

# The Centre Democrat.

Thursday Morning, May 1, 1881.

CORRESPONDENCE, containing important news, solicited from any part of the county. No communication inserted unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

## Democratic County Committee.

The following persons have been named as members of the Democratic County Committee for 1881.

Bellefonte, W. W.	Nicholas Redding
Bellefonte, N. W.	Charles Schrader
Bellefonte, S. W.	Edward Brown, Jr.
Millsburg	O. P. Kresmer
Millheim	B. L. Zerbe
Unionville	A. Toner Leathers
Howard	George Wiet
Phillipsburg	A. J. Graham
Bonner	Jerry Ross
Boggs	James A. McClain
Burnside	John A. Dunkle
Carlisle	John McLooney
College	Jacob Holt
Ferguson, old	John T. McCormick
Ferguson, new	Ed. Krummrich
Gregg, south	Ed. Krummrich
Gregg, north	James Duck
Halfmoon	John Ward
Haines	Salomon Ettinger
Harris	John A. Rupp
Howard	John A. Dunkle
Huston	Henry Hale
Liberty	W. H. Gardner
Marion	Perry Condo
Miles	Samuel K. Faust
Patton	John Reed
FEEL	Christ Alexander
Futter, north	John Shannon
Futter, south	James McClintock
Rush	John Dunlon
Snow Shoe	Abel Campbell
Spring	John H. Herring
Taylor	William Calderwood
Walker	S. K. Emrick
Wink	Andrew McAllen
York	Marshall Lewis
	P. GRAY MEER, Chairman

**REMOVAL.**—We desire our friends to notice that the office of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT has been removed from the Bush House Block to the building on the North West corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets. Office on the second floor; entrance on Allegheny street. We have pleasant quarters and will be pleased to have friends and patrons call to see us.

**NOTICE.**—I call the attention of the public to the fact that I again have my office in the parlors of the old Conrad House, just opposite the Brockerhoff House, where I shall be glad to meet with all persons having legal business to be attended to. D. F. FORTNEY.

**LOST.**—FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.—Professor Henry Meyer lost a pocket book in Bellefonte on Tuesday evening, May 3d, containing from five to twenty dollars in money and a due bill for five dollars against Henry Dutwiler. A reward of five dollars will be paid to the finder upon the return of the same with contents to Judge Samuel Franck of Rebersburg, or to the office of the CENTRE DEMOCRAT.

## Local Department.

—The May-flowers blossom when May comes To drive away all April's sadness; The peach bud glows, the wild bee hums And bright flowers wave in graceful gladness.

—May, the present month, is usually considered the most beautiful period of the year.

—Strangers in town can be certain of securing a good cigar by purchasing of Harry Green.

—If the rule in regard to the "survival of the fittest" is true the Philadelphia Branch will last forever.

—The man is yet to be discovered who does not think that Harry Goen's cigars are as near perfection as possible.

—Mr. J. C. Miller, of the "Model Bookstore," has accepted a position in the service of the Bellefonte Car Works.

—Patronize the business establishments that advertise, of which the Philadelphia Branch clothing store is quite prominent.

—A handsome and substantial new boardwalk has recently been laid around the residence occupied by Mr. W. E. Burchfield, on Allegheny street.

—A change of weather means a change of clothes. Gentlemen can purchase all the necessary articles at the Philadelphia Branch.

—Bavarian and Bohemian beers surpass any malt liquors ever before offered to the public. These sparkling drinks can be had on draft at Brown Bros., Butts House.

—Mr. George P. Bible, of Millsburg, who has won an enviable fame as an elocutionist, departed last week to New Baltimore, Ohio, where he will give lessons in elocution during the summer, returning again to Millsburg next fall.

—Every bottle of Green's Compound Syrup of Tar, Honey and Bloodroot is supplied with a patent cork screw, which, besides being a great convenience, prevents the breaking of the cork and the consequent deterioration of the medicine.

—Mr. W. W. Hayes, of Washington, father of Mrs. J. W. Gephart, of this place, spent a few days in Bellefonte last week. He attended Miss Ohm's concert on Tuesday night and pronounced the Bellefonte Orchestra equal to similar organizations in the large cities.

