

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A LARGE LIST OF COMMONWEALTH CASES.

Further Illustrations of Careless Republican Officials, and Lopsided Justice—Doings in Court.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

A cold wave is predicted. A circulating library was started at Centre Hall recently.

W. M. Cronister has resigned the postmastership at Port Matilda, Centre county.

The different sessions of court on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday were largely attended by the curious ones.

Dr. Jacobs, of Centre Hall, who was on the sick list recently, has recovered sufficiently to be about and attended court on Wednesday.

The trains coming into Bellefonte on Wednesday and Thursday were packed and jammed full. Most of the people are attending court.

The Y. M. C. A. has moved its headquarters from the 2nd floor of Centre Co. bank building to the building vacated by Jared Harper's grocery, on Allegheny street.

Mr. Henry Krumrine, of Spring Mills, who has been on the sick list for some time, is not improving any of late. A sore foot originally was the cause of the sickness.

Leander Green, a highly respected colored gentleman of Bellefonte, wishes us to announce that he will be a candidate for High Constable, at the coming borough election.

The new First National Bank building was occupied Monday morning by the former firm. The stars and stripes were raised on the flag staff on the tower and have been floating there ever since.

The Williamsport Beef Company, agent's for Swifts Chicago dressed beef sold at wholesale during the week ending January 26, fifty-eight carcasses of beefs averaging in weight 544 pounds or in all 32,187 pounds at the average price of 6.22 cts per pounds.

Mr. Thomas Dale, of near Lemont, died very suddenly on Monday of this week. He was out in the smoke house, at his home attending to some work, when a paralytic stroke overcame him and his death followed immediately. He was about 65 years of age.

In cutting up a cabbage for cold slaw a few days ago the daughter of Editor Mortimer of the New Bloomfield Advocate, found a snake had taken its winter quarters in the cabbage. The reptile was quite lively and was evidently much provoked at being disturbed.

The school directors of Mifflin county, held a convention on Thursday which was largely attended from every district in that county. A resolution was passed requesting the senator and representative from that county to vote against the passage of House bill No. 15, commonly known as the flag bill.

There is hardly a respectable paper in the State that will openly advocate the whiskey side of the approaching contest; although there are lots of them whose editors will write with one hand and drink whiskey or beer with the other, hoping, and kindly or mentally praying that what they advocate may be defeated.

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Bellefonte Centre county, Pa., Jan. 28 1889.

J. M. Batchman, Miss Ella Cleachien William Eater, Frank Mecanon, Miss Janie H. Miller, Peter H. Smith.

Persons inquiring for letters named in the above list will please say when advertised. JAS. H. DOBBINS, P. R.

One day last week Scott Walizer of Rebersburg, while on his way home from Taylorsville, and in crossing the mountain was met by a highwayman, who demanded Scott's money. Scott did not lose any time in presenting his revolver and covering the would be robber with the cold barrels of the weapon, made the fellow take water. Scott went home without being furthermore molested.

Mrs. Ryan, an elderly lady of Bellefonte died suddenly at Tyrone last Saturday. Mrs. Ryan, some weeks ago, went there to care for her daughter, Mrs. Anderson, who took sick and died and following close after she took sick and after a brief illness died suddenly and was brought home a corpse. She was buried on Monday, in the Union cemetery at this place. She leaves six daughters and seven sons. Her age was about 61 years.

Green, the barber, on High street, saw the "white caps" one evening last week. He was standing outside of his shop when some of these fellows accosted him. He was so badly scared that the kinks in his curly hair straightened out and stood on end like fence rails, his eye balls jumped from their sockets and his jaw dropped, with a whoop like an Indian he struck out with heels a flying, and pale as death. He don't want anything to do with dem white caps.

MAIZE ESCAPES

After receiving his sentence, he tried to secure bail. Sheriff Cook, who evidently has a great deal of sympathy for this class of men, instead of committing him, let him deliberate walk out of the Court House and take "leg-bail."

