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NOVEMBER TERM OF COURT

What is Being Done in the Temple of Justice.

CASES TRIED AND VERDICTS

Resolutions upon the Death of Hon. Benj. Rich, of Unionville—Addresses made by Members of the Bar—Findings of the Grand Jury—Civil and Commonwealth Cases.

Court called at nine o'clock on Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love and Associate Judge Faulkner on the bench. Considerable time was taken up by the different members of the bar in presenting petitions and motions. The list of grand jurors was called and twenty-one answered to their names. Col. Andrew Gregg, of Potter township, was chosen foreman of the same, after which the constables of the different boroughs and townships made their report. At this juncture ex-judge Furst arose and called the attention of the Court to the decease of Associate Judge Rich, of Unionville, and presented the resolutions of the members of the bar which was as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.
The committee appointed by the Bar of Centre County to report a suitable minute upon the death of Hon. Benjamin Rich, respectfully reports the following resolutions:

That we deeply deplore the unexpected death of Judge Rich, one of the Associate Judges of our Courts. In his death we each feel a personal loss. In the short period of time in which he was associated with us as a member of the Court, we all learned to esteem him as an upright and intelligent citizen, fair and impartial in his treatment of the members of the bar, attentive to the performance of his duties, and desirous only to discharge his official obligations with fidelity. He possessed the confidence and esteem, not only of the Court and bar, but also of the public. In all his conduct he was governed and directed by good common sense, a broad view of the rights of suitors, and a disposition to do right irrespective of the parties.

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We extend to the family of Judge Rich our heart-felt sympathy in the bereavement which has fallen upon his widow and children, and as evidence thereof, we request the Court to cause this minute to be entered of record and that the clerk of the court be directed to furnish a certified copy thereof to his widow.

A. O. FURST,
W. C. HENLÉ,
C. M. BOWER,
ELLS L. ORVIS,
JOHN BLANCHARD.

After the reading of these minutes, speeches were made by Hon. A. O. Furst, Ellis L. Orvis and Hon. John G. Love. After which court adjourned at eleven o'clock till two in the afternoon.

Of the ex-Associate Judges of the Centre county court, these are living: Hon. Samuel Frank, of Rebersburg; Hon. Chester Munson, of Philipsburg; and Hon. Thomas F. Riley, of Boalsburg. Of the President Judges, Hon. Charles A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, Hon. J. B. McEneaney, of Clearfield, and Hon. A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte.

Court convened at two o'clock. List of traverse jurors called and forty-four answered to their names and several jurors were then excused on account of sickness.

The afternoon session, until after three o'clock, was then consumed in hearing petitions and motions in the Orphans' Court.

The following civil cases were then disposed of before taking up the quarter session's list:

George W. Campbell vs. William Wolf; plea assumpsit; continued at the costs of the defendant.

Mary McCullum vs. Overseers of the Poor of Boggs township; plea assumpsit; non-suit entered.

S. Lind Fox vs. H. P. Korman; plea assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of the plaintiff for \$54.94.

E. Joseph, S. Joseph and H. Holtz, trading as Joseph Bros. & Co., vs. Wm. F. Reber; plea assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of plaintiffs for \$139.55.

S. L. Ehle vs. H. P. Korman; plea assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of plaintiff for \$27.27.

Lyon & Co. vs. Rosanna Miller; plea

assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of plaintiff for \$31.47.

National Wall Paper Co. vs. H. P. Korman; plea assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of the plaintiff for \$39.99.

Wainwright & Co. vs. H. P. Korman; plea assumpsit. Judgment confessed in favor of the plaintiff for \$39.06.

The first case called was Com. vs. Harry Prantz, of Sandy Ridge. Charge horse stealing; prosecutor, Thomas Huey, of Stormstown. Verdict not guilty.

Com. vs. Amos Parsons, of Bellefonte; charge, larceny by bailee; prosecutor John D. Sourbeck. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty.

Com. vs. Thomas McMonigal, of Taylor twp.; charge, betrayal; prosecutrix, Mary Belle Newman. Verdict not guilty and costs divided equally between the defendant and the prosecutrix.

Com. vs. James Witmer, Benner twp.; charge, assault; prosecutor, George Robb. Verdict, guilty of assault. Sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and the cost of prosecution.

Com. vs. John Johnson, of Milesburg; charge, betrayal; prosecutrix Martha Crossmire. Verdict, guilty.

