

THIRD WEEK NOVEMBER COURT

Complete Report of all the Proceedings.

THE SENTENCES IMPOSED

Large Number of Cases Disposed—Criminals Disposed—Civil Cases Tried and Those Settled—Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq., for our Readers.

The following are the proceedings in court from Wednesday noon of last week:

Com. vs. W. A. Cross, indicted for perjury; prosecutor George Gates. The defendant, and a man by the name of Clabby, made application to the Land Office, at Harrisburg, for one hundred acres of improved land in Halfmoon township, which said application covered part of Mr. Gates farm. After hearing the evidence, the Court directed the jury to find the defendant not guilty, but submitted the question of costs. Verdict not guilty, and the defendant to pay one-half of the costs, and the prosecutor, George Gates, the other half.

Com. vs. Henry Hollabaugh, indicted: first count, assault and battery; second count taking minor for the purpose of prostitution; prosecutor, William Gares. When this case was called, the court at the suggestion, of the District Attorney ordered all children under the age of sixteen and ladies that were not witnesses, out of the court room. After the opening of the case to the jury, by the District Attorney the defendant changed his plea from not guilty, to that of guilty.

Com. vs. Robert Watkins, indicted for larceny; prosecutrix Rose Embeiser. This prosecution is brought for stealing one chicken, and which the defendant alleges he bought from the prosecutrix. After hearing the evidence the court directed the jury to find the defendant not guilty, which was accordingly done.

Com. vs. Life Tate, indicted for furnishing liquor to persons of known intemperate habits; prosecutor William Lee. The defendant furnished about two quarts of beer to Mrs. Jane Lee, a woman of known intemperate habits in this town, whereupon her husband brought this prosecution. Verdict guilty.

The grand jury concluded their labors about five o'clock and were discharged.

At six o'clock all the jurors drawn for this week were discharged, save the jury empaneled in the case of Salm vs. the R. R. Co.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Dr. M. Salm vs. Pennsylvania R. R. Co., plea assumpsit. The plaintiff, who is a specialist in chronic ailments, and visits Bellefonte at stated periods to meet his patients in this community, brings this action against the railroad Co., for damages by reason of having mislaid his baggage and thus causing delay. After hearing the plaintiff's testimony the plaintiff was non-suited; the action not having been brought properly.

Court adjourned at ten o'clock until Friday morning.

Other civil cases on this week's list and not heretofore mentioned, are as follows: William Freise vs. J. A. Selligman & Co., plea assumpsit. Continued.

Jacob Houser vs. William Eckley, plea assumpsit. Settled.

William Brass vs. Daniel Hall, plea assumpsit. Settled.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Harry Maher, convicted of assault and battery on Murrilla and Mary Weaver, sentenced to pay a fine of \$25, and the costs of prosecution.

Henry Hollabaugh, who pled guilty to taking minor for the purpose of prostitution, sentenced to pay a fine of \$1.00 costs of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of one year and five months.

Life Tate, convicted of furnishing liquor to a person of intemperate habits, sentenced to pay a fine of \$50, cost of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of ninety days.

Com. vs. Morgan Thomas, charge libelation, prosecutrix Martha Thomas. This case was heard by the court without a jury. The court found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution and to carry out the decree of maintenance filed by the court.

Other commonwealth cases entered to these sessions were as follows: Com. vs. Philip J. Zindel, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Mary Oswald. Defendant pled guilty and received the usual sentence in such cases.

Com. vs. Mary Oswald, charge carrying concealed deadly weapons, prosecutrix Philip Zindel. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Augustus Armor, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Emma Yerger. Settled.

Com. vs. Charles Holtzapfel, and Mrs. Holtzapfel, and Mrs. E. Sharp, charge

keeping a disorderly house, prosecutrix Belle Bathurst. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Robert Sheffer, charge betrayal, prosecutrix, Anna Haupt. True bill.

Com. vs. Samuel Lucas, charge betrayal, prosecutrix, Blanche M. Miller. True bill.

Com. vs. Elmer D. Hoover, charge furnishing liquor to minors, prosecutor J. B. Kern. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Com. vs. W. H. Walker, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Nora B. Graden. Settled.

Com. vs. Charles Daywalt, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Martha Parsons. Recognizance renewed.

Com. vs. Henry Bowes, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Abbie L. Switzer. True bill.

Com. vs. William Eiters, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Jennie Smith. Defendant not found.

