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## JANUARY COURT IN SESSION

A Number of Criminal Cases Disposed of.

### J. S. BENNETT PLEADS GUILTY

A Full Report of all the Doings Up to Wednesday Evening—The List Not a Long one—Good attendance, etc.

The January session of court convened on Monday morning at nine o'clock with Hon. John G. Love, president judge of the 49th judiciary district, and Associate Judge C. A. Faulkner, of Philipsburg, on the bench.

The greater portion of the morning session was taken up by hearing motions and petitions presented by different members of the bar.

The list of grand jurors was called and twenty-one answered to their names. S. E. Troy, a clerk of Rush township, was chosen foreman, and after the jury was sworn they retired in the grand jury room to pass upon the different bills of indictment that were presented to them by the district attorney.

The constables of the different townships and boroughs of the county then made their quarterly report.

The list of traverse jurors was then called and forty-four answered to their names, and Mortimer O'Donohue, of Spring township, was excused as a juror. William R. Essington and Samuel W. Stover were then discharged from custody under the insolvent laws.

Court adjourned at eleven o'clock till two o'clock Monday afternoon.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The first case called was Com. vs. Jacob Mayes, charge malicious mischief, prosecutor G. H. Leyman. Verdict not guilty and the prosecutor, G. H. Leyman, to pay the costs.

Com. vs. William Quick, charge assault and battery, prosecutor E. E. Erhard. After hearing the evidence in the case, the defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$25.00 and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for twenty days.

Court adjourned at 4.30 to meet Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

Com. vs. Walter Wrye, charge assault and battery, prosecutor Mary Bean. Mr. Wrye is a school teacher in Taylor township and this prosecution was brought for whipping Victor Bean, a boy thirteen years old on the 8th day of January of this year. Verdict not guilty and the school directors of Taylor township to pay two-thirds of the costs and the prosecutor to pay one-third of the costs.

Com. vs. J. S. Bennett, charge adultery, prosecutor, Adam Mayer. This defendant, who is a married man and has a wife living in Bellwood, Pa., worked himself into the good graces of Barbara Mayer, daughter of Adam Mayer, a furniture dealer in Philipsburg. In August last Mr. Bennett and Miss Mayer went to Pittsburg, Pa., where a marriage license was procured from the Clerk of the Orphan's Court of Allegheny county, and were married by Newton Petrie, a Justice of the Peace, under the assumed names of John Williams and Laura Gunter. After the Commonwealth closed her testimony the defendant changed his plea from that of "not guilty" to that of guilty.

Com. vs. Charles Meyers, charge betrayal, prosecutor, Laura Lose. The defendant plead guilty and received the usual sentence.

Com. vs. J. S. Bennett, charge forgery, prosecutor, Adam Mayer. Verdict not guilty and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Com. vs. M. Houser, charge false pretences, prosecutor, Robert Confer. This prosecution is brought against the defendant for signing his wife's name to a judgment exemption note, pretending that he had a power of Attorney to do so, which he now denies and his wife repudiates the contract.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After both sides had finished the evidence in the above case, the court directed the jury to find a verdict of not guilty and submitted the case on the question of costs. Verdict Wednesday afternoon of not guilty and the county to pay one-fourth of the costs and C. M. Houser the defendant, to pay three-fourths of the cost.

Com. vs. John Corrigan, Jr., charge 1st count, larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods, prosecutor, W. L. Foster. This prosecution is brought for the taking or receiving one buffalo robe. Verdict not guilty.

Com. vs. John Bourdeau, charge betrayal, prosecutor, Lizzie Smith. Defendant plead guilty and received the usual sentence in like cases.

Com. vs. J. P. Sherlock, charge, forgery, prosecutor Joseph Brandman. Case on trial Wednesday evening.