The next was a civil case, that of Wm. A. Ishler vs. Samuel Prantz; plea assumpsit. This case is brought to recover for costs on two writs of fieri facias which Mr. Ishler had while sheriff of Centre county against W. F. Richards. Verdict, in favor of plaintiff for \$19.36.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Com. vs. A. G. Archey; charge, first count, assault and battery, second count, aggravated assault and battery; prosecutor Edward Bubb. Verdict on Wednesday morning of not guilty and defendant to pay one-half the costs and prosecutor the other half.

Sandford Newman vs. Thomas Merryman, plea assumpsit. Settled.

Lawrence Bathurst vs. Ezekiel Confer, plea assumpsit. Settled.

This leaves one more civil case open for this week.

Com. vs. William Colyer, charge first count, assault and battery; second count, aggravated assault and battery. Prosecutor, Charles A. Bottorf. Verdict guilty on first count. All jurors were discharged at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

PINE GROVE MILLS.

Death of a Former Citizen—Deer are Scarce—Fine Church.

What has become of our railroad???

Fletcher Sousaman, of Altoona, spent several days at his old home on Main street.

Willis Ripka and wife, of Altoona, spent a week in town. Willis is considerable of a hunter and took advantage of a few days off. As all the rest do he reports game exceptionally scarce this season.

W. H. Fry is confined to the house taking the best of care of a pet car-bunkle on his neck.

Mowry and Ammon Bubb are entitled to wear the belt so far as duck shooting is concerned.

Quite a number of persons from here are attending court this week.

PETTY THEFT:—Some rascal belittled himself enough to steal the lines from Joe Johnson's horse, while he was in church one evening last week.

NO DEER:—The Tanyer, Kepler, Krebs and Cori hunting party who were camping near the Bear Meadows for two weeks, returned empty-handed as did all the rest.

BE CAREFUL:—It seems that anonymous letters have been passing through this office lately. We would advise the senders of such letters to be a little careful as the penalty for the violation of the law in this case is rather severe and doubly so when the assertion is untrue.

A PINE CHURCH:—The reopening exercises of the Presbyterian church at Baileyville were held last Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Kelly who had been their pastor for a number of years, until about four years ago when he accepted a call from another field of labor, preached morning and evening. Rev. Ermentrout being their pastor at the present time. Despite the inclemency of the weather the church was filled to its utmost capacity. The people of Baileyville have reason to feel proud of their church which presents a fine appearance and free from debt.

DEATH OF H. M. MECK:—The people of this community were very much surprised to hear of the sudden death of H. M. Meck, who had been living in Altoona for the last few years. Not many years ago Mr. Meck was one of our most energetic and most influential citizens. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and four children all of whom are married. Two sons and one daughter living in Altoona namely, David, Bilger and Mrs. Lilla Gillaford and Mrs. George Miller, living near this place. His death was caused by a stroke of paralysis. Interment was made at Altoona, Sunday at 10.30 a. m.

THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE

Has Become a Very Popular Holiday.

INSTITUTED BY THE PILGRIMS

When they Landed at Plymouth Rock in 1621 Religiously Observed—Now a National Holiday and how it is Generally Kept.

Thanksgiving is purely an American holiday, original in conception and growing from a small beginning until it has reached the dignity of a National event. Its first celebration was by the Plymouth colony in 1621—those sturdy pioneers whose piety was as pronounced as their pluck, who honored themselves by honoring their Deity. The custom soon became more general, spreading over all the New England States. After the revolution it gradually extended to the Middle States and later to the West growing more slowly in the South. In 1863 Lincoln forever established it in the list of holidays by proclaiming a day of Thanksgiving, his action being promptly followed by the individual proclamation of the Governors of the States, who named the same day. Since then, by common consent, the first announcement of the day is found in the President's proclamation, and the day so named is also named by the States.

In many ways Thanksgiving is one of our most delightful events. It comes at a time when the rigors of winter are not yet at hand. We have at our disposal all the varied products of the soil, and the time for a season of partial rest for the farmer is at hand. One of the most delightful features, which has become quite general, is the gathering together under the old roof-tree of all the scattered sons and daughters on this day. Two three and sometimes four generations thus meet around the festive and hospitable table of the old homestead, and thus fraternal ties are strengthened and filial piety encouraged.