—The effect of reviving industries are already visible in Bellefonte. Numerous strange faces have appeared upon the streets. All good, honest people who come to town are welcome and are hereby informed that the very best groceries can be constantly procured at Sechler & Co's store in the Bush House block.

—A large assortment of new and improved machinery is being put in the grist mill operated by Mr. Thomas Reynolds, materially enlarging the capacity of the establishment. Mr. Lukonbach, lately of Millheim, one of the best practical millers in the State, will be in charge, and with the new improvements and this gentleman to run the mill the work given to the market should not be surpassed anywhere.

—The clothing sold at the Philadelphia Branch is as well made as that manufactured by any tailor.

—Brown Bros. are making a specialty of new whiskies never before offered in Bellefonte, such as "Golden Rule of the People," "Hannisville" and "Dougherty."

—It is a pleasure to state that the condition of Dr. J. M. Bush, of Patton township, who was so seriously injured last week by being thrown from his buggy, was so much improved as to justify his removal to his home on last Saturday. We hope soon to hear of his entire restoration.

—Court opened on Monday morning with Judges Mayer and Franck upon the bench. Judge Mayer held court during the day, delivering the charge to the jury in the case of Witmer vs. Kephart late in the evening. He was then obliged to go to Lock Haven to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henrietta Mayer, which took place on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased lady was the widow of Alexander Mayer who died some years ago.

—Many newspapers are already advertising the total eclipse of the moon which will take place on the 11th of June. It is rather premature to allude to that as people will forget all about it before the occurrence. Everybody should remember, however, that their is at least one institution which cannot be eclipsed, and that is the store of Sechler & Co., of this place. Nothing can hide the fact from the people that it is the best grocery in Centre county.

—Congressman Henry Walker, of Williamsport, has erected a costly monument over the grave of a pet dog at that place. Although very few people can afford to indulge in such elegant eccentricities as marking the graves of departed dogs, in such a splendid manner, all can greatly benefit themselves by purchasing their groceries at the store of S. A. Brew & Son, and by so doing they will show wisdom and good common sense.

—The advertisement of the firm of Messrs. Gordon & Landis appears on the fourth page of this issue. Although the firm was organized but a short time ago its career has been one of almost unexampled prosperity. They deal in all kinds of machinery, making a specialty of farm implements. They have recently been making extensive alterations and improvements in their business headquarters to better accommodate their increasing trade. All persons desiring to purchase machinery should consult these experienced gentlemen.

—Improvement is the order of the day at the Brockerhoff House. This week a splendid lot of new furniture has been put into the house, and the floors of the parlors, halls and chambers will all be recovered with handsome Brussels carpet. When the improvements now under way are fully completed this favorite house will be one of the most attractive stopping places to be found anywhere in the interior of the State. Messrs. Brockerhoff & McKeever deserve credit for their endeavors to keep up with the times. They evidently "know how to keep a hotel."

—Our Clearfield county contemporary, the *Oscoda Revue and Houtdale Echoes*, contained in its last issue a notice of the principal business establishments of Houtdale. It alludes to the jewelry store of Mr. C. A. Lindsey, formerly of Bellefonte, in the following language:

In referring briefly to this establishment, we feel confident that we will be in perfect accord with our many readers, as this house has always been conducted on correct business principles since its commencement last August.

Mr. Lindsey is an experienced workman and business man of honor and integrity, who keeps in stock at all times a full and complete line of watches, clocks, jewelry, and silverware sets, and gives particular attention to the repairing of clocks, and guarantees his workmanship to be equal to any in the city.

Located on Hannah street, opposite St. Cloud Hotel, this gentleman asks but a fair trial and comparison of goods and prices to convince all that it will be of advantage to do business with him.