The next case was Com. vs. Hannah Adams of Port Matilda for assault and battery upon David Spotts. Case dismissed and costs divided.

The case of John S. Bagley was next called. Messrs John Love and W. E. Gray, appeared as counsel for Bagley and Mr. Hamill assisted the District Attorney. Two cases were brought. The first prosecuted by A. N. Butler, policeman of Milesburg, who made the arrest, and was shot. 1st, assault and battery; 2nd, aggravated and b; 3rd, a and b, with intent to kill and 4th, carrying concealed weapons.

This affair was formerly given, and most of our readers are acquainted with the details, as published. In the trial no new facts were brought to light. It was merely the reproduction by witnesses in court of what was published. Bagley as he appeared in court is of tall and slender build. His face is sharp and thin, wears a neat mustache, has rather prominent nose and lower portion of the face, while the forehead is small, and underneath hides a vicious and desperate eye, which is the key to the man's true character.

The commonwealth proved clearly that last December Bagley broke into Campbell's residence at Milesburg; drew two revolvers upon the family; that he said he was going to have satisfaction; that he had written threatening letters; that the family was frightened and sent for Policeman Butler; that when Butler came into the room, he wanted to shake hands; but Bagley jumped back and drew a revolver which Butler took from him by force and threw it aside and downed him; that in the tussle Bagley drew a second revolver, 22 calibre, and shot Butler in the breast and missed him once after. The revolver was then taken and Bagley was secured. He said before Justice of the Peace Green, of Milesburg, that he "shot to kill" and seldom missed his mark and made similar expressions.

When Bagley was on the stand he displayed no nervousness or fear and was well possessed. His counsel did not try to disprove any fact of his guilt in these charges but tried to clear him on the temporary insanity plea; that the circumstances were sufficient to cause any man to act in like manner. Mr. Love made an able and eloquent plea for the young man but the facts and surroundings and defiant demeanor of the prisoner set forth so ably by Dist. At. Meyers, were against him. The Judge then charged the jury and they retired. They returned a sealed verdict of guilty on the most important charges. Bagley has not received sentence at this writing.

At last the Boronovski-Cassidy murder trial has been reached. Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 the case was opened after the petty commonwealth cases were disposed. The details of the murder of Cassidy are known to all and will not be necessary to recount.

Counsel for prisoner, Messrs Gray Reeder and Blanchard, and Dist. Att. Meyers and Chas. P. Hewes, for commonwealth were on hand. The prisoner plead not guilty to the charge of murder. Not being able to speak English, Nathan Holtzman was appointed and sworn as interpreter in the case. Next in order was the impaneling of a jury. Forty six jurors were examined before twelve qualified men were obtained. They are: Joseph B. Miller, Spring twp; Ira Marshall, Benner twp; Jennie Fredericks, Union twp; Cornelius Stover, Miles twp; W. A. Kerr, Potter twp; John Kline, College twp; W. S. Graham, colored, Bellefonte; Robt. Meek, Ferguson twp; Ira Paeker, Howard, John Sheffield, Benner twp; Sam. F. Kline, Howard; Jos. Strouse, College twp; Capt. Anos Mullen and Dep. Sheriff Wilson, were appointed in charge of the jury.

Special quarters have been secured for them at the Brockerhoff House. Court adjourned at 5.50 to meet 9 a. m. Thursday.

Will give further details in our next issue.

Boys Should Learn Trade. A little more than a score of years ago says the Philadelphia Times, a bright, energetic and soft-handed young man entered the railway shops at Allentown as a regular apprentice. He was not favored in any degree beyond any of his fellow apprentices, except as he favored himself by tirelessly applying his intelligence to the mastery of mechanism as an art. He completed his apprenticeship in due time, was thoroughly equipped to take charge of a Division on the Erie Railway soon thereafter and he is now well known throughout the whole country and in foreign lands as Frank Thomson, First Vice President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

IGNORANCE OR DECEPTION.

