

## CONCLUSION OF COURT

### A Short Session Was Held This Week

### MANY CASES WERE SETTLED

Complete Report of All Cases Disposed Last Week—Jury Discharged on Wednesday—Only a Few Cases put on Trial—Cases Continued or Settled. Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

The following is the report of proceedings in court last week, from Thursday morning, after this paper went to press:

The following criminal cases, entered to January sessions were disposed of as follows, last week: Com. vs. George Johnson, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Esther Grubb. Recognizance renewed to April sessions.

Com. vs. Charles Daywalt, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Martha Parsons. Defendant pleaded guilty and received the usual sentence in such cases.

Com. vs. Frank Snyder, charge receiving stolen goods, prosecutor Jere Brumgart. Bill ignored.

Com. vs. George B. Shaffer, charge rape, prosecutrix Sallie Auman. Bill ignored.

Com. vs. Andrew Immel, charge false pretences; prosecutor A. F. Harter. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs, save the \$4 due the county.

Com. vs. George Grimes, charge surety of the peace; prosecutrix Caroline Grimes. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Joseph McCulley, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Dolly Martz. Settled.

Com. vs. Samuel Butler, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Mabel McCloskey. Defendant renewed his recognizance to April sessions.

Com. vs. William Reed, charge assault and battery, prosecutrix Josephine Reed. Bill ignored and J. M. Kiechline to pay the costs.

Sentences on Thursday:—Wm. Scott who plead guilty of larceny of a small watch at Philipsburg was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1, costs of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months.

Henry Switzer, convicted of stabbing Levi Fye on Christmas night, sentenced to pay a fine of \$25, costs of prosecution and imprisonment in the county jail for a period of eight months.

### SECOND WEEK.

Court called on Monday morning with Judges Love and Faulkner on the bench. The greater portion of the forenoon was consumed in hearing petitions and motions.

The list of jurors called and thirty-three answered to their names.

The following civil cases were disposed of on Monday:

Michael Canavan vs. Orrin L. Schoonover, plea trespass. Settled.

David Rothrock, administrator, de bonis non cum testamento annexo of Henry Rothrock, deceased, in part of the use of David Rothrock and John R. Rothrock vs. Henry Rothrock, Jr., with notice to John Woods, George Garbrick, Sallie J. Kelley, William Kelley and David Kelley as terre tenants; plea scire facias, sur mortgage. This case is special.

James Auman vs. The Central R.R. of Pa., plea trespass. Non suit.

Alfred Thompson and E. C. Schildt, trading as Thompson & Schildt vs. Wm. Oswalt, plea replevin. Settled.

Montgomery & Co. vs. R. C. Irvin, defendant, and H. R. Curtin, administrator, of etc., of Constance Curtin, deceased. Garnishee, plea attachment, execution. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff, for \$135.36.

Michael Nicholas vs. R. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, trading and doing business as A. M. McClain & Co., plea assumpsit. Continued.

Montgomery & Co. vs. R. C. Irvin, defendant, and H. R. Curtin, administrator of etc., of Constance Curtin, deceased; garnishee plea attachment execution. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff, \$770.34.

John A. Mann vs. George Deitz, Robt. J. Mann and James R. Fye, plea assumpsit. Continued.

Wm. Mann vs. Robert Cooke, Jr., plea assumpsit. Non suit.

Frank Witchy and Morgan Griffith trading as Witchy & Griffith vs. William Parker, plea assumpsit. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$720.

Rose Sternberg Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon trespass. Continued.

John M. Long, endorser vs. William T. Leathers and Allison H. Leathers, executors of etc., of John B. Leathers, deceased, who was endorser for W. M. Leathers, plea assumpsit. Non suit.

George R. Boak vs. George Bowes, Arthur Graham, and Harry Fye, plea eject-

ment. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff against George Bowes for the land described in the writ.

W. H. Williams and Jennie B. Williams administrators of etc., of Aaron Williams, deceased, vs. S. R. Pringle, executor of etc., of Terrence McAlarney, deceased, plea scire facias sur mortgage. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$325.20.

Rose Sternberg Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon and Tillie Lyon, plea trespass. Continued.

S. R. Schumaker vs. D. M. Butts, A. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, trading and doing business as D. M. Butts & Co., plea assumpsit. Continued.

C. L. Beck vs. Dr. J. A. Bright, plea trespass. Continued.

Mattie Garland, vs. Amos Garland, plea subpoena in divorce. Counsel have agreed to take the testimony on a rule.

