

JANUARY COURT IN SESSION

Full Report of Proceedings and Verdicts

CONSTABLES MUST BE PAID

A Ruling by Judge Love That is of Interest—
A Test Case—List of Cases Tried and Dis-
posed—Other Items of Interest.

Court called at 9:30 a. m. on Monday,
with Hon. John G. Love, president
judge, on the bench.

The greater part of the session was
taken up in hearing petitions and mo-
tions presented by different members of
the bar.

The list of grand jurors called, and
jury sworn, and retired to pass on the
different bills of indictment that will be
laid before them by the District Attorney.
Hayes Shenck, Justice of the Peace, of
Howard boro, foreman.

The constables of the different bor-
oughs and townships of the county then
made their quarterly returns.

List of traverse jurors called and thirty-
nine answered to their names.

List of civil cases done for trial for
this week was then gone over, and cases
for actual trial ascertained.

Court adjourned at 11:30.

DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES.

Fisher & Co. vs. Richard Bowen, plea
assumpsit. Judgment taken in favor of
the plaintiff, for \$86.74.

Centre County Banking Co. vs. H. M.
Meek, defendant, and William Witmer,
terre tenant, plea scire facias, sur judg-
ment. Continued.

Samuel Gramley, executor of etc., of
Sarah Shaffer, deceased, vs. Jacob B.
Hazel. Continued, at the cost of the
defendant.

J. Comel & Co. vs. Celia Ratowsky,
plea assumpsit. Settled.

Abe Funk and B. J. Emertine, trading
as Funk & Emertine vs. Celia Ratowsky,
plea assumpsit. Settled.

Harry Ritzinger and Joseph Zeulke,
trading as Ritzinger & Zeulke vs. Celia
Ratowsky; plea assumpsit. Settled.

J. Cohen vs. Celia Ratowsky, plea as-
sumpsit. Settled.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Com. vs. Albert Everts, charge adu-
ltery; prosecutrix, Eva Everts. Defend-
ant plead guilty.

Com. vs. Roland Confer, charge bet-
rayal; prosecutrix, Bertha Zeigler. Def-
endant renewed his recognizance, to
April sessions.

Com. vs. Frank Huey, charge bet-
rayal; prosecutrix, Lucy Hampton. Def-
endant renewed his recognizance to
April sessions.

Com. vs. G. P. Garrett, charge libel;
prosecutor Tobias Klinefelter. Settled.

Ellis L. Orvis, executor of etc., of John
H. Orvis, deceased vs. A. Brockerhoff,
administrator of etc., of Rose A. McCarty;
plea scire facias sur mortgage. Verdict
in favor of the plaintiff for \$487.50.

Francis M. Atherton, use of Thomas
Meyer vs. Margaret F. Alexander and
James W. Alexander, administrators of
etc., of C. T. Alexander, deceased, James
W. Alexander, H. C. Yarrington and
Robert Yarrington, heirs at law, and
Margaret F. Alexander, widow of C. T.
Alexander, deceased, defendants, and
Robert McCalmont and Rose Shortidge,
terre tenants; plea scire facias sur judg-
ment. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff
for \$1364.13.

W. H. Williams and Jennie B. Wil-
liams, administrators of etc., of Aaron
Williams, deceased vs. Jacob Mattern,
David Mattern, Miles Mattern, J. Linn
Mattern and Mary M. Mattern, admin-
istrators of etc., of John B. Mattern, de-
ceased, plea scire facias sur mortgage.
Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, for
\$879.99 and an attorney's commission of
\$210.

Henrietta Kline vs. the Overseer of the
Poor of Boggs township, plea assumpsit.
This action is brought to recover for
eighteen weeks board of Irvin Kline,
plaintiff's son, and eight weeks board for
his wife at the rate of \$1.50 per week,
amounting to \$40.50 from the defendant
township; and the Overseers of the Poor
allege that they had provided a place for
these people at a Mrs. Heatons in Boggs
township, whereas the plaintiff lives in
Spring township. Verdict on Tuesday
morning in favor of the defendant.

