. Y., April 29.—Kemmler has not yet been summoned to the chamber of death. Reports from his cell this morning do not indicate any change in his demeanor. It is related that he was asked a few days ago if he had any request to make as to the day of his death within the week appointed. He replied that he did not care to be consulted in the matter and that the warden could suit his own convenience; it made no difference to him when the affair took place. He did not know but what it would be better for all parties concerned to have it over early in the week.

Nothing is positively known as yet, as to the day Warden Durston has fixed upon for the execution, but from preparations going on and arrivals of physicians and scientists who are to be present the impression has become well grounded that Wednesday morning is the time.

It also seems reasonable that the execution will take place on Wednesday as it is, and as the rising gong sounds at 5:30, the tragedy may be enacted before daylight.

A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS GRANTED. AUBURN, N. Y., April 29.—It is reported that Circuit Judge Wallace has granted a writ of habeas corpus, returnable in June, in the Kemmler case. This would cause postponement of the execution.

THE WRIT WAS GRANTED. SARCUS, N. Y., April 29.—Judge Wallace has granted the writ in the Kemmler case on the ground that the manner of execution is in violation of the constitution of the United States.

TOBACCO BUYERS ACTIVE. They Are Not As Chastity As They Were Formerly. Dealers now busy the past week in receiving goods to pay much attention to the sale of old leaf tobacco.

The transactions were not numerous or heavy, and the sale of old goods will not aggregate 500 cases. There is an active demand for cheap goods for export, and the market is getting bare this grade.

Mr. F. T. purchased 18,000 pounds of Havana tobacco raised on the Wilson farm, near Highspire, and this crop is said to be unusually fine.

Dealers had a full force of buyers in the field the past week and considerable was bought. Buyers are not as particular as they were three months ago, and crops that they would not put price on then they now eagerly buy at the price put on it by the growers.

Fully three-quarters of the crop has been bought up, and it looks as if the balance would be secured by packers within the next two weeks, at a price greatly in excess of that offered by the growers.

ALLIANCE OF THE FARMERS.

A Meeting for the Purpose of Organizing a National Alliance in Lancaster.

A Harrisburg dispatch dated April 28 says: There was quite a gathering of the leading spirits in the National Farmers' Alliance in this city on Saturday, and it was learned that the Alliance made considerable progress in Pennsylvania.

Colonel L. D. Polk, president of the national organization, and Major Wm. of Louisiana, in some from the national headquarters at Washington to consult with the farmers of this state and others in relation to the growing of the organization in Pennsylvania.

At a previous meeting on Saturday, H. C. Eldred, of Lycoming county, was the president (the gentleman who prepared the first Pennsylvania State Grange constitution) and he was elected president, member of the State Board of Agriculture, from Adams county; secretary, Rev. Wilford M. Kellogg, of Lancaster county, was elected secretary, and Mr. E. C. Walker on agricultural subjects.

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Letters of sympathy in the movement of Pennsylvania were received from twenty counties in the state, including such prominent farmers as Captain F. M. McKeehan, of Perry county; Oliver D. C. Kehrman, of York county; J. H. Moore, of R. S. Steele, of Susquehanna county; John McDevitt, of Washington; Samuel G. Taylor, of Berks, and others. Steps are being taken to organize a national alliance in Pennsylvania in sixty days, when a state alliance will be formed.

The organization, which started in the West, has now moved eastward, and then southward, and then along the Atlantic coast states, until its membership embraced officially, a few weeks ago, 2,000,000 farmers in the United States.

On July 4 and 5—Great Trotters to Be Brought Here. Lancaster is now in the Midway racing circuit, and the first races will be held here on July 4 and 5. It is expected to be the best ever occurring at McGrann's park.

The other horse is Charley Gibson, a gray animal, who has shown himself to be a great racer. He came originally from Canada and for a time he was considered the best of his kind in the country.

At a meeting of five committees of councils held last evening for the purpose of holding a meeting of the National Federation of Labor Unions on Monday night addressed to the tolling masses. This is in part as follows: "The executive council of the National Federation of Labor Unions has accepted the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to make the demand for the enforcement of the eight-hour day."

A Supreme Court Decision. A curious case was developed in the decision of the state supreme court in the appeal of Oberholzer and Oberholzer's executor against Evans, which was appealed from the common pleas court at Lancaster. The case was argued on a judgment note held by the plaintiffs against the farm of John W. Gibble, which was situated partly in Lancaster county and partly in Berks county.

At the station house there is an overcoat which was found last night on East King street, between Duke and Christian. There was a hook and some other articles in the pocket, and they indicate that the coat belonged to an insurance agent.

BROWBEATER REED.

HE ATTEMPTS TO RULE NESSER, PIERCE AND MILLIS OUT OF ORDER.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—In the House today Mr. Pierce, of Tennessee, rising to a question of personal privilege, decried the statement made a few days ago by Mr. Evans, of Tennessee, to the effect that there had been ballot stuffing in his district.

The speaker ruled that this did not present a matter of personal privilege. Pierce responded sharply that he thought it did. The speaker said that the gentleman had not the right to make such response to the chair.

Mr. Mills, of Texas—Why did not the speaker stop the gentleman from Tennessee? Mr. Evans the other day? The speaker—The speaker was not present when that occurred.

Mr. Mills—Then you ought not to stop the gentleman from Tennessee now. The speaker—That does not follow. Mr. Mills—It does follow.

Violated an Ordinance. Simon Morris Punished for Hauling Baggage on a Pavement—He is Fined \$3.00. COLUMBIA, April 29.—An ordinance was enacted by the city of Columbia, S. C., on October 10, 1884, prohibiting the hauling or wheeling of baggage trucks on pavements on a fine of \$1.00 for each violation or imprisonment for ten days.

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LIQUOR IN ORIGINAL PACKAGES.

Its Sale in Prohibition States Cannot Be Stopped.

An important decision to prohibition states was rendered in the United States supreme court on Monday. The case was that of Ledy v. Hardin, which was appealed from the supreme court of Iowa. The question involved was whether the law of Iowa prohibiting the sale of liquors in original packages was valid, if they are imported into the state in violation of the interstate commerce clause of the constitution.

Chief Justice Fuller read the decision. He said "the plaintiffs had the right to import their beer into that state and they had the right to sell, by which act alone it became a subject of taxation in that state. Up to that point then we hold that in the absence of congressional permission to do so, the state has no right to tax the common mass of property within the state. Up to that point then we hold that in the absence of congressional permission to do so, the state has no right to tax the common mass of property within the state."

"To concede to a state the power to exclude, directly or indirectly, articles so situated, without congressional permission is to concede to a majority of the people of a state, represented in the state legislature, the power to regulate commercial intercourse between the states by determining what shall be its subjects, by which power was distinctly granted to be exercised by the people of the United States, represented in Congress. The judgment of the supreme court of Iowa is affirmed, and the cause remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion."

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