Another and not less commendable feature of this holiday is a practical benevolence which has become very notable. Poor people, to whom a good dinner is a rarity, are lusted out, and in an unostentatious way are helped to properly observe the day, so far as its festive features are concerned. The sick and suffering are remembered in various ways. The homeless are, for the day, made members of some hospitable household, where they can join in the pleasures. Altogether, this is perhaps its best feature. There is no pleasure so lasting, none which affords such real joy, as that which comes to us from the knowledge that we have done a real kindness to some of the suffering children on earth—in some way alleviated their sorrows or eased their pains.

Last, but not least, the devotional spirit which is the impelling motive of the day, is encouraged and developed, we learn to be more contented with our lot, thankful for what we have and hopeful for the future.—American Agriculturist.

WOODWARD ITEMS.
The protracted meeting of this place, is a good success. So far, two seekers.

DEBATE:—The debate in the Woodward school was beyond our expectations. The subject for discussion was: Resolved that the farmer is more beneficial to society than the mechanic. The negative side won.

One of Mr. Etlinger's spies was brought before the justice of the peace. We hope this will put an end to spying.

Mr. Sylvas, of this place, our barber and shoemaker, is anxious to sell out. By what we know he expects to go to Huntingdon.

All those wishing to see a pineapple plant, call on our merchant L. D. Orndorf.

Mr. Luther Miller, from Kreamerville, was to this place on business last week. We were glad to see him here.

Our sportsmen always meet with the wrong animal, when they are prepared for deer, they meet bear. Isn't it funny John.

We forgot to mention in our last report, that our barbers face looks like a field after harvest. It's shorn.

A Desirable Place.
The Harrisburg Patriot says: Miss Mary Rhone, of Centre Hall, reported for duty yesterday as clerk to Dr. B. H. Warren, state economic zoologist. She is a daughter of Worthy Master Rhone, of the State grange, and will receive a salary of \$1,500 a year. The office is a sinecure and she will have little else to do but draw her salary.

—Hon. John H. Holt, of Burnside township, was in town on Tuesday. He is enthusiastic about the test wells for oil, sunk in the vicinity of Karthaus. Stock is being subscribed for the third well, which will be located in Centre county.

IN THE COURT HOUSE.

Legal Intelligence Gathered from Various Offices.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Clayton S. Musser, Haines twp.
Carrie A. Lambert, " "
James Summers, Benner twp.
Kate Gingerich, Spring twp.
H. I. Wise, Zion
Mary E. Biddle, Cowan
James C. Jackson, Spring Mills
Annie M. Bryan, " "
Wm. H. Brown, Mt. Eagle
Katie McCummings, Howard
James C. Derr, Spring twp.
Annie McMullen, Bellefonte
Erwin O. Barnes, Parvin
Cath. M. Deitweller, Aaronsburg
John Reynolds, Philipsburg
Nora J. Roller, " "

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

C. C. Taylor et. ux. to Tracy Elizabeth Faust. Lot of ground in Spring township. Consideration \$265.
Alois Kollbecker et ux. to America Leyman. Tract of land in Curtin twp. Consideration \$600.
Louis E. Reber et. al. to S. Ellen Shivery. Lot or piece of ground in College twp. Consideration \$354.24.
Charles Smith et. ux. et al. to Sadie Wooden. Two lots in Unionville boro. Consideration \$600.
Adam Ertle et. ux. to W. Calvin Moyer. Piece of ground in Gregg twp. Consideration \$775.
Jared B. Fisher et. ux. to Frederick Moyer. Lot of ground in Gregg twp. Consideration \$225.
David Miller et. ux. to Frederick Moyer. Two lots or pieces of ground in Gregg twp. Consideration \$2000.
Catharine Ney to A. J. Silvis. Lot of ground in Aaronsburg. Consideration \$400.
Ruth A. Sharp to Susan Sharp. Lot of ground in Coleville. Consideration \$1.

LETTERS ADMINISTRATION.

To John L. Rich upon the estate of Benjamin Rich, late of Unionville boro.
To Edith S. Vonada upon the estate of George W. Vonada, late of Gregg twp.
To John H. Miller upon the estate of George Eckle, late of Pine Grove Mills.

BOALSBURG EVENTS.

Modocs are Badly Left—Big Porkers—Singing Class—A Good Time.

NO DEER:—The Modoc hunters were very unsuccessful this season; they did not see a deer, and say they have all gone somewhere else. I. J. Condo, the oldest hunter in the association, felt so bad when they came home and no venison to eat, he did not go to work for a week, and then was persuaded to do so by a fellow hunter, on the promise that they would surely get some next time.

BIG PORKERS:—Butchering season is here, and we can hear the porkers squeal in all directions, in our town. Mr. John Harris had two very fine hogs. He told some one that they cost him forty-five dollars, and then he said there was too much tallow in them to be a very profitable investment.