### TURKO-RUSSIAN RUMORS.

The reported treaty between Russia and Turkey making the latter power virtually a dependency of the former will be discredited by the greater part of Christendom till it is confirmed absolutely. It is pooh-poohed by British and other diplomats, and is inherently improbable. Yet it is not impossible, for Russia little more than 20 years ago, under conditions precisely like those existing with regard to the Armenians to day, unexpectedly got the better of all the other diplomats of Europe in the Turkish court, and though deprived of the fruits of her shrewdness by concerted interference of the other powers, went to war with Turkey shortly afterward for the "rights" she had defended upon getting through compact. Moreover, in 1832 also Russia obtained complete ascendancy in the Turkish court while the other powers were standing unrespectfully by. In that year Sultan Mahmood was at the mercy of the victorious Mehmet Ali, viceroy of Egypt, and his son, Ibrahim, in the spring, but simultaneously the agreement of Hunkiar Iskelesai was effected between Russia and Turkey, the latter was helpless. Only European interference prevented Ibrahim from entering sultan. The essential features of the agreement were that Russia and Turkey should defend each other against all attacks, and that when Russia was at war Turkey should close the Dardanelles to the warships of all nations. Western Europe refused to recognize the agreement, which it is now asserted has been, with little change, renewed.

There is little question that the official confirmation of the report would be followed by war, and this is one reason for skepticism as to the agreement, for Russia is at present ill-prepared for war with Great Britain or any other power of first class. The silence of the Turkish and Russian officials themselves with reference to the matter is the only thing that is really ominous.

### Mechanics' Lien Claimants.

Judge Gordon, of Clearfield, has just handed down an important decision on the proceeds of a sheriff's sale of property on mechanics' lien claimants. He holds that before the auditor is appointed to distribute the fund derived from the sale any of the mechanics' claims, whether in judgment or not, can be attached on the merits by other lien claimants filed by journeymen, who had no right to file liens, and they appeared before the auditor and claimed pro rata with other mechanics' lien claimants. The auditor held, however, that testimony could be introduced to show that the liens were not valid, and although the judgments dated from the date when they were entered, and could not be attached except for fraud or collusion, yet the mechanics' liens on which the sci fas were issued were invalid, and that the claimants were not entitled to share in the fund produced by the sale until all the valid mechanic liens had been paid. This point does not seem ever to have been expressly ruled on by the supreme court in a case between mechanics' lien claimants alone.

### Are the Trout Destroyed?

Expert Piscatorialists give it as their candid opinion that there will be fewer trout taken from Centre and adjoining county streams the coming trouting season, than has been landed for years. They say that owing to the continued drought of last fall and the freezing dry of many of the streams this winter, the trout has been destroyed, and that many of the streams which, in the past, furnished good trout fishing, will be found to be almost entirely depopulated of the speckled beauties.

### The Letter "E."

An exchange says "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet, because it is never in cash, never out of debt, and never out of danger. The aforesaid exchange forgets that the letter "e" is never in war, but always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no bread, no meat, no meal, no water, no whiskey, no gospel, no hell, no heaven, no newspapers and no advertising.

—Although the announcement comes a little late yet all her friends will be glad to hear of the happy marriage of Miss Emma Hughes, daughter of Rev. James P. Hughes, of the Bellefonte Academy, to Mr. Hubert Alexander, a prominent merchant in New York. The wedding was consummated last August.

—George Gates, the old "stand back" of Halfmoon township, is considerably exercised over an attempt of several parties to get a patent deed for part of his farm. He made a call at this office recently and, in his emphatic condemnation of the aggressors, he preached christianity, Heaven and Hades with such compositeness that one was almost inclined to the opinion that he had missed his calling when he entered the field of agriculture.

## GOV. HASTINGS EATS 2,001 OYSTERS

At a Roast Given in His Honor in Galveston.

### AWARDED A LEATHER MEDAL

And in Return the Governor Made one of his Characteristic Addresses—Amazed at what He Saw in Texas.