The difficulty, alluded to some time ago as existing between the managers and the mill hands, at the Bellefonte nail works has not reached an amicable settlement. The feelers and nailers are not willing to accept the reduction in wages proposed and the result is that they have been idle for several weeks. The firm alleges that they have been paying higher wages than they could afford and that the prices of nails are such as to force a reduction of wages or a suspension. They have also a large stock of nails on hand and are unable to sell to an advantage. Such is the condition of the market and seriously affects, one of Bellefonte's most prosperous industries at a season of the year as to place the workmen in an unfortunate situation, that of accepting a reduction or suspension at the time when the necessary expenses of living, food, and clothing, are higher than at any other season. This paper does not show delight in chronicling such a state of affairs. Far from it. The DEMOCRAT has always shown an intense interest for the upbuilding of the industries of this town, and its columns have always spoken words of encouragement and given all the assistance possible in the direction of enterprise. The employment of labor in our manufacturing means more business, financial prosperity in all directions, which affects all channels of trade and gives life and vigor to a community. That is what we want and to a fair degree enjoy and look upon with pride.

What we do despise and have condemned in the past and will continue to do so, is the course pursued at some of these works in the recent presidential campaign, and that was for stockholders and managers to meddle with the rights and privileges of workmen in casting their votes.

This was done in various ways and in one which we have made mention of heretofore. When stockholders of the nail mills went among their men and told them that a vote for high tariff meant higher wages and continued work, it practically meant "vote this ticket or no work." We have had the endorsement of the high tariff policy but the promised prosperity for which these workmen voted has come in reduction of wages and no work. There is but one explanation that can be given to the nail workers and that is they were disappointed by these political prophets who did not know what they were talking about or wilfully deceived. These high tariff advocates must either plead ignorance or acknowledge that they practiced gross deception with their workmen. Which was it? Ignorance or wilful deception?

A Fatal Mistake.

Mr. George Albert, of Woodland, died suddenly at his home on Monday, from the effects of poison accidentally taken. Mr. Albert was a sufferer from sciatic rheumatism, and feeling an attack coming on he went to the drug store to see Dr. Emigh. The doctor not being in he thought he would take a little whiskey to allay the pain until the doctor came in. He went to the shelf to get it, but his sight being poor he got hold of a bottle containing aconite, a deadly poison. He drank about an ounce and sat down. In a few minutes he said to the clerk that he felt strangely and was afraid he had taken something that wasn't whiskey. He showed the clerk the bottle, and the young man was horrified to find that the old gentleman had taken aconite. Dr. Emigh was brought and antidotes were administered. Drs. Hartwick and Burchfield were telegraphed for to Clearfield and came, but Mr. Albert died about 3.30 p. m. He was about 66 years old, and had lived at Woodland for years. He was a native of Phillipsburg and worked in the old screw factory when a boy, for Hardman Phillips. He leaves a large family of adult children, one of whom is married to Mr. Dorsey Gingery, a Woodland merchant.

Chewing Gum Did It.

A girl about 14 years of age called on an up town physician a few days ago and asked to be treated for a singular affliction. Her mouth was stretched half way across her face, her chin dropped, and her face in general presented a sorry appearance. She was a gum chewer, and so constantly did she employ her jaws that her facial muscles were paralyzed. She had lost all action of the muscle, and her nerves were in a delapidated condition. She is improving under the doctor's treatment.—Ez.

The Catholics of this State.

According to the Catholic directory just issued for 1889, there are 761,231 Catholics in Pennsylvania divided among the five dioceses as follows: Philadelphia 400,000; Erie, 50,000; Harrisburg, 35,241; Scranton, 90,000, and Pittsburg and Allegheny, 175,000.

A movement has been set on foot at Allentown to celebrate, on July 4, 1890, the fiftieth anniversary of the first successful cast of pig iron by the use of anthracite coal. It was in 1839 that the Lehigh coal and navigation company brought David Thomas to this country, and at their suggestion, he selected the site of the present borough of Catasauqua as a place to try the experiment of utilizing the, at that time almost valueless, iron ore of Lehigh county, by the use of the then almost valueless anthracite coal of Carbon county.