GOOD OUTLOOK:—The outlook for several weddings is very good, in and around town.

SINGING CLASS:—Prof. P. H. Meyers is raising a singing class. He has forty or more scholars now. Anyone who is within reach of town and wish to learn to sing should avail themselves of the opportunity, and join the class.

Mrs. Berry Kreamer, of Dubois, is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bricker.

Mrs. C. I. Coxey, of Altoona, is visiting her many friends here.

Miss Celestie Kilmer, of near Juniata, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Rev. G. W. Fisher. F. F. thinks Juniata Co., sends out some fine girls.

Miss Susie Stover, of Unionville, is visiting her sister Mrs. T. S. Bricker.

SERVICES:—A Union thanksgiving service of all the churches here, will be held in the Lutheran church Thursday morning. The sermon will be preached by Rev. A. A. Black of the Reformed church.

GOOD TIME:—The bloods of our town, and their best girls, were to Potters Mills, last Friday night, attending a chicken and waffle supper. They finished up with music and dancing. They report having a good time.

New Telephone Line.
The Central Pennsylvania Telephone company have largely improved the efficiency of their system at this place by securing the telephone line of the Bellefonte Central Railroad, that extends from Bellefonte to State College, Waddles, Scotia and other points. Pay stations will be established at these various points equipped with metallic circuit and long distance telephones.

Bellefonte to-day has an excellent telephone service that reaches almost every portion of the county.

—Powell will be in Bellefonte, on Monday evening, December 16th. He gives a splendid performance.

JAPANESE COMPETITION

Preparing to Undersell our Products.

AN INGENIOUS SET OF PEOPLE

Who Can Manufacture Many Articles and Ship them to this Country for About one-Half what they Cost in America—What They are Doing.

The San Francisco Daily Report says: Japan is about to invade the United States with the agents of her factories whose ability to produce articles of necessity more cheaply than the rest of the world can no longer be ignored. Japan at last recognizes its power, its ambition has been aroused and it is now inaugurating an irresistible commercial campaign.

A canvass of the San Francisco mercantile trade reveals the fact that an unprecedented cut in almost every line of staple goods has been made by the Oriental bidder. Buttons by the great gross are delivered free at a fraction less than the actual cost per gross of the American article. Bicycles, guaranteed equal to the best high grade, are listed at \$12. Japanese matches are to be laid down at a price which is destined to close every match factory in the United States. Sashes, doors, blinds and all kinds of wooden ware can be delivered, duty paid, at 30 to 50 per cent. less than the local wholesale prices of manufacturers. After placing huge orders in this city the agents left for the east where agencies will be established in New York, Chicago, St. Louis and elsewhere, for the purpose of under selling American and European manufacturers as fast as possible.

The State's Soldiers' Orphans.

According to the report of the soldiers' orphan school commission for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1895, which report has just been issued, there were at that date a total of 852 children under the control of the commission, as against 714 a year before that time. During the year 39 children were discharged and four died. There were received under the act of 1893, 1,018 applicants for admission, of which 39 were rejected, and orders were issued for the admission of 695. Thirty of these were subsequently cancelled and 665 admissions made. There are still on file in the office of the commission 284 of such applications, which the commission has been unable to finally act upon because of the lack of room in the schools. As fast as vacancies may occur these will be taken up and cared for. The rate per capita for education and maintenance during the year has been \$127.80 and there was returned to the state \$5,777.26.

The aggregate number of admissions at these schools since the commencement has been 15,499 out of a total number of applications of 19,594, and with a total expense of \$10,218,994.12. The schools still under the care of the commission are Chester Springs, in which there were on June 1, 236 scholars; Harford, in which there will be 141; Uniontown, with 234, and the Industrial school at Scotland, five miles north of Chambersburg, the population of which is 240.

STATE COLLEGE NOTES.

The Bellefonte Central railroad is to be completed to Pine Grove Mills at once; such is the latest railroad information. We congratulate our Pine Grove friends that they are to have railroad communication so soon.

MANY THANKS:—The hunters have returned laden with the spoils of the forest, and the fleeting ones had to come down before the unerring aim of our expert marksmen. They will grace the tables of the sportsmen and friends, of which your scribe is one. Many thanks Joe; many thanks.

Mrs. Julia C. Gray has returned from Philadelphia and resumes her duties as secretary of the experiment station.