MONDAY MORNING.

Court called on Monday morning at nine o'clock. List of jurors called and absentees noted. Hearing petitions and motions. Court adjourned at ten o'clock until two o'clock this afternoon.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The following cases on this week's list were disposed of as follows: S. Morris Wain and Howard Conrow, administrators of etc. of Thornton Conrow, deceased, now for the use of John M. Dale, Trustees vs. John Ardell, with notice to Mary J. Ardell and all other true tenants; plea scire facias, sur judgment. Continued.

Calvin Pardee, Mrs. Alice P. Earl, and James M. Earl, her husband; Mrs. Kate S. Pardee, and Frank Pardee her husband; Israel P. Pardee; Mrs. Annie P. Allison, and L. S. Allison her husband; Mrs. Bessie P. VanWickle, and A. L. VanWickle her husband; Barton Pardee; Frank Pardee; Edith Pardee; and Gertrude Pardee, heirs and legal representatives of Oris Pardee, deceased vs. Nathan Haugh, plea trespass. Continued under terms of settlement.

James Auman vs. the Central R. R. Co., of Pa., plea trespass. Continued.

Michael Hague and Charles R. Danenhow, trading as Hague & Co. vs. P. F. Keichline, with clause of scire facias to John M. Keichline executor of etc., of Peter Keichline, deceased; plea attachment execution. Non-suit.

Robert W. Sinclair vs. P. F. Keichline, with clause of scire facias to John M. Keichline, executor of etc., of Peter Keichline, deceased; plea attachment execution. Non-suit.

George E. French vs. D. M. Bilger, William Bilger, Charles Bilger, Albert Bilger, Mrs. E. C. Labor, Mrs. C. J. Calhoun, Mrs. T. C. Parker, Mrs. Irene M. Dermott, Mrs. A. G. Anderson, and Mrs. Georgiana Parker; plea ejectment. Continued.

John I. Thompson vs. the Graysdale Mining Co., limited, plea assumpsit. Dis-continued.

Rachel A. Thomas vs. the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, plea assumpsit. Settled.

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

W. P. Duncan & Co., use of Jenkins & Lingle vs. Austin Curtin, defendant, and H. R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constans Curtin, deceased, garnishee, plea attachment execution. Non-suit as to the garnishee.

W. P. Duncan & Co., use of Jenkins & Lingle vs. John I. Curtin, defendant, and H. R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constans Curtin, garnishee, plea attachment execution. Non-suit as to the garnishee.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ex-relation, use of J. P. Gephart, now for the use of John W. Cooke, vs. John I. Curtin and A. G. Curtin, Jr., defendants, and Harry R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constans Curtin, garnishee, plea attachment execution. Non-suit as to the garnishee.

P. B. Crider and F. W. Crider, partners, trading under the firm name of P. B. Crider & Son vs. James I. Curtin, defendant, and Harry R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constans Curtin, garnishee, plea attachment execution. Non-suit as to the garnishee.

John A. Mann vs. George Dietz, Robert J. Mann and James R. Fye, plea trespass. Continued.

John T. Fowler vs. Eve Sharrer, plea assumpsit. Continued.

Bridget Canavan, by her next friend, Andrew Campbell vs. Michael Canavan, plea subona in divorce A. V. M. Continued.

William I. McDowell vs. G. S. Fiegal, plea ejectment. This action is brought to recover a house and lot and store-room in the borough of Phillipsburg, which sheriff Munson near the close of his term as sheriff sold to the plaintiff as the property of the defendant; the deed for which was made by sheriff Spangler. The defendant now alleges that he has since said sale paid to plaintiff the money for which property was sold and asks

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Closed on Wednesday Evening, This Week.

RESULT OF THE COUNT

Almost 25,000 Votes Were Cast—Much Interest Manifested—The Centre Democrat will pay all expenses for the Two leading contestants, Miss Mary Twitmyer and Wm. B. Rerick.

Sometime ago this paper announced that it would pay all necessary expenses for one term in the Lock Haven State Normal—tuition, boarding, room rent, heat, light, washing, etc.—for some deserving young person in Centre county. The readers of the paper were asked to select some one to whom this scholarship should be awarded, by writing the name in a blank coupon, found in each copy of the paper. These were received and regularly counted at this office, during the past few months.

The last count took place on Wednesday evening, and the following is the result:

LAST COUNT.