A SOLDIER DISAPPOINTED.

PRIVATE DALZELL'S LETTER A FRAUD.

The \$4 Million Dollars Not Ready for Distribution, P. B. Smith, of Bellefonte, gets an Answer From the Pension Office.

About the first of this year a letter from, "Private Dalzell," as he is called appeared in the papers throughout the land assuring old soldiers that over \$14,000,000 were in the hands of the Pension Officers, at Washington, for distribution. The money was to be awarded to the soldiers viz: 5 cts. mileage to and from home, during the late war; 25 cts. daily for extra duty between October 7th 1861, and April 1st 1862; and 25 cts daily while in Southern Prisons or on a furlough.

Private Dalzell is one of the most prominent members of the G. A. R. and his statements are looked upon as bearing the stamp of truth with them. Nearly all the old soldiers who saw this letter and signed by Private Dalzell felt sure of receiving back pay merely upon the making of application.

Some time ago Mr. P. B. Smith, of near Bellefonte, one who was all through the late war and experienced many of its hardships, read this letter and concluded to make application for the purpose finding out what there was actually in store for him and how much of the \$14,000,000 he would get. Mr. Smith wrote: Now if there is anything due me, could you put me on the right way of getting it. I was a private in Co. "F," 148 Reg.; was taken prisoner, March 1865; received no rations or money—A waiting a reply, I am

Yours Respectfully P. B. Smith.

On Monday of this week Mr. Smith called at this office and requested that we publish the result of his correspondence for the benefit of others who may be misled as he was by Private Dalzell's announcement. Mr. Smith received in reply a printed circular of some length in regard to the case which is too long to reprint but can give the following extract:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

In a recently published letter of Mr. J. M. Dalzell, a claim agent, of Caldwell, Ohio, and in his subsequent utterance through the press he asserts that he has discovered some new law in relation to the allowance of mileage (5 cents a mile) to soldiers while on furlough, etc., and, also, ration pay to the same in similar cases or where soldiers were prisoners of war and lastly extra-duty pay between October, 1862, and April, 1863. These statements are inaccurate and have misled many soldiers and claimants.

They will only excite false hopes and expectations in claimants, and cause them and the Government useless trouble and expense.

WM. A. DAY Second Auditor.

Obituary.

Mrs. Lydia Smith Gilliland, relict of Mr. John Gilliland, of Salt Lick, Clearfield county, Pa., departed this life on the 22nd of Jan. 1889, in her 81st year. She died at home in the bosom of her family. For about 31 years she and her respected husband had their home on the banks of the beautiful Susquehanna, where friends, acquaintances and the passing stranger found welcome and hospitality. Both were devoted Christians, members of the Presbyterian Church. She united with the Centre Hill Presbyterian Church in 1837 or 38. She survived her husband only 10 months and 17 days. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not long divided. There was only 8 months and 9 days difference in their age at the time of her death. They have left a family of 4 sons and 2 daughters. The sons all settled near their parents home. The daughters still at home cheering and comforting their parents to the last, and all heirs of their parents sterling qualities. She was followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors. The funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Karthaus Hill, Jan. 24 1889. The Rev. Mr. Scott, preached the sermon assisted by Rev. W. O. Wright, of Milesburg.

The spirit of the loving parents are now united in the Father's House in Heaven. "And their bodies being still united to Christ do rest in their graves till the resurrection."

The Normal Appropriation.

Mr. Shaffer, of Clinton introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for rebuilding the Central Normal School at Lock Haven. It will be called up for the committee's consideration next week. The plan proposed, if carried out per idea of the architects, will cost the State \$150,000, but the proposed alterations will reduce the cost \$50,000 or \$60,000.