Harry Haywaest, the assistant agriculturist of the experiment station, has just returned from a protracted vacation in the west.

It is said that Esquire Thompson is very low and it is hoped that he may soon recover.

A. A. Miller has returned from a trip down the valley to see friends.

Barn Burned.
The large barn owned by Isaac Walker, who lives on the farm just beyond Stormstown, was burned Tuesday night. They were threshing during the day and it is supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin. A valuable machine belonging to Waite Bros., besides some stock was in the barn and burned.

Post Office Hours.
The post office will be open to-day from 8.40 to 10.45 a. m. In the afternoon from 4.45 to 5.45. The carriers will make the usual morning collection and forenoon delivery.

Obituary.

The funeral obsequies of Jesse S. Frederick took place from his late residence, in Union township, at 11 a. m., Nov. 20th, 1895. The sermon was preached by his pastor, Rev. Geo. King. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to pay a last tribute to his memory.

Jesse S. Frederick was born in Millmont, Union county, Dec. 6th, 1828, died in Union township, Dec. 17th, 1895; age 66 years, 11 month and 11 days. At the age of 22 he espoused the cause of Christ and identified himself with the M. E. church. On the 21st of April, 1853, he was happily married to Sarah J. Bodle, of Fillmore, Centre county, Pa., who survives him. Jesse Frederick has made for himself a record worthy the emulation of the true and the good who were blessed and honored with his friendship.

He, like all other men of real firmness and worth, had his faults, but each little fault was eclipsed by so many virtues that we who knew him best look upon his entire life as a halo of light from beyond the regions of everlasting sun set, casting its radiance of glory and beauty into the dark world of heart aches and disappointments.

He leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a father's caresses and guidance. He has often expressed it as the greatest desire of his heart to be able to set such an example before his children as would be worthy of their emulation. The children are Mrs. Tillie Hoover, of Tyrone; Mrs. Annie Roller, of Castown, O.; and Benjamin and Mrs. Mollie Holt at home. The stricken family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

The pall-bearers were W. C. Miller, Esq., of Clearfield; Harry Ronc, Geo. Lee, Westly Frederick, Wm. Bodle and Ira Bodle, all nephews of the deceased. The family extend their thanks to the neighbors and friends for their kindness.

A FRIEND.

A Severe Fall.

Last Thursday, Mr. W. B. Maitland had a severe fall, at his boiler works, near the depot. He fell down a pair of stairs, a distance of about fifteen feet, and was picked up unconscious. He was generally bruised about the head and shoulders, and has been confined to the house for the past week, in consequence. He expects to be about again in a few days.

Mr. Maitland is an active man, and possesses a great deal of vitality considering his advanced age.

Prospects are Bright.

Hon. J. H. Holt, of Snow Shoe, writes that the prospects for the third well of the Salt Lick oil and gas company south-east of the other two wells are very bright; that he has received \$300 from Dr. Stuart, of Snow Shoe, and \$100 from Mr. Hildrup, of Harrisburg, and many other subscriptions. He expects to get balance subscribed within a few days and will likely locate the third well east of the river, in Centre county.

Miners Will Meet.

A conference of delegates from the mines in Clearfield, Beech Creek and the Centre districts has been called to meet at Osceola this Thursday. The idea of the conference is to see if by proper co-operation with the operators they might be able to assist in raising the price of coal and therefore the wages. Should the wisdom of the conference be shown by this movement the miners in the entire bituminous region will be asked to enter future conferences.

—Powell the magician, will play a return date, at Bellefonte, on Wednesday evening December 16th.

—Samuel Gettig, Esq., very kindly compiled our account of court proceedings this week. It is in a compact form and to the point. Mr. Gettig is one of our ablest young attorneys, who is acquiring a lucrative practice.

—The venerable John McCoy, of near Potters Mills, died on Monday. Several weeks ago Mr. McCoy had his hand injured in a corn husking machine, which finally caused his death. He was about 78 years of age.

—The Bellefonte Wheelmen, at their last regular meeting, elected Geo. T. Bush as representative to the Penna. Board of Officers L. A. W. This election gives Mr. Bush same voice and vote in the meetings as though he had been elected in the district.

—On Saturday G. Wash Reese had his new grocery store, in the Pruner block, opened and was doing business. He has an elegant location and a handsomely furnished room, and is equipped to handle groceries in the very best of style. His stock will embrace everything from the purest, plainest and best in that line. Mr. Reese is an energetic young man, and is deserving for his pluck and enterprise. We predict that he will be successful in his new venture.