The following is the number of votes cast for the above scholarship, to date: Wm. B. Rerick, Benner twp., 12331; Miss Mary Twitmyer, Pleasant Gap, 11979.

We, the undersigned, the judges appointed to count the ballots weekly by the Centre Democrat in the Scholarship contest, certify to the correctness of the above count.

AL. S. GARMAN, }
S. D. GETTIG, } Com.
Wednesday, December 2, '96.

In addition to the above, about two thousand scattering votes were cast for others, who dropped out of the contest. In all, over twenty-five thousand votes were cast, which shows that the public took an interest in this contest.

On Wednesday evening at about 8 p. m., this office was filled with friends of both the young people anxiously awaiting the result of the last count. When Messrs. Al. Garmann and Samuel D. Gettig, the judges, appeared, interested parties came in from all directions. Their certified statement was then passed to the editor of the paper and the result announced.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Owing to the closeness of the contest, and the effort made by these two young people to secure the advantages offered at this well known educational institution, it was announced that the publisher of this paper would send both, instead of one, Miss Mary Twitmyer, of Pleasant Gap, and Wm. B. Rerick, of Benner twp., to the Lock Haven State Normal for the coming winter term and bear all expenses incurred. Thus the scholarship contest closes and we hope all are satisfied with our efforts in this direction.

In our next issue we expect to furnish portraits of the two contestants, accompanied by brief biographies.

Officers Named.

Last Saturday evening Gregg Post held an important meeting which was largely attended. The officers for the ensuing year were named:

Commander—David Bartley.
Senior Vice—S. H. Williams.
Junior Vice—Thos. Donahy and John Bryan.

Post Sergeant—Jas Whittaker.
Chaplain—James Harris.
Officer of the day—John I. Curtin.
Quartermaster—William Jones.
Officers of the Guard—Frank McMullen.

Ordinance Sergeant—Charles Eckeroth.

After the business meeting was over the dining hall was thrown open and an elegant repast was served. A number of the members of the Milesburg Post were present and joined in the festivities.

Penn. State Grange.

The Pennsylvania State Grange will assemble in Altoona on the 8th of December inst. In addition to the bi-ennial election of officers, other business of vast importance to the order will be presented.

The State Grange will pay the mileage or car fare, of representatives, which must be distinctly marked on the credentials before presenting the same to the committee on credentials. Let Centre county win the banner by sending 40 representatives and as many visitors as can make it suit to be in attendance.

Married.

On the 24th of Nov. Mr. Samuel W. Stover and Miss Nellie R. Sharp, both of Hubersburg, were united in marriage by Rev. W. K. Diehl, at Snyderstown, Pa.

New Paper.

The Daily Monitor is the name of a new daily paper issued at Clearfield, Pa., by S. C. Matts. That town should give such an enterprising good support.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Convention to be Held at Bellefonte, Dec. 24.

The School Directors Association of Centre county, will meet in annual convention in the Bellefonte High School room, Thursday, December 24, 1896, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

There will be two sessions. The afternoon session beginning at 1:30 o'clock, in the same room.

The annual dues from each district (not directors) under the constitution of the association is \$1, each district should pay this small but necessary amount to the treasurer.

These meetings are growing in interest annually. It is hoped that no school director will miss this meeting. Come to this meeting fully determined to attend each session, giving to this work your entire time for one day. Delegates to State Directors Association will also be elected.

The Association will be addressed by some of the prominent educators in attendance upon the Institute.

The following questions will be discussed:

(1) "Teachers and directors meetings." Paper by Roy B. Mattern, member of the Milesburg school board. General discussion.

(2) "Are teachers selected with a view of securing the best, according to their merits?" Paper by J. Price Jackson, member of theboro State College school board. General discussion.

(3) "The Compulsory Education Law. What are you doing to carry it out? And can it be effectually enforced?" D. F. Fortney, Bellefonte board. General discussion.

Questions to be answered: Do you have two out houses and do you properly disinfect the out houses? Do you visit the schools? Do you plant trees about your school houses and fix up the grounds?

H. C. RICE,
WM. M. ALLISON,
J. C. P. JONES,
Executive Committee.

Dr. George S. Frank, President and Wm. B. Rankin, Secretary and Treasurer.

General Beaver in the Pulpit.

Ex-Governor Beaver was confronted by a vast audience Sunday night as he stepped upon the platform of the Second Presbyterian church of Altoona. He participated in the Sabbath services at the request of the pastor and session of the church.