—How "in the midst of life we are in death!" From the *Lock Haven Daily Journal*, of last Monday, we take the following notice of the death of one who will be remembered by many persons in Bellefonte. The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Judge Orvis and just one week before his sudden death he made one of that joyous throng who filled the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis upon the 25th anniversary of their marriage. "Frank, youngest child of Judge George C. and Roxanna Harvey, died Saturday at one o'clock, in his twenty-second year. Frank, as he was known in the home circle, had been a cripple all through life, and suffered many bodily afflictions. Notwithstanding this, he was the light of the household—always cheerful and entertaining. His mind was strong, and he delighted to talk to his friends about events of the day. On the day previous to his death a noticeable change—for the worse—came over him, and he seemed to lose interest in the little things of life. He continued in that condition until Saturday when, at one o'clock he passed peacefully away without a struggle, attended by his mother and two of his sisters." The funeral services were held at the family home in Lock Haven, on Monday, at one o'clock P. M., and the remains of the deceased were then taken to Selona, Clinton county, for interment.

**EX-GOV. WILLIAM BIGLER.**—At the session of the State Senate held on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the special order was the consideration of the following preamble and resolutions of respect to the memory and public services of the late Ex-Gov. William Bigler, which were reported from the committee by Senator Alexander:

"WHEREAS, There has been communicated to the Legislature of Pennsylvania the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Hon. William Bigler who, whether in eminent official station or in the pursuits of private life, served with distinguished usefulness and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens,

And whereas, It is highly appropriate that the tributes due to excellencies of character so conspicuous and manifold in behalf of the common good so manifold and meritorious should have a recognition and record commensurate with their enduring value.

And whereas, As well in the chair of the presiding officer of the Senate of this Commonwealth during the session of 1843 and 1844, as while sitting as the chief magistrate of Pennsylvania for the term embracing the years 1852, 1853 and 1854, or as Senator in the Congress of the United States from 1855 to 1859, inclusive, his career was one of unquestioned purity, ability and patriotism; therefore,

Resolved, That while we perpetuate by this testimonial our exalted estimate of the personal attributes and public dignity of this illustrious citizen, we but give embodiment to the sentiment of admiration for his unsullied life and sorrow for his death which prevails throughout the State where he was so entirely trusted and honored.

Resolved, That in the death of Governor Bigler this whole nation has reason to mourn the loss of a statesman of thoughtful and comprehensive convictions and a patriot whose devotion to his country was not limited within the bounds of special or segregated interests, but was as broad as the demands and well being of a great people, and the most signal announcement of his sincerity and devotion to his country and her prosperity is found in the fact that amid strife and contention and hostility elsewhere, his own allegiance stood with unflinching strength, and he could realize no better or brighter destiny than that which should disclose itself in the progress and stability of our government and undivided Union.

Resolved, That a copy of these preamble and resolutions, suitably engrossed and signed by the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and his excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, be conveyed to the widow of the deceased.

Speeches in eulogy of the deceased patriot and statesman were made by Senators Alexander, Lawrence, Hall, Jones, Smiley, Schnatterly, Laird, Hill and Everhart. The address delivered by Senator Alexander, embodying a full biographical sketch of Gov. Bigler, is regarded by those who had the pleasure of hearing it as a very able, eloquent and interesting production. We hope to lay it before the readers of the DEMOCRAT as soon as it appears in the *Legislative Record*. We know they will read it with profit and pleasure.

**MAY WEATHER.**—Vendor's prophecies for the month of May are given below. In consulting them, however, our readers should remember that it may occur just as he predicts and then again it may not. Although he is often correct, his prophecies are not infallible. He says:

Towards the end of the first week in May, or about the 5th and 6th snow falls may be looked for in the lower portions of Canada. There will also, in all probability be snow falls through the Gulf and the St. Lawrence district about the 7th and 8th. After the 10th of May, however, hot weather may be expected, and after the 15th bush fires will probably break out in certain districts, although thunder storms are also probable on the 13th and 15th. Between the 20th and 25th there will probably be cloudy weather with rains, and vegetation will have advanced considerably by the 25th of the month. Between the 20th and 25th the weather will probably be cool. The month will end hot and sultry.