Com. vs. William Scott, charge lar-
ceny, prosecutor, C. H. Davis, for tak-
ing a small child's watch, valued at
about \$2. Defendant plead guilty.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Com. vs. John Casher, charge betrayal,
prosecutrix Margaret Cahill. Defend-
ant plead guilty and was sentenced to
pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prose-
cution and to pay to the prosecutrix the

sum of \$40, the child being dead.

Samuel Alters, use of Jacob Kitzer vs.
John Stover and Emanuel Eisenhut,
plea assumpsit. Action brought to re-
cover for timber sold to the defendants
and for hauling telephone poles and
props for John Stoner. Verdict in favor
of the plaintiff for \$67.06.

Com. vs. Harry Switzer, indicted on
three charges, first count assault and
battery, second count aggravated assault
and battery, third count felonious assault
with intent etc; prosecutor Levi Fye.
The facts in this case are about as given
in this paper in the first issue in January.

Mrs. Josephine Reed, charge resisting
officer Garis, who had been deputized by
a constable, to make an arrest. This
was an irregular proceeding. Discharg-
ed defendant and prosecutor pay cost.

George Adams, Milesburg, charge as-
sault and battery; prosecutor Sylvester
Heaton. Not guilty and costs divided.

Al. Everts, of Penn twp., plead guilty
to adultery; fine \$100, cost and 6 months
in the county jail. Mrs. Everts immedi-
ately filed an application for divorce.

All Jurors were discharged Wednesday
noon.

Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon. Judges of the Court of
Quarter Sessions in and for Centre Co.
The Grand Inquest for January term
submit the following:

They have acted upon twelve bills of
indictment, presented by the District At-
torney, for consideration, five of which
signed and the remaining seven returned
true bills.

At the instances of the court they ex-
amined the public buildings. The jail
and public offices were found neat and
clean—discovered no want of proper at-
tention on the part of the officers.

Evidence of want of repair in order to
perverse the public property from further
destructions was quite noticeable in sev-
eral instances, and we respectfully sub-
mit the following recommendations:

1st. We recommend re-papering of
business office and jail.

2nd. We recommend a change in the
plumbing in the cells in water closets and
basins.

3rd. We recommend the partition be-
tween male and female prisoners be
double thickness and tight.

4th. We recommend sufficient and
comfortable clothing for the present lady
prisoner.

5th. We recommend enlarging of Jury
rooms also a ladies waiting room annex.

6th. We recommend a new roof, of
modern style, on the Court House also
repair of ceiling in court room.

7th. We recommend that new furni-
ture be put into the Register and Record-
er's offices, also re-papering of the Treas-
urer's office.

We desire to return our thanks to the
court and the District Attorney for uni-
form courtesy and assistance during our
deliberations.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

For some time there has been a differ-
ence of opinion among the members of
the lower courts in this state as to whether
constables were entitled to compensation
for attending elections and making re-
turns. A number have ruled that under
the act of May 1893 no provision was
made for compensation and therefore
could not be allowed. Judge Cyrus Gor-
don, of Clearfield, and others, took this
position. At our recent session of court,
we believe the county commissioners
did not pay constables for attending
elections and making their regular re-
turns. They acted upon the decision of
other courts. A test case was made and
submitted to Hon. Jno. G. Love for an
opinion. On Monday the same was de-
livered and it is to the effect that the act
of 1893 does not deprive constables of
their customary compensation and direct-
ed that same be paid.

This seems sensible from our way of
looking at matters. There is no reason
why any public officer be required to
render any such service without proper
and sufficient pay. We believe in giving
full value for all public service—and
never any more.

THE SHERIFF CONTEST.

During the past week there has been
very little surface work in the contest.
On last Saturday the attorneys on each
side filed their "objections" to the others
"bill of particulars." What that amounts
to we can not say. The next step likely
will be the application for an examiner,
by Millers attorney, to recount the bal-
lots and take testimony. This will be
the occasion for some argument before
the court upon the merits of the case, as
to whether there is sufficient evidence to
merit a contest. No date has yet been
fixed for this proceeding.

The attorneys on both sides are quite
active gathering information and matter
relative to the vote on sheriff.