On the occasion of the visit of Governor Hastings and party to Galveston, Texas, last week, the Galveston News says that although their visit was not heralded in advance a committee of citizens soon discovered them and took charge of the party, which was composed of the governor and Mrs. Hastings, H. C. McCormick, Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick, Colonel J. L. Spangler of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Spangler, and Dr. H. McGowan.

Governor Hastings was the guest of honor at an oyster roast, and at its conclusion, Mr. R. B. Hawley arose and said: "We have entertained some great men here according to our standard of greatness, which is regulated by the number of oysters a man eats. The last was the greatest on record, he having devoured 1,967 oysters, but he lost character and reputation. A greater has arisen. We present you with the medal (turning to Governor Hastings) you have a record of 2,001."

Governor Hastings: "You don't mean me, do you?"

Mr. Hawley soon had the Governor properly badged with the leather medal.

Governor Hastings said in part: "I never made a speech in my life, and I am embarrassed. I have received some few honors in my lifetime, but I have never had bestowed upon me an honor just like this. I consider this a great bond of union between Pennsylvania and Texas, and among the trophies that I shall hand down to my children and my children's children, I shall esteem this the greatest. I esteem it the more because it is a medal of hospitality from the people of Galveston. I am very much surprised.

"After having eaten more oysters and drinking more beer than any other man who ever visited Galveston, I feel like putting my arms around the people and thanking God that we are all citizens of the greatest country on earth. Why, the Galveston oyster is the finest oyster I ever tasted. Those blue points of ours don't begin to compare with these oysters, and the sauce that you serve them with is simply incomparable.

"But I notice you produce the oysters and Pennsylvania furnishes the iron and coal oil with which you may cook them. We have spent a week in your splendid big state, and on one trip we traveled far enough to cover the distance across Pennsylvania three times, and we were not then on the border of your state. I said to General Bliss the other day, 'what a great big state you have.'

"Your hospitality has been unparalleled. I am astonished and gratified beyond measure at the splendid, hospitable and cordial feeling manifested here. It is more than we expected. We expected to come in here and quietly look over your city and get out, as we had done at other places, but our car had hardly stopped rolling until the President of your Cotton Exchange and the President of your wharf company found us out and took charge of us, and it has been one continuous round of entertainment ever since.

"We have been astonished at your beautiful homes, your thrift, culture and the many evidences of progress. You have a city that would do honor to any of the old Atlantic States in point of culture alone.

"It is a pleasure to me to know that our government has appropriated so liberally for your harbor improvements, and I am gratified to say that every member of congress and the senators of Pennsylvania voted for that appropriation. I believe that Galveston will become one of the greatest among all of our seaport cities. I do not see why the completion of your harbor improvements should not bring us into closer business relations with you. I do not see why we should not be closer in the bonds of commercial relations. No man can travel through this great country without appreciating this great common country. You will pardon me if I say we are the noblest, the grandest, the best people on earth, and our flag represents more than the flag of any other nation. We have more territory spread out under the sunlight (and it's mostly in Texas); we have more schools and colleges; we have more cattle and oysters and better wives and sweeter children, and we have more to eat and it is better cooked, and we have better clothes to wear and they fit better, and we have more politicians than any country under the sun.

"Come to Pennsylvania, to our great Keystone State, and we will give you an opportunity to eat more oysters than I have eaten here."