**DEATH OF AN AGED LADY.**—We learn that Mrs. Christina Habler, of Hubersburg, died at that place on Saturday last, and was buried on Monday. Mrs. Habler was about eighty years of age, and was, we believe, during the entire period of her long life a resident of Centre county. She was the wife of the late Thomas Habler, who lived many years in Haines township, about four miles east of Aaronsburg, at the farm and hotel stand known as Habler's Place, at present owned by Mr. Henry Feidler. Some years after the death of her husband she removed to Hubersburg, with her son and daughter. The maiden name of this venerable lady was Christina Weaver. She was a sister of the late Mrs. Henry Bower, Thomas, Michael and George Weaver, all of whom were highly respected residents of Haines township.

**A GRAND SOLDIERS' REUNION.**—Soldiers of the late war residing in the counties of Lycoming, Centre, Potter, Tioga and Bradford are requested to send delegates—one or two from each organization—to meet at the Court House in Wellsboro at four o'clock P. M., May 30th, 1881, to make necessary arrangements for a general reunion of soldiers of the counties named at a time and place there to be fixed.

Col. A. E. Niles, 1st rifles, chairman.  
Capt. Wm. Chase, 45th Pa. vet. vols.  
Maj. G. W. Merrick, 6th Pa. reserves.  
Capt. A. B. Horton, 149th Pa. vols.  
Gen. R. C. Cox, 297th Pa. vols.  
Wm. Hoagland, 7th Pa. cavalry.  
D. H. Belcher, 45th Pa. vols.

The above call is issued in pursuance of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the soldiers of the 45th Pa. veteran volunteers, held in January last, when the above named persons were appointed a committee to take preliminary action by calling such convention.

D. H. BELCHER, Secretary.

—No use looking for better goods than those sold at the Philadelphia Branch—you can't find them.

**WHAT A TENANT MAY REMOVE.**—The Philadelphia Press of a recent date contained the following article upon the right of a tenant to remove improvements that he may make for his own comfort or convenience upon property which he occupies. As the article may be of interest to both owners and tenants we reproduce it:

Tenants of an improving disposition are often deterred from making their homes as comfortable as they could desire and are able to make them for fear of benefiting their landlords or successors more than themselves. Painting, papering and repairs of the house and improvements of the grounds are obviously of a permanent nature and cannot benefit any one but the occupant of the premises. Should a tenant see fit to incur expense for these things he can claim no recompense, if, at the expiration of his lease, he is unwilling or unable to renew it. There are, however, many improvements that formerly would have been held to inure to the benefit of the landlord, but which more modern decisions permit the tenant to take up and carry away with his other household goods.

The old law and judicial construction favored land and land owners, and everything that was directly or constructively attached to the soil was held to belong to the owner of the fee and not removable by the tenant though placed there by him solely for his own convenience. Although the law has been little changed in this respect the views of judges have been practically reversed. The tendency of all recent decisions is to allow a tenant to remove everything removable which he adds to the tenancy, unless he himself intended it to be permanent. Houses are usually considered as realty, and everything attached, as porches, window blinds and shades, water spouts and lightning rods, go with them. The gas pipes which convey the gas from the street and distribute it throughout the house are in the same category, but the gas fixtures, though screwed and cemented to the gas fittings, are held to be of the same nature as the old-fashioned candlesticks, and, therefore, personal property. This has long been held to be the law as regards tenants. They may put what gas fixtures they please in a house and take them away again with their kerosene lamps and other illuminating apparatus. Recently Judge Thayer decided that this was good law for the landlord as well as for the tenant, and that therefore the gas fixtures do not necessarily pass with the sale of the house, or are they covered by a mortgage on the realty.

As a general rule, whatever a tenant puts into a dwelling or erects on the premises for his own comfort, without the intention to permanently annex it, he may remove at any time before the expiration of his lease. This would include such things as cupboards, shelves, coathooks, and even a stairway has been held to be within the rule. All trade fixtures and temporary structures, whether frame or brick, and without regard to their size, may be taken down and carried off by the tenant who erected them. Even a dwelling-house is not a part of the realty if the right to remove it is reserved. All the landlord can legitimately demand is to have his property restored to his possession in as good order as it was received by the tenant, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Whatever the tenant puts in of a movable nature he may take away, but his carpenter or work must not injure or permanently alter the property. All the decisions concur that these removals of improvements and fixtures must be made within the term of the lease. If the tenant waits until his lease has expired the land and all that is on it except the purely personal property of the tenant reverts to the landlord.