On Thursday forenoon a petition was
offered by Miller's attorneys for the
opening of the ballot boxes impounded
and recounting the vote on sheriff. The
Court promptly granted same. Charles
P. Hewes, Esq., was appointed examiner
and Robt. F. Hunter and Harry C. Brew
as clerks, to begin on February 8th.
After the count is made further testimony
will be taken.

A DANDY GHOST STORY

One of Col. Dunham's Recent Yarns in the Grit

GHOSTS ABOUT BELLEFONTE

Seen in the Vicinity of Ardell's Lumber Yard
—Two Noted Characters Once Lived in
in that vicinity—Not all Ghost Stories are
Supposed to be true.

Ghost stories are read by some people
with much relish. There are many who
believe in ghosts, hob-goblins, and such
like. We have no fear of such monstrosi-
ties and other hideous creatures of the
imagination, that terrorize some people
and frighten little folks so that they will
not venture out, when darkness enshrouds
old Mother Earth. A clever ghost story
recently appeared in the Williamsport
Grit, in reference to a well known local-
ity in this community.

We publish it for the amusement of our
readers in the hope that no one will give
it any serious consideration. Here it is:

"Ever since the early history of mankind
ghosts have existed, either in reality or
in the imagination of the human mind.
Ghosts are not confined to one locality,
but are reputed to exist the world over,
and are supposed to be the disembodied
spirits of the dead. In this county, as well
as all other counties, in every locality
where a murder has been committed, or
is supposed to have been committed,
ghosts stalk abroad at the midnight hour
to the great discomfort of the credulous
living residing in such localities, and those
passing through it at that time of night.
For some weeks past Bellefonte has been
enjoying the luxury of a ghost scare, or
rather that portion of it located at the
west end of Logan street including the
lumber yard of the John Ardell planing
mill. Investigation has been made to
discover why his or her ghostship should
select that locality to enjoy its midnight
rambles, and the conclusion of the inves-
tigators are as follows:

Way back in the early 40's two brothers
named Flanigan resided in that locality.
Bob's bore an unenviable reputation as
thieves and robbers. Their crimes be-
came so notorious that they had to seek
some other community for safety. The
next heard of them was in Cambria
county, where at the little town of Muncy,
about six miles east of Ebensburg, lo-
cated on the Pittsburg pike, the Flanigans
brutally murdered an aged widow for
her money. She kept the only tavern in
the place. For this crime they were ar-
rested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to
be hanged. While waiting their execu-
tion the Sheriff's daughter fell in love with
the younger Flanigan, and one stormy
night both the criminals disappeared
from the jail and have never been heard
of since, although the county offered
\$500 for their apprehension, and the state
the same amount. This was in 1843.

At the time the Flanigans resided in
Bellefonte a traveler and a pedler were
missing and although a thorough search
was made for them they were never heard
of afterwards. In after years the Flanigan
residence was torn down to make room
for a better one, and in digging out the
cellar a human skeleton was found with
a bullet hole in its skull. The ghost in-
vestigators came to the conclusion that
the ghost so frequently seen in that lo-
cality is the spirit of that murdered man.
There are people in that locality who do
not go out of their homes after 9 p. m.
In fact, that ghost, whether in spirit
form or in the imagination of the human
mind, is demoralizing the neighborhood,
and many efforts have been made "to
lay that ghost," but without avail.

The last effort in that direction was
made by two men noted for their bravery,
and who do not believe in disembodied
spirits, ghosts, hobgoblins, or long necked
things. Each put a rabbit foot in his
pocket, and one arming himself with a
revolver, the other with a baseball bat.

At midnight, when graves are suppos-
ed to yawn and spirits of the dead come
forth for a little earthly exercise, they
started to interview the ghost. When
near Cook's old coal yard, opposite the
lumber yard, the two men saw something
like a misty, indistinct, human being,
and with only a gliding toward them
without noise, forward motion. The
nearer it approached them the more dis-
tinct the object became, until it devlop-
ed into a man holding one hand to his
head. The man with the revolver called
on the spirit to halt, but the ghost or
spirit continued to glide towards him.
One man then fired five shots into the
object, which had no visible effect in
stopping its advance. The other then
struck at it, his baseball bat going
through the body without meeting any
resistance, not even checking the advance
of the object. The two gentlemen jump-
ed to one side and left the ghost pass.