Catharine Sentman and Jevrett Sentman, her husband. John Mays, Mary L. Walker, and Philip Walker, her husband; Anna E. Mills, and John Mills, her husband; Maria Hondeshell, and Wesley Hondeshell, her husband; Phoebe Hondeshell, and Benjamin Hondeshell, her husband; Harriet Roley, Jacob Mays, Mathias Mays, John Freeze, Mary Holt, and her husband; Elizabeth Myers, and William Myers, her husband; William Freeze, Ferdinand Freeze, Philip Freeze, Mary A. Mays, John Henry Mays, Jacob Mays, George Mays, and Hannah Mays, the last five being minors and acting through their guardian ad litem, Mathias Mays, heirs and legal representatives of Mary Ann Mays, deceased vs. Rebecca Parker and Mathias Parker, plea ejectment. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ to be retained upon the payment of \$169.36 in one year with interest.

J. P. Sebring vs. F. G. Ingram, plea replevin. This action is brought to set the title to a lot of corn, oats and hay on the farm of the plaintiff, claimed by the plaintiff on account of a debt owing to him by the defendant, under a contract of a written lease. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

J. H. Reifsnider vs. Hannah Reed, plea assumpsit. This action was brought to recover money paid to the defendant by the plaintiff while settling up the estate of the defendant's deceased husband. Verdict in favor of the defendant, for \$170.32.

John A. Hunter vs. John I. Thompson, Wm. Thompson, James I. Thomas and William Rembeizer, plea trespass. Settled.

Mary M. Frank vs. The Borough of Howard, plea ejectment. Verdict in favor of the land described in the writ, with stay of execution for sixty days.

Frick Company vs. Joseph G. Carson, pleas assumpsit. Judgement confessed in open court in favor of the plaintiff for \$225, with stay of execution for thirty days.

### Hawkers License.

A petition was circulated yesterday afternoon among our merchants, and which will be sent to the merchants throughout the county for their signature, asking the senate and assembly of Pennsylvania to pass a law compelling all hawkers to take out a license in regular form and imposing a fine and imprisonment upon all violators of the act. The petition in a very short time secured the signature of about 50 of our merchants and representative business men. A similar petition has been in circulation in Clearfield county and already has 150 signers. A like movement is in progress in Blair, Jefferson, Clinton and other counties of the state.—Philipsburg Journal.

### From Illinois.

Mr. G. T. Shaffer, of Clifton, Illinois, one of our readers writes as follows: "We have had fine weather up until January 22nd. At this time it has grown very cold, and at this writing 25th the mercury was 20 degrees below zero. Most of the time this season we have had good roads and fine weather. Times are exceedingly dull and while crops were good the low prices spoil everything. For instance corn is 16 cents, oats 14 cents, hay \$6 a ton. Farmers are buying timber to build cribs to hold their corn for a better market."

### Our Fighting Force.

According to the adjutant general's report there are 839,528 men in the state capable of shouldering a musket and fighting for the country. This gives us some idea of the size of the army we could raise in case of a row. We could enlist more troops than all the transportation facilities of the world could bring against us. Other nations will think about this before they get in a row with Uncle Sam.

### New Shoe Store for Mill Hall.

Mill Hall is to have a new shoe store, Jesse Watkins, proprietor of the Boston boot and shoe store, at Millheim, is now making preparations to remove his store from that place to our neighboring borough. Mr. Watkins intends locating at Mill Hall.

## A COASTING ACCIDENT

### Four Persons Injured on Saturday Evening.

### THE GAME LAWS CHANGED

A Bill That Will Afford More Protection to Game Drafted by State Board of Game Commissioners.—Severe Penalties Imposed on Violators.

On last Saturday evening coasting was simply fine in Bellefonte and several hundred—men, women, boys and girls—were out enjoying the rare sport. Coming down Allegheny street from Curtin, the long coasters loaded down with ten, twelve and even more persons, shot by almost every minute with the rapidity of an express train. The velocity was remarkable and exceedingly dangerous.

The first accident occurred to a coaster in charge of Ed. Chambers. The guide rope, to the front bob, broke and the sled with its human freight cut a curve for the gutter and then tumbled over and over. It happened quick as a flash, a rush was made to assist the injured. Chambers was cut about the face and the bark peeled off at a number of places on his nose. He wanted to send for a doctor at once but concluded not. Among the other little boys on this sled were: Burgess W. E. Gray, Clem. Dale, Esq. Harry Schreyer, Mr. Roberts, Editor Tom. Harter and others. All were somewhat bruised but none seriously injured.