**SPRING MILLS ITEMS.**—Since my last communication nothing special or noteworthy has occurred to disturb the harmony or peace of our railroad city. The excitement over the reduction of prices by the new merchants has subsided, the other store keepers having cut down prices correspondingly. The houses are all full and several families are boarding for want of a place to move to. You will no doubt wonder why some of our enterprising men do not put up some houses to rent; but the uncertainty of this place remaining a railroad terminus for any length of time is the chief reason. After the railroad is completed several families living here will be necessitated to remove to either Lewisburg or Tyrone.

—Prof. Wolf's Academy is flourishing, the number of students being up to that of former terms.

—Prof. Bitner is running a select school at Center Hall. Big A, little a, ron (Aaron) Runkle is assisting him.

—Miss Minnich is teaching a subscription school at the Mills. Can any of your professional readers tell to what language the last elementary sound of this lady's name belongs? It is not found in the English table of elementary sounds. \*\*

**TARGET PRACTICE.**—The gallant boys of Company B, 5th Regiment, made their second effort at rifle shooting at the fair grounds on last Saturday afternoon. The score of this trial shows a vast improvement over the first score made by the Company a few weeks ago. At the first trial the score (18 persons shooting) was but 98 out of a possible 450. At the trial on last Saturday the score sums up (16 persons shooting) 226 out of a possible 400. It will be observed that the battle-scarred veteran, Van Pelt, carried off the honors of the day, scoring 21 out of a possible 25. We trust that Van will wear his laurels modestly. The following is the score in detail:

Geisinger	0 4 4 4 4—15
Sunday	2 5 3 3 2—15
McMullen	2 3 3 3 4—15
Powers	2 3 4 3 3—15
Schroeder	2 3 4 3 3—15
Van Pelt	5 4 4 3 3—21
Musser	4 2 4 2 2—14
Wolf	4 3 4 3 2—18
Miller	7 0 2 3 5—15
Gabret	4 3 4 3 2—16
Whit	0 0 0 0 0—0
Phillips	0 2 2 2 2—9
Osmer	3 3 4 4 2—16
Gamer	3 3 4 3 3—17
Hals (Lieut.)	3 3 3 3 3—17
Mullen (Capt.)	3 3 4 4 2—16

Total.....226  
—Senator C. T. Alexander paid his usual visit to town last Saturday.

**ELECTION OF A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.—PROF. WOLF TAKES THE PRIZE.**—Pursuant to public notice the school districts of the various school districts of Centre county, met in convention at the court house in Bellefonte, on Tuesday last for the purpose of electing a County Superintendent for the ensuing three years. The convention was called to order at 1 o'clock P. M., by superintendent Meyer, when upon a motion duly seconded, John A. Mull, Esq., of Rush township, was unanimously elected President of the Convention, and W. C. Heinle and A. Lukonbach, Esqs., Secretaries.

The Secretaries were directed to call over the list of directors, and the following responded to their names:

Bellefonte—John Hoffer, W. C. Heinle, J. P. Harris, C. M. Bower, S. D. Gray, James Schofield, H. B. Pontius, Jared Barber.

Bonner township—Uriah Stover, Ferdinand Beizer, Fred'k Housel, Hezekiah Hoy, H. Armagast.

Boggs township—J. S. Proudfoot, Chas. McLaughlin, William Shawley, Mathias Evans.

College township—A. W. Dale, J. P. Moore, Wm. McGirk, W. Showalter.

Curtin township—Conrad Singer, Wm. Lucas, Peter Robb.

Ferguson township—D. H. Young, O. M. Shoets, R. G. Brett, David Miller.

Gregg township—S. J. Herring, J. B. Heckman, Emil Zettie, Daniel Weaver.