After it had passed them it stopped,
and turning towards them gave such a

demonic, horrid grin that their hair
stood straight on end, lifting their hats
off their heads. The apparition then
dissolved into air.

All this the two men aver, and are now
full believers in ghosts. Some of the
residents have sent to Renno valley for a
pow-wow doctor to come and "lay the
ghost." Whether there are such things
as ghosts except in the imagination is a
debatable question, but this ghost is
making a big rumpus.

THE STATE'S FINANCES.

Something Will Suffer for Lack of Appro-
priations.

In speaking of the low ebb of the state
finances the Harrisburg Patriot, in an
article on the subject, has this to say:

Unless the most rigid economy is ob-
served by the present legislature in au-
thorizing public expenditures for the
next two fiscal years it will bankrupt
the state treasury. A general reduction
will have to be made in the appropri-
ations to the institutions dependent en-
tirely upon the state for support to keep
within the limits of the revenues. To
begin with the appropriation of \$5,500,000
a year to the public schools will have
to be scaled down at least a million or
two. If it is not, many of the seminate
and private charities will be cut off with-
out a cent.

The question of finance is the most im-
portant that confronts the state lawmak-
ers. Two years ago Governor Hastings
found it necessary to send a special
message to the legislature calling a halt
on the indiscriminate appropriation of
public moneys. At that time a move-
ment was started to reduce the approp-
riation to the public schools. It was
checked at the start by 125 members of
the house signing an agreement to op-
pose such a reduction. Unless immedi-
ate action is taken by the legislature to
increase the state revenues there can be
no relief for the overcrowded insane
asylums, penitentiaries and hospitals.
Even if legislation is enacted increasing
state taxation the money would not be-
come available before the beginning of
next year.

The report of State Treasurer Hay-
wood at the close of December showed a
balance in the general fund of \$3,724,829.
Against this the moneys owing the school
districts, hospitals, penitentiaries and the
salaries of state officials must be paid
when they become due. There is still
\$3,000,000 of the school appropriation un-
paid, while \$1,500,000 must be return-
ed to the county in personal property
tax. These two items alone making \$4,500,000,
nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the
balance in the general fund.

This trouble did not arise four or five
years ago when there was a balance of
\$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 in the general
fund. The drain upon the treasury comes
largely from the increased appropriation
to the public schools, which jumped from
\$2,000,000 in 1890 to \$5,000,000 in 1891
and \$5,500,000 since 1893, a difference of
\$3,500,000 a year.

The revenues for the next fiscal year,
it is estimated, will not be as large as
they were during the past year, when
they amounted in round figures to \$10,000,000.
Of this nearly \$100,000,000 was
derived by the collection of taxes due to
the state by delinquent corporations.
Some of these concerns were back sev-
eral years in their taxes and the state will
not have this resource to draw upon in
1896.

One or two remedies suggested to re-
lieve this unfavorable condition is to tax
anthracite coal five cents a ton at the
mines, and also to increase the tax on
the actual value of the capital stock of
domestic insurance companies.

Tree Owners Have Rights.

The Pennsylvania superior court de-
cides that tree owners have some rights.
The employes of a telegraph company,
which had a line crossing the land of Dr.
John Marshall, in Bucks county, entered
upon that land to add new cross bars and
wires to the poles. To facilitate such
additions they cut down a number of fine
shade trees growing on Dr. Marshall's
place; The men were arrested, and for
this wanton destruction were fined \$50
each, and in default of payment, to im-
prisonment for fifty days. The superior
court has affirmed the sentence.

The Long and Short of It.

A tall western girl named Short long
loved a certain big Mr. Little, while Lit-
tle, little thinking of Short, loved a lass
named Long. To make a long story
short, Little proposed to Long and Short
longed to be even with Little's short-
comings. So short meeting Long threat-
ened to marry little before Long, which
caused Little in a short time to marry
Long. Did tall short love big Little less
because Little loved Long?

will Extend Its Line.