Soon after a more fatal sled came down the icy slope. This one was guided by Fred Thompson, a colored boy. It seems that at the steepest point on the hill he lost control of the steering apparatus and the coaster plunged to the side striking another sled and crushed into a tree at the stone school house building, with great force. Nearly everyone on this sled were injured and in some cases, quite seriously. Their injuries were as follows:

Fred Thompson, colored, was guiding the sled, scalp wounds, gash in forehead eight inches long, teeth knocked out and one finger broken. Bruce Barnhart, badly bruised and cut about the head. Blanche Jacobs, badly cut about face and head, deep gash on forehead. Gertrude Irwin ankle sprained and bruised. As soon as possible the injured ones were attended to.

### CHANGE IN THE GAME LAWS.

State Board Drafts a Bill To Take the Place of Existing Statutes.

The State board of game commissioners has drafted a general law to take the place of the numerous local and general game acts. The proposed act makes hunting or shooting on Sunday punishable by a fine of \$25 for every offense or one day imprisonment for every dollar of the penalty imposed. It prohibits the killing, wounding, trapping of song birds and the taking or needlessly destroying of nests or eggs of song or wild birds, except for scientific purposes. Certificates may be secured by persons over fifteen years old for the collection of birds, their nests or eggs or game mammals for scientific purposes on payment of a fee of \$5 and the filing of a bond of \$100 with the board. The English sparrow, kingfisher, cooper's hawk, sharp-skinned hawk, buck hawk, pigeon hawk, great horned owl, red birds and doves are not protected by the act.

Wild turkey, pheasant, grouse, quail, partridge, woodcock, prairie chicken, English, Mongolian or Chinese pheasants, elk, deer or fawn may be killed from October 15 to December 15. Hunting of deer with dogs and the killing of game for sale or shipment outside the state is punishable by a heavy fine and imprisonment. The act also prohibits the hunting of rabbits with ferrets and the trapping of game birds and animals with snares, blinds, etc. Decoys may be used, though, in hunting ducks, wild geese and brant and quail may be trapped from January 1 to February 15 for protection during the winter. The fines collected under the act are to be covered into the state treasury for the use of the board.

### Saw McKinley.

George W. Atherton, president of Pennsylvania State College, returned Saturday night from a conference with President-elect McKinley at Canton. Mr. Atherton is one of Governor Hastings' closest personal friends, and no doubt whispered some smooth things into the Major's ear about our handsome governor.

### Remarkable Freak, it True.

A report comes from Rebersburg to the effect that a child was born in that place recently with four fully developed ears. The parents of the child are averse to having the public know of the circumstances, and are doing all possible to keep the knowledge of the deformity quiet.

### WILL BUILD A CHURCH.

John Wanamaker Feels Grateful for His Escape From the Fire.

John Wanamaker is going to build a church to celebrate his escape from fire. In the conflagration which destroyed a big business block on Tuesday morning his store was damaged to the extent of about \$100,000, but many times it was threatened with total destruction and was saved only by tremendous work by the local department and his own store brigade. Mr. Wanamaker is an official of the Bethany Presbyterian church, and is superintendent of its Bible class. At its regular weekly meeting Wednesday night, he spoke feelingly of his "providential escape" from the disaster, and said that he and his wife had resolved that their thankfulness should take some substantial form. Accordingly, he had decided to buy a lot of ground in the southwestern section of the city and erect thereon a place of worship to be dedicated to the Presbyterian church of Philadelphia.

### HANDY WITH HIS GUN.

A Young Farrandville Hunter Kills Four Bears.

Simon Kreider, of Farrandville, covered himself with glory last week. Young Kreider who is but 20 years of age started up the hollow from Farrandville on a hunting expedition. When he stepped off about a mile and a half he saw an old bear in a hole among the rocks not far from where he was standing at the time. He first paid his fiery compliments to the old mother and made her tumble to the ground. Seeing that there were cubs in the hole he waited until they came out and shot them one after the other until he had laid low three of the younger ones. When he counted his victims he found that he had four bears to carry to his home. The old bear weighed about 150 pounds and the cubs will tip the scales at between fifty and sixty pounds apiece.

### Burned for Two Hours.

On Thursday morning, when the drill was at a depth of 1,000 feet, a vein of gas was struck in the test well in Gallagher township, Clinton county. The drill was stopped preparatory to cleaning out the well to ascertain what it will bring forth. As soon as drilling is resumed it will be learned what quantity of gas can be expected.