Haines township—L. D. Kurtz.

Half Moon township—Jeremiah Way, Wm. L. Wilson, Isaac Beck.

Harris township—J. H. Meyers, D. P. Welland, James Kimpfort, James Oman.

Howard township—James Turner, D. P. Pletcher, James K. Leathers, Daniel Schenck, J. R. Leathers, Geo. B. Lucas.

Howard borough—H. C. Holter, H. A. Moore.

Huston township—W. S. Williams, H. G. Cronister, John Gingrich, J. Q. Miles, Miles Alexander.

Liberty township—S. H. Kunes, J. D. Thompson, H. A. Snyder, John S. Shenck.

Marion township—Perry Condo, S. H. Bennison, G. S. Hoy, O. P. Orr, J. Spayd, J. J. Hoy.

Miles township—J. C. Smull, S. K. Faust, Austin Gramley, Newton Brumgard, Henry Bowersox, John Ocker.

Millsburg—R. L. Shirk, Joseph Rodgers, Wm. Adams, George Gray, B. B. Eise, J. C. P. Jones.

Millheim—Thos. Franck, A. Lukonbach, S. G. Gattelus, S. D. Musser, W. R. Weiser.

Patton township—W. I. Furst, John Ghaiber, John Musser, George D. Green, George Clark.

Penn township—Jacob Dutweiler, S. W. Harter, D. E. Gattelus, J. S. Meyer, Elias Hoover.

Potter township—B. H. Arney, J. M. Gilliland, A. R. Alexander, W. A. Kerr, Wm. B. Mingle.

Phillipsburg—Dr. Thos. B. Potter, Henry Simler.

Rush township—Jno. A. Mull, J. Miles Hale, Hugh McCann, Barney Coyle.

Snow Shoe township—Patrick Kelly, James Watson.

Spring township—J. H. Roush, Henry Beck, W. H. Noll, James B. Miller, David Shearer.

Taylor township—S. B. Pringle, Geo. Mcryman, Samuel Hoover.

Union township—Henry Hoover, Henry Spotts, George P. Hall, Dr. J. M. Blair, James Davidson.

Unionville—Thomas J. Taylor, A. T. Leathers, John Bing, Dr. C. H. Cambridge, P. J. McDonald, Dr. E. A. Russell.

Walker township—J. H. Beck, W. B. Shaffer, David Dunkle, Peter Hockman, Jesse Swartz, Isaiah Struble.

Worth township—A. W. Reese, Jacob Woodring, James Orday.

The President next announced that he was ready to receive the names of candidates for the office of County Superintendent, and the following were placed in nomination: John Mason Duncan, of the borough of Bellefonte, Prof. Henry Meyer, of Miles township, Prof. D. M. Wolf, of Gregg township, J. C. Houtz, of College township, Robert Cambridge, of Unionville, and George W. Rumbarger, of Unionville.

The convention then proceeded to vote. The name of Mr. Houtz was withdrawn after the second ballot, and there being no choice after four ballots had been taken, it was agreed upon the motion of Mr. Harris to drop the name of the lowest candidate on each succeeding ballot until an election was made. The voting continued until the eighth ballot, when the convention was narrowed down to a choice between Prof. Wolf and John Mason Duncan. The result of the ballot was 63 votes for Wolf and 59 for Duncan. Prof. Wolf having received a majority of all the votes was declared duly elected. The usual certificates of election were then made and signed by the officers and the convention adjourned sine die. The following table shows the result of each ballot:

Ballots	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Wolf	39	37	38	37	42	43	41	43
Duncan	36	35	34	33	41	45	46	49
Cambridge	22	22	22	22	21	20	0	0
Rumbarger	17	19	16	15	19	0	0	0
Meyer	14	12	13	13	13	0	0	0
Houtz	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

—Dr. G. F. Hoop, of Phillipsburg, Professor Meyer, of Rebersburg, Henry G. Cronister, of Huston, Conrad Singer of Curtin, John Coldren, of Gregg, D. F. Luse, of Potter, Henry Duck, of Penn, Hugh McCann, of Rush, and P. J. McDonald, of Unionville, were among the callers at the DEMOCRAT office this week.