The Millheim telephone company will
soon extend its line from Spring Mills to
Centre Hall, and ultimately to Belle-
fonte.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

What Has Transpired at the National Capitol

THAT ARBITRATION TREATY

Some Objections to the Measure—President
Cleveland's Obstinacy—Quarrel Over a
Senatorship.

Senator Gray, of Delaware, will this
week present the credentials of Mr. Ken-
ney, who was last week elected Senator
by the legislature, and whose credentials
are properly certified by the governor of
that state. A hard fight is going to be
made by the republicans to keep Mr.
Kenny out of his seat. Inasmuch as Mr.
Kenny, who is a silver democrat, will re-
ceive the support of all the silver Sena-
tors, it is expected that the republicans
will devote their efforts to trying to stave
off a vote until after the 4th of March,
when they will be stronger in the Senate.
It is said that "Little Billee" Chandler's
scheme of re-opening the Dupont applica-
tion will be abandoned because of the
refusal of some of the republican Sena-
tors to support it, and that instead the
claim of the gas millionaire, Addricks,
which has already been presented to the
Senate by Chandler, he is always around
when anything dirty in the political line
is needed will be urged against that of
Senator-elect Kenney. Addrick has got
plenty of money and if there are any votes
in the Senate that can be bought, he is
willing to spend it.

Senator Turpie called up the Cameron
Cuban resolution and made a spirited
speech thereon, in which he made it plain
that while he was just as strongly in fa-
vor of the independence of Cuba as ever,
he was even more strongly in favor of ac-
tion which would declare the Senate to
be independent of Executive authority.

Senator Morgan has not at any time
been over friendly towards arbitration
treaty, and since the Nicaragua Canal
bill, of which he was an ardent support-
er, was given its death blow by the notice
from the minister of the Greater Republic
of Central America that Nicaragua, which
is a part of that republic, would not al-
low the concessions granted to the Canal
Company to be controlled by the United
States, as proposed in the bill, but would
be willing to open negotiations on the sub-
ject with this government direct, he seems
disposed to even up things with England
by trying to defeat the arbitration treaty.
Senator Morgan says that England is
merely making a catspaw out of those
little Central American governments, and
that one of its reasons for wanting that
arbitration treaty enforced is to get a
hand in the control of the Nicaragua can-
al. This it would do, if the arbitration
treaty were in force, by getting up a dis-
pute with us over the Canal and then re-
ferring it to arbitration, with the certainty
that King Oscar, of Sweden, would name
an umpire who would decide in England's
favor. Senator Morgan is fighting mad
about it, and that isn't going to help the
arbitration treaty any.

Miss Maud Stalmaker, a young lady
of Washington, D. C., was recently an
applicant for a position under the
Civil Service Rules and probably passed
the most difficult examination that has
ever been prepared by the Civil Service
commission. She was the only one who
was able to pass the examination, but the
War department refuses to appoint her
to the vacant clerkship on the ground that
she is a woman. The examination re-
quired translation into English of Tech-
nical Military Works in French, German,
Spanish and Italian; typewriting in all of
these languages and ability to do proof-
reading and prepare manuscript for the
press; a knowledge of modern library
methods; cataloguing, indexing and of
the English language and literary com-
position. The salary of the position de-
manding all these requirements is \$1500 a
year.

Some very interesting, although rather
tardy talk about the methods by which
President Cleveland shut out members
of Congress out of presence, thus depriv-
ing himself of information he should have
had and would have had about legisla-
tion asked for by the people who are
directly represented by the members of
the House, preceded the passage by the
House, over the President's veto, of the
bill providing for the establishment of a
new division of the eastern judicial dis-
trict of Texas. Representative Cooper
told the House of several trips he made
to the White House for the purpose of
explaining to Mr. Cleveland why his con-
stituents wanted this legislation, and of
his finally being told by private secretary
Thuber that it was useless for him to con-
tinue his efforts to see the President, be-
cause he had already made up his mind
to veto the bill. It is believed that the
Senate will endorse this action of the
House.