### IN THE COURT HOUSE.

Legal Intelligence Gathered from Various Offices.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

E. Heaton, Boggs twp  
Blanche Henderson, Howard  
D. A. Erle, Penn Hall  
Carrie M. Ulrich, Millheim  
Thos. A. Shoemaker, Bellefonte  
Augusta F. Cryder, "  
William Lythgoe, Philipsburg  
Emma J. Jones, Clearfield Co.  
James C. Horner, Taylor twp  
Laura M. Lewis, "  
Wm. Kroder, Spring Mills  
Della C. Rishel, "  
Frank Thomas, Pine Grove Mills  
Amanda McClellan, "  
McClellan Barr, Julian  
Mary J. Holt, "  
John H. Holderman, Benner twp  
Ida D. Lowery, "  
Ira E. Longwell, Benner twp  
Lacy H. Seibert, "  
Clark Goss, Philipsburg  
Rozella Flegal, Morris twp  
John W. Williams, Worth twp  
Marie T. Gimgery, "  
Wm. H. Fultz, Woodward  
Carrie Kettner, "

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Edward C. Humes, to A. G. Morris, for two tracts of land in Benner and Spring Townships, consideration, \$10-370.  
Michael Faby et ux, to Anna McLaughlin, for tract of land in Snow Shoe twp., consideration, \$60.  
Hugh Adams et ux, to W. A. Wallace Shimer, certain lot in Philipsburg Boro, consideration, \$350.  
H. A. McKee et al. to John Doughenbaugh, tract of land in Worth twp., consideration, \$400.  
Bertha A. Wohlford et Baron, to Scott W. Walizer, for lot of ground in Miles twp., consideration, \$115.  
Reuben Walizer et ux, to Bertha Wolford, for tract of land in Miles twp., consideration, \$115.  
Benj. F. Stover et ux, to Frederick Stover et al., for tract of land in Haines twp., consideration, \$700.  
Michael Ream et ux, to Blanche Neese, for lot of ground in Gregg twp., consideration, \$375.  
W. H. McCausland et ux, to the Tyrone and Clearfield R. R. Co., for certain premises in Rush twp., consideration, \$1.  
Abel Reese et ux, to Delilah Adams, for 44 acres land in Worth twp., consideration, \$200.  
Rebecca Zimmerman, to David Zimmerman et al., her right title and interest in certain premises in Walker twp., consideration, \$1.  
Local Institute, No. 3.  
Local institute, No. 3, which includes in its district the school teachers in Bellefonte borough, and the townships of Spring, Benner and Walker, was held in the stone school house, in this place, Saturday forenoon, January 25th. During the session the following very interesting and instructive papers were read: "The Proposition," by Prof. J. H. Rutt; "The Story in Primary Schools," Miss Bella Rankin; "The Kindergarten," Miss Bessie Dorworth; "Reading," Miss Rosa Fox; "Morals," Misses Smith and Weaver; "System," Miss Jennie Strickland; "Object Lessons," Miss Jennie Longacre. Prof. D. O. Etters made a brief talk on "The Importance of good Reading," and was followed by Prof. Ammerman, who spoke on "Mechanical Powers." With the transaction of some minor routine business the institute session adjourned.

### PUBLIC SALE REGISTER.

Persons having their sale bills printed at this office will receive a free notice of same under this heading, until time of sale. This office has an entirely new outfit for printing bills, consisting of type, all kinds of cuts, etc., and our prices are reasonable. If you want the best, neatest and most attractive sale bills, have it printed at this office. Sale notes furnished free with each set of bills.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11—John W. Eby will sell 4 work horses—one match team of greys; 5 cows, some will be fresh time of sale; young cattle, full blooded Short Horn bull; 5 brood sows, Poland China boar; 15 shoats, new Deering binder, mower, grain drill, hay tedder, Hench cultivator and corn planter, etc., also some household goods, on his premises, 1/4 mile west of Zion, along main road. Sale at 9 a. m. J. L. Neff, auct.  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20—At the residence of Michael Shaffer, one mile north of Zion, at 1 p. m., a large lot of household goods and some farm utensils. J. O. Derr, auctioneer.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5—One mile south west of Zion, at 11 a. m., Isaac Stover will sell a large lot of farm stock, consisting of 2 good work horses, driving horse, colts, 3 fresh cows, Short horn bull, young cattle, hogs, new Farquar threshing machine, and all kinds of farm implements in good repair. Jos. L. Neff, auct.  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4—6 miles east of Bellefonte, along the Jacksonville road, at 10 a. m., David Harter will sell 4 head of horses, 6 fine milk cows, will be fresh about time of sale; young cattle, Durham bull, Chester White sow, 2 head Shropshire ewes—fine; 4 good wagons, 2 double sleds, good new mower, reaper and mower combined, lot of new harness, etc. Jos. L. Neff, auct.  
—Suits from \$5 upward, at the Branch. Remember this is no sham sale, but the goods must be sold at once.