His discourse at the morning services dealt chiefly with the prominent parts of all the work of the church such as domestic and foreign missions, education, ministerial sustentation, freedmen, etc.

Sunday night he chose as his topic "System in Beneficence." He introduced the address by remarking that Presbyterians were a peculiar people in one respect. They cannot be driven at all. They do not persuade very easily, but if once convinced of duty, they would do everything that duty asked and more, too. Judge Beaver then showed himself to be an excellent exegite and Bible student by his exposition of passages of Scripture which set forth the duty of Christians as to beneficence.—Tribune.

Shot a Fine Buck.

On Saturday, Bob Jodon, a son of Foster Jodon, aged about 16 years, had the good luck of capturing a fine buck out near Nigh Ore Bank. Young Jodon saw the deer running about in the field, but had only a gun loaded with fine shot.

The animal had been chased from the mountains by dogs. He got quite close to it and the load of fine shot did the work effectually. The animal was a spike buck. It was brought to town and dressed at Beezer & Hazel's shop. It weighed 108 pounds.

Young Jodon feels quite proud of his luck. It was his first deer.

Last Wooden Trestle Going.

The last wooden trestle on line of the Central railroad of Pennsylvania is at the junction of that road and the Nittany Valley railroad, three miles east of Bellefonte. There, a 500 foot structure carries the Central trains over a ravine and the public road to Zion. As the life of a hemlock trestle is only four years, the company has taken time by the forelock and is filling up with ballast. Before the wooden structure has lived its allotted railroad life, the viaduct will be all filled in.

Roll of Honor.

Our Roll of Honor for the month of November indicates that a large number of our patrons believe it pays them to be in the advance list, on subscriptions and thus save on the price of the paper fifty cents a year. No canvasser or solicitor was sent out, but they came in or sent their amounts which further shows that this paper is appreciated. This fact sends us along rejoicing.

MIDNIGHT CONFLAGRATION

Bellefonte Visited by a Disastrous Fire.

HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED

Discovered in Dolls Shoe Store and Spreads to Several Buildings—Heroic Work of the Fire Department—Serious Loss to Many—Estimates of Insurance and Damages.

Early on Wednesday morning, at about 2 o'clock, fire was discovered in Louis Dolls Son's shoe store, on Bishop street, in this place. The fire was discovered by inmates of the building from the smoke, and by persons on the street, at the same time. The alarm was quickly given and the fire whistle was blown but it being at the dead of night the people were not easily aroused. The fire departments responded quickly and the two steamers and hook and ladder appliances were soon on the scene.

The fire started apparently in the rear of Doll's shoe shop and rapidly worked its way up along the wall to the attic. It soon spread eastward to the Rose McCarty building and into the Edward Brown property occupied by Edward Jr., on the first floor with pool room and cigar store, while his father occupied the second story. These buildings were frame structures with double roofs. The fire seemed to travel from attic to attic and was beyond the reach of the firemen. At least a half dozen streams were constantly playing on the burning buildings and the next moment terror would spread by the appearance of the flames in an adjoining building. The night was bitter cold and many of the firemen were drenched to the skin, but they made a heroic battle and finally checked the fire by morning. All the properties from Cyrus Stricklands east on Bishop street had the roofs and second floors burned away; and finally was checked in the corner building on Bishop and Allegheny street. The residence adjoining on Allegheny street, and occupied by Ed Brown Jr., a new frame structure, was afire several times, but by supreme effort was saved.

The following properties were partially destroyed: Lewis Doll stone building, McCarty frame building, Edward Brown estate two frame buildings on Bishop street and residence on Allegheny. The Strickland residence and household goods were damaged by water only. The following tenants suffer losses: Doll's shoe store, Jacob Gross the tailor, Louis Doll's household goods, Chinese laundryman, John McSully's household goods, Edward Brown Jr., cigar store and pool room, Wm. Flack the barber, Coxie's grocery store in corner building, Mrs. Mary Campbell, furniture on second floor of same and Edward Brown, household goods. All the parties carried insurance except the Brown estate whose two buildings are practically destroyed and the residence badly destroyed.

During the fire six sections of hose burst and caused much trouble to the firemen. They were also hampered for a lack of hose. These are things to which council should give immediate attention.

"Miss Philadelphia."