SPECIAL MEETINGS!

Pomona Grange No. 13, at its recent
meeting at Milesburg, provided for a se-
ries of special meetings in different parts
of the county. The first to be held at—
Millheim, Jan. 28th, 9:30 a. m., and 2
p. m.
Sprucetown, Jan. 29th 9:30 a. m., and
2 p. m.
Leonard Grange, Rock Springs, Feb. 4
9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Half Moon, Feb. 5th, 9:30 a. m., and
2 p. m.
Hublersburg, Feb. 18th 9:30 a. m., and
2 p. m.
Unionville, Feb. 11th, 9:30 a. m., and 2
p. m.

These meetings are for the benefit of
Patrons at which time instructions will
be given in the unwritten work and the
5th degree conferred if desired.

The officers of the County Grange and
Representatives of the Insurance Co., Pic-
Com., and other interests of the Grange
will be present.

Tons of Deer.

McKean Democrat: A. Reilly, of that
borough, in talking about the wild game
to be found in this section 35 or 40 years
ago, said that he, the narrator, in com-
pany with the late Judge Arnold, of Port
Allegany, were for some time engaged
in buying and shipping venison to New
York and Philadelphia markets. They
only shipped the saddles of the deer to
the city, but in one year they shipped
from the Olean station, which was the
nearest shipping point in this section of
northwestern Pennsylvania, 15 tons of
these saddles. The deer were all killed
in McKean and Potter counties. Mr.
Reilly said they paid 4 cents per pound
for the saddles and by the time they got
them to the market they cost them 8 cents
per pound, and the ruling market price
that year for venison in the Philadelphia
market was 12½ cents. This will seem
like a big deer story to those who were not
familiar with the history of McKean
county a generation ago.

Sullivan is Without a Dollar.

John L. Sullivan, whose great fists have
earned for him in his time nearly five
hundred thousand dollars, was the other
day in the Poor Debtors' court in Boston
upon his own application, to take the
oath for the relief of such as he is now a
penniless man. His case was continued.
The ex-champion heavyweight was ar-
rested a fortnight ago upon an execution
in favor of Florist Galvin for about three
hundred dollars, and to liberate himself
from the arrest he applied for the poor
debtors' oath and furnished surety.

New Use For Baked Bananas.

A correspondent of the New York
Press claims that baked bananas are the
ideal food for nervous persons and brain
workers. He also says that this food
will unfailingly build up and strengthen
lean, blood-pure persons. The banana
should be baked in its skin in an oven for
fifteen or twenty minutes until it is quite
soft and bursts open.

Hurt at Tyrone.

Miss Jennie Stover was seriously injur-
ed by a sled going down over an em-
bankment near Tyrone on last Monday
evening. The young lady is a daughter
of J. Fall Stover who lives in the Beaver
row this place, and was employed in an
art studio in Tyrone. Her injuries con-
sisted in the sled striking her upon the
breast.

Thursday Appointments.

This Thursday evening a bowel soci-
al will be held in the Presbyterian chap-
el, by the young people. Everybody is
invited.

A supper will be held in the McClain
Block by the ladies of the Coleville M. E.
chapel. Chicken and waffle and oyster
will be served.

A Mother's meeting will be held at 4
p. m., in the W. C. T. U. room.

The Holy Communion.

The holy communion will be adminis-
tered in St. John's Reformed church,
Bellefonte, on Sunday morning, Jan. 31,
at 10:30. On Saturday afternoon, at 2
o'clock preparatory service will be held.
Parents who have children to be baptised
will please bring them to the church on
Saturday afternoon.

R. L. BRIGGTON GERHART,

Pastor

Elocutionary Entertainment.

On Saturday evening February 5th, an
oratorical entertainment will be given in
the Presbyterian church at Centre Hall,
by Miss Annie R. Dunkle, of the nation-
al school of oratory. Admission 10 and
20 cents.

Glass Factory for DuBois.

The contract for the glass factory
buildings at DuBois have been awarded
and the erection of the plant is to begin
at once. Application has been made for a
charter for the company.