William Askey, of Coalport, had his left hand badly crushed between the "live roll" at the mill of the Irvona lumber company on the 21st inst. After being dressed only the thumb and index finger remained.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The funeral services of Hon. B. F. Hunter, who died last Thursday, took place on Saturday following. He was a highly respected citizen of the community and a large concourse of friends were present at the services. A special train was run for the accommodation of people of Bellefonte who were present, Rev. Elliott, of Unionville, officiated. The pall bearers were Messrs. John Seibert, Joseph Montgomery, William Tate, Jonathan Harper, P. Gray Meek and R. M. Magee.

On last Saturday evening the installation of officers of the G. A. R. Post, of Milesburg, took place in Bogg's Hall. The hall was crowded to its utmost at an early hour, with a large number from Bellefonte and other points. A choir rendered choice selections during the evening.

James Rankin, of Post 95 conducted the installation exercises. The officers for the ensuing year were:

Post Commander—Joseph A. Green. Senior Vice Commander—Henry Coemer. Junior Vice Commander—John M. Harnish.

Adjt.—A. G. Roger. Quartermaster—J. Miles Green. Surgeon—Thomas Watson.

A petition, signed by a large number of citizens of this section, will be submitted to Gov. Beaver asking that Mrs. Haas be relieved of paying the \$500 fine imposed for a violation of the liquor law. In this case there are good reasons in asking for clemency, Mrs. Haas, for several years, has been engaged in brewing beer and was her only means of support, upon the death of her son William and husband who left a small estate with practically no income whatever. That she has suffered a severe penalty, in a three months imprisonment and by the closing of her brewery, is admitted by all. She also had some stock on hand which she will have to lose, she also has debts to pay on her property and if compelled to pay the fine of \$500 in addition will deprive her, a woman of some 60 years, of her home and leave her penniless. Her fine certainly should be realited.

A call for a Constitutional Amendment meeting in the Court House on Tuesday evening was responded to by an over crowded house. The object of the meeting was to organize and take preliminary action in regard to the coming Prohibition campaign and election. Col. D. S. Keller was made temporary chairman and addressed the meeting upon the object of the gathering. The following officers were then nominated and unanimously elected by acclamation:

D. F. Fortney, President; Vice Presidents: E. C. Humes, Morris W. Cowdrick, F. Potts Green, S. A. Brew, Hon. Chester A. Munson, Hon. Daniel Rhoads, H. Stitzer, Wm. Straub, Robt. Hepburn, W. T. Speer, W. L. Steel, Wm. Shortlidge, J. Howard Lingle, George Frain, Jas. A. McClain, R. R. Voris, Rev. C. H. Brown, Secretaries, H. H. Harshberger, A. C. Mingle and Geo. B. Weaver.

The following committee on permanent organization was also elected: A. J. Cook, Geo. L. Potter, C. M. Bower, H. Y. Stitzer, Dr. D. S. Monroe, Mr. J. P. Harris, Mrs. Wm. H. Blair, Miss Eliza Thomas. Committee on Resolutions appointed, consisted of Dr. Monroe, Clement Dale and James Harris. Addresses were made by Rev. Felton, of Phillipsburg, J. W. Gephart, Esq., H. on James Milliken, Judge Furst and Dr. Monroe.

The large attendance and enthusiasm manifested was a surprise to all and gave much encouragement to the Prohibition leaders. It certainly indicates that this question will be agitated until the day of election and it is to be hoped that it will be conducted in a fair and manly spirit and irrespective of clan or party.

DIED.

GILLILAND—Died on Jan. 22 1889, Mrs. Lydia Gilliland widow of the late John Gilliland of Salt Lick Clearfield county, Pa. Aged 80 years 11 months and 11 days.

CHOICE BUILDING LOTS!

Messrs. Shoemaker and Scott offer for sale seven building lots located on West side of Thomas Street 50x150 feet. Also thirty-five lots located on South side of Public Road leading from Bellefonte to Bellefonte Furnace 50x175. Also sixty lots on Half Moon Hill 50x150 feet.

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