**POSITIVELY AT COST.**—At Graham and Son's Boot and Shoe Store, on Bishop-st., one thousand dollars' worth of those elegant boots and shoes, the remains of the City Boot and Shoe Store, are offered for sale at cost in lots or by the pair. This offer will continue during the April court, and presents a rare chance for cash buyers of which they should not fail to take advantage.

**ADVERTISING CHEATS.**—It has become so common to write the beginning of an elegant, interesting article and then run it into some advertisement that we avoid all such cheats and simply call attention to the merits of Hop Bitters in as plain honest terms as possible, to induce people to give them one trial, as no one who knows their value will ever use anything else.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS.**—The following cases were disposed of last week after we went to press by Orvis, A. L. J.

H. C. Williams vs. P. B. Wilson's Executor. Verdict for plaintiff for \$164.

Commonwealth vs. Jas. Fisk. Fornication and bastardy. True bill. Not pros entered on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Minnie Grey et al. Keeping bawdy house. True bill. Defendants plead guilty.

Commonwealth vs. John Manly and James Meyer. Vagrancy. True bill. Not pros entered for want of evidence.

Commonwealth vs. J. A. J. Fugate. Cutting line trees. True bill. Not pros entered on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Nelson Lucas. Violation of Fish law. True bill. Defendant pleads guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Philip Williams. Cutting timber trees. True bill. Not pros entered on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. J. C. Auman. Larceny. Verdict, not guilty.

The case of Commonwealth vs. J. C. Auman, for receiving stolen goods and larceny, was a case that excited more than usual interest. It was a case in which their was room for fair dispute. No doubt the attorneys for the Commonwealth, District Attorney Heinle and Mr. Bower, both thought and firmly believed that the defendant was guilty, while Mr. Spangler just as firmly believed his client, the defendant, was not guilty, and was also too poor to raise the means to produce his witnesses in court. Spangler knew this and at the same time had the testimony of an alleged accomplice to overcome. But what made it appear worse for the defendant, the case is being very well tried by the part of the Commonwealth, and just at the opening of the defense, Mr. Spangler was obliged to leave the case and D. F. Fortney, Ex-District Attorney was asked to take his place. Mr. Fortney from this on to the end of the trial took charge of it. The fact that he came into the case at the middle of the trial, seemed to throw Fortney on his metal and the trial from the time he took charge of it was conducted in a careful, cautious manner, losing sight of no points that would make strong the position that the defendant was at another place at the time the crime was committed. The argument made on the part of the defense was, it seems to be agreed on all hands, one of the strongest made in defense of a prisoner for a long while. Laboring under the disadvantage of hearing only part of the case, he seemed, notwithstanding, to comprehend fully the position of the Commonwealth, and left nothing unsaid that would aid in clearing his client. The jury returned a verdict not guilty.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.**  
This Grand Inquest respectfully report that we have inspected the public buildings of the county and find that one panel of fence in rear of Court House needs repairing. The front yard of the Court House should be sown in grass. \* \* \* The cellar underneath the jail is in a very filthy condition and we find the register in hall of jail missing. First cell to right of entrance door is out of repair and also sheds in the jail yard might facilitate the escape of prisoners.

**SECOND WEEK.**  
Court called Monday morning, May 2, with His Honor C. A. Mayer, P. J., on the bench. After hearing various motions and petitions court adjourned to meet at 2 P. M., when the following cases were disposed of:

Abram Stewart vs. D. G. Bush, Administrator of George Youcum, deceased. Verdict for plaintiff for \$50.

Wm. Witmer vs. J. Matlock Kephart. Cause of action, Judgment opened. Verdict for defendant for \$17.80.

Court called May 3, at 8:30 A. M., His Honor John A. Orvis, A. L. J., on the bench.

Davis Henry vs. Isaac Haupt and wife. Cause of action. Sci. Pa. Sur. mortgage. Verdict for plaintiff for \$546.93.