## THE BOROUGH NOMINATIONS

There Was Little Excitement at the Primaries.

### WHO THE NOMINEES ARE

The Full Democratic and Republican Tickets to be Voted for on Tuesday, February 17th, 1896.

The borough primaries on Saturday night were well attended and there was the usual contesting for a few of the nominations. This feature, however, was more prominent among the republicans than among the democrats, especially for poor overseer, for which nomination James I. McClure sought to win from Isaac Miller, who was after a re-nomination. But if Mr. McClure thought himself strong enough to carry three wards of the borough, or even two of them, he was much better informed after the primaries when the fact was disclosed that he had not even a respectable corporal's guard to stand by him. The result of the primaries, as shown by the tickets nominated by both democrats and republicans, is as follows:

### DEMOCRAT TICKET.

Borough: Overseer of poor—Thomas Moore. Treasurer—J. C. Meyer. Auditor—M. I. Gardner. High constable—Harry Sanders.  
North Ward: Judge of election—H. Y. Stitzer. Inspector—Chas. J. Taylor. Council—B. C. Achebback, William Ishler. School director—Haunton Sechler. Constable—John L. Dunlap.  
South Ward: Judge of election—A. C. Mingle. Inspector—P. Gerrity. Council—George T. Bush. School director—D. F. Fortney. Constable—G. W. Rightmour.

West Ward: Judge of election—Jonathan Miller, Inspector—John Sheffer. Council—William T. Speer. School director—A. Lukenbach. Constable—Geo. Harman.

### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Borough: Overseer of poor—Isaac Miller. Treasurer—Charles P. Cook. Auditor—C. T. Hicklen. High constable—James L. McCafferty.  
North Ward: Judge of election—H. Schreyer. Inspector—Wm. H. Derrstine. For Council—Harry Valentine, Benjamin Shaffer. School director—W. B. Rankin. Constable—William Gares.  
South Ward: Judge of election—Thomas Donachy. Inspector—Dr. I. M. Bush. Council—Henry Lowery. School director—J. C. Showers. Constable—H. H. Montgomery.

West Ward: Judge of election—Jas. Ryan. Inspector—Jas. Strayer. Council—C. T. Gerbrich. School director—David Haines. Constable—George Harman.

### Gen. Snowden's Report.

In his annual report Major General Snowden, commanding the division of National guardsmen of Pennsylvania, justly condemns some of the rules under which rifle practice is conducted. He says their fruits are more likely to be injurious to the guard than beneficial, and he is right. He likes some changes that have been made in the inspection system by Colonel Morrell. The change is a specially good one which provides for the inspection of property in the quarters, leaving the inspection of personnel, etc., to be performed on the field in light marching order. His soldiers are all with him on that score.

Gen. Snowden strongly recommends the adoption of the three battalions to a regiment system, and urges the organization of an additional cavalry troop and another battery, which would provide for the organization of a squadron of cavalry and a battalion of artillery. He says: "The division, with its infantry organized on modern methods, with a full squadron of cavalry, a full battery of artillery, a battalion of engineers, and a signal corps, either separate or part of the engineers, would form a body complete in all respects and would present a model for others to imitate."

### Stocked the Streams.

During the year 1895 the Pennsylvania Fish Protective association put in the streams throughout the state 3,250,000 trout, besides 35,000 white fish, 750,000 brown California rainbow and hybrid trout, 35,000 black bass, 20,000 white and calico bass and 30,000 Lake Erie sun fish were transported into the waters of the state. Not a bad showing. Next spring they expect to have 40,000,000 brook trout alone.