The next attraction at the opera house will be "Miss Philadelphia." For sometime our people have been looking forward to this event as it will, without a doubt, be one of the best entertainments of the season. This play was one of the favorites for sometime in all the leading playhouses in the cities and contains some of the best talent in the profession. It is an unusual thing for our people to have the opportunity of seeing an attraction of such high character in our town and for that reason we expect to see the opera house well filled on Monday evening. There are many people in Bellefonte constantly clamoring for high grade attractions. It is hoped that this one will be patronized by them. It needs no recommendation.

Sign Your Name.

During the past month several communications from about were received but the writers name was not attached to them. It is a rule, that should not be violated, not to publish anything that does not bear the writers name, at least as an evidence of good faith. Writers should remember this fact; it is important with us.

Snap Shots.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad company will abolish the practice of drinking, which exists among many of its employes. It is thought to be the cause of many of the recent wrecks. It is said that detectives will take snap shot photographs of the men who are seen drinking.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.

The Reformed church of Centre Hall dedicated last Sunday.

Last Sunday morning the handsome new brown stone edifice of the Reformed congregation, at Centre Hall, was dedicated. An unusually large gathering of people were present from all parts of the county, and the services were impressive and appropriate.

The services were under the direction of the pastor, Rev. I. H. Eisenberg, who was assisted by Rev. Dr. John C. Bowman, of the Theological Seminary of Lancaster, Pa. The morning sermon by Rev. Bowman was from the text: 1st Chron. 22:5: "The house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries." It was full of chase thought beautifully expressed. His brief description of the temple, its beauty and grandeur led him to speak of reasons for such magnificence. It was to be the Lord's house. So also with temples now. God's temple must be in keeping with the privileges and blessings we enjoy. These temples are ornaments of the places in which they are erected. God asks of us the best and noblest we can give him.

When Dr. Bowman had finished his remarks, Rev. Eisenberg made a statement regarding the building of the new edifice. The Ladies' Aid Society had been collecting money for years for just such a purpose, and had purchased two lots upon which such a building should be erected. About two years ago a committee was appointed to decide upon a design and the project was under way.

The building not including furniture and fitting had cost \$5,500, and with the furnishings the whole cost was \$7,500. Of this amount \$5,000 had been provided, there remaining on the morning of the dedication an indebtedness of about \$2,500.

A canvass was carefully made of the audience and after about two hours of solid work the necessary funds and more too, were subscribed. The amounts ranged from \$300 down, and the total footed up nearly \$2,900. Then the dedication services were begun. It was now about one o'clock, and the audience was held a short time as possible.

This, the crowning act of the seven years of Rev. Eisenberg's pastorate in that community, was accomplished by earnest, faithful work by pastor, committee and members. Too much praise cannot be given to this congregation for the interest they have taken in acquiring such a handsome, commodious and comfortable place of worship.

The new church is a very fine structure. The walls are of rich brown stone, with light colored stone for trimming, with a massive tower on the corner. The exterior is a model of architectural design. The interior has a spacious audience room, with circular pews of heavy polished oak. The pulpit furniture is in keeping with these surroundings, while the floor is covered with a beautiful carpet. The large stained glass memorial windows admit a warmth of light that blends with the rich frescoing of the walls and ceiling and makes it one of the most cozy and comfortable places of worship.

The Sunday school room is on the same floor, at a slight elevation and the two apartments can easily be thrown into one.

This handsome edifice must be seen to be appreciated. We congratulate the pastor and congregation upon the success that has crowned their efforts in the erection of this beautiful house of worship.

Death of Mrs. Wm. McClelland.

Mrs. Elizabeth McClelland widow of the late Wm. McClelland, died at the home of her son Charles on east Lamb street at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The deceased had been ailing for some time. Mrs. McClelland's maiden name was Elizabeth Bell and she was born at Carlisle, Pa. March 4th 1823, thus making her age 73 years 8 months and 28 days. She has been a resident of Bellefonte for many years. She leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn her loss. They are Mrs. Anna Meadville of Bellwood, Harry McClelland of the same place and Charles and William of Bellefonte.

A Former Bellefonte Pastor for Chaplain.

Rev. Miles O. Noll, pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Carlisle, has announced himself as a candidate for the position of chaplain of the next House of Representatives.

Rev. Noll two years ago was pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed Church.

Pension Granted.

Mrs. Mary Singer, of Eagleville, widow of the late Wm. Singer, has been granted a pension of twelve dollars a month and \$800 back pay.