In trying for the nomination for poor overseer at the republican caucuses Saturday night James McClure was made aware of the fact that if he could properly name and cage it, he would have a valuable addition to his menagerie.

### WOODWARD CLIPPINGS.

Mr. Frank Yearick is still on the sick list. Also Mr. Philip Bowersox is very ill at this writing.

Chickenpox are holding sway in this part of the country, and many children are being kept from school.

Mr. Hiram Goodman, who lately moved his sawmill to the east end of our valley, is ready for sawing.

The protracted meeting in the United Evangelical church of this place, is a good success. Many souls have confessed salvation.

Mrs. Bood and daughter, from Union county, are visiting friends at this place. Some of the school boys saw our long lost neighbor "Wm. E."

Mr. Samuel William is doing a great deal of sawing on C. F. Motz's mill.

Mr. R. D. Bierly and wife were the welcome guests of Mr. T. A. Auman and wife on Saturday last.

L. D. Orndorf is selling things at bottom prices. Call on him and see.

### AARON'S BUGG BRIEFS.

Miss Catharine Musser, who had been visiting her brother Will, at Spring Mills, for the past few weeks, returned home on Saturday.

Prof. J. M. Kohl's moved from our burg on Tuesday to make their future home in Sugar Valley. We feel sorry to have them leave us, but wish him abundant success in his new field of labor.

Mrs. Levi R. Stover, who has been sick for the past few months, we are glad to say, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Simon King and little daughter, from Shickshinny, are visiting Mrs. Sarah King, on N. 2nd street.

A CONVENTION—Convention opened on Monday evening with about 100 singers, and strangers are coming in on every train. The church is crowded and the order is very good. Miss May Myton has captivated the audience with some of her latest songs. We would ask every person that can, to come and take in the concert, we are sure they will never regret it.

### STATE COLLEGE NOTES.

Rev. W. C. Kuhn, of Bellwood, preached interesting sermons in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. J. F. Lawrence, of Lewistown, Maine, is visiting Prof. F. E. Poss.

Dr. Chas. E. Simon, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting Dr. Henry Firdaul.

The musical on Saturday evening in the College chapel under the direction of one of the "Spanish Students" was especially fine.

Mr. Geo. Potter, of Bellefonte, had the misfortune to have a runaway near the experiment station, which broke the buggy into fine bits, but fortunately did not hurt Mr. Potter.

A. F. Markle butchered two hogs the past week which weighed 900 pounds.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions of respect from Zion Grange, No. 757, on the death of Theodore Rupert.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite and all-wise providence to remove from our midst our much esteemed brother, Theodore R. Rupert, past lecturer of Zion Grange. Therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we feel we have lost one whose cheerful voice and willing hands we will miss, yet we recognize in this dispensation the hand of Him that "doeth all things well."

Resolved, That the Grange has lost a faithful member who was beloved by all, and that we extend to the family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement and commend them to the consolation of Almighty God who doeth all things well, trusting what is their loss is His eternal gain.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Grange, and a copy be presented to the family of our deceased Brother.

S. H. SHAFFER  
J. J. STINE,  
Committee.

### Two Things Apparently Forgotten.

In the rush of business, politics, etc., two important things are being overlooked by the people of Bellefonte. One is the pushing of the organization of a county fair association, and the other the pushing of the Curtin monument movement. If the committee who has this latter in charge would only take some decisive action the people of the state would be only too glad to contribute for such a cause and in a short time a sufficient fund would be created to rear an appropriate and lasting memorial.

—Miss Minerva Dorr, in "Niobe," at the opera house next Wednesday evening.

—February 5th, the new play of "Niobe" will be rendered at the opera house. Don't fail to see it.