The gas burned freely for over two hours to a height of several feet until shut off by Mr. Oviatt. The presence of gas in the Gallagher well is now settled beyond all doubt, but whether in paying quantities or not can only be ascertained by drilling to the required depth which will be done at once.

The above is from the Lock Haven Democrat. They have been booming this gas well for so long that we are glad they can report something substantial.

### Against the Theatre Hat.

The crusade against women wearing hats and bonnets in theatres has reached this state. A theatre hat bill was introduced into the house recently, making it unlawful for any owner or manager of any theatre or public building where entertainments are held to which an admission fee is charged, to permit any person to wear any hat, bonnet or covering for the head, which will obstruct the view of the performance or entertainment. The theatrical manager is authorized to compel the removal of the hat or eject the person from the building. The bill makes it obligatory also for theatre managers to provide a toilet room in which women can leave their head coverings.

### Typhoid at Lewistown.

A dispatch from Lewistown states there are thirty-five cases of typhoid fever in Lewistown and the epidemic seems to be spreading. The borough has failed to comply with the law requiring it to have a board of health, the town council refusing to appoint one when the last board resigned. No effort has been made to ascertain the cause by local authorities and new cases are developing daily.

The state board of health has been notified. The blame is laid to the water and recent digging up the streets for putting in the new water system. There have not been any deaths, but there are several persons critically ill.

### Still Popular.

W. J. Bryan was given a public reception in the Governor's private room at Austin, Texas, and during the two hours 4,000 people filed through and shook hands with him.

Here is an indication of this man's popularity. His cause is not a dead one and there will be lots of free silver in the campaign of 1900.

### Going to Tamaqua.

Willis Rishel, once the landlord at Coburn, Pa., and recently at Lewistown has rented the National hotel at Tamaqua, Pa., and will take charge of it at once.

## EVENTS AT THE CAPITOL

### McKinley's New Secretary of the Treasury a Dandy.

### TARIFF AN ISSUE AGAIN

Compliments Exchanged on the Floor. The Same old McKinley Bill—Another Appeal for Cuba—Topics of Interest Discussed.

If there is anything in the old superstition, McKinley's ears must have been burning ever since it was announced that he had chosen Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, a man who voted for Cleveland, signed the petition upon which Gov. Altgeld pardoned the Chicago anarchists, and who has for years been known as almost a free trader in his tariff views, for his Secretary of the Treasury. It is a great effort for the republicans in Congress to keep from expressing publicly the disgust they feel for this break of McKinley's, but in view of the official pie that McKinley will soon begin to distribute, they are making the effort.

After all that has been said and done about the intention of the republicans of the House Ways and Means Committee to give us a new and thoroughly conservative tariff bill, they are proceeding to give us the same old McKinley bill, having already adopted several entire McKinley schedules.

Although it is the policy of the republican leaders in both House and Senate to keep the Cuban question in the background, there are some men who refuse to be gagged. One of these is Representative Hardy, of Indiana, who got the floor to speak on the Agricultural appropriation bill, and proceeded to make a red hot five minutes speech for Cuba, which he would have continued had not his request for unanimous consent for an extension of time been refused. He made a direct attack upon the administration, and those Senators and Representatives who he said, were dining with the Spanish minister too often to be able to hear the appeals of the people struggling for liberty.

It was brought out during a debate in the House which resulted in the rejection of the Conference report on the bill to confer the rights and franchises of the Atlantic and Pacific railroads upon the purchasers under the mortgage foreclosure, that at least two of the New England republicans in the House do not entertain exalted opinions of each other. They are Mr. Powers, of Vermont, who as Chairman of the Pacific Railroads Committee, had charge of the report, and Mr. Barrett, of Mass., who opposed the report as a stock-jobbing scheme. Mr. Powers started by poking fun at the dudish dress of Mr. Barrett and wound up by slurring at the whole Mass. delegation, and charging that Boston was the place where railroads were wrecked. This aroused the ire of Mr. Barrett, who said: "I am a young man. I came here with no reputation beyond service in the legislature of my state, but the gentleman from Vermont came here after a long term of service on the Supreme Court of his state. What was the record of that Court? Ask any one of the shareholders of the Central Railroad of Vermont, who were robbed by the decrees of that Court, and then let the gentleman talk to me of Mass. wrecking railroads." Attempts were made to stop Mr. Barrett on a point of order, but Speaker Reed with a grim smile overruled the point.

Senator Allen took occasion to reply to the various rumors saying that he would vote for the republican tariff bill, by saying: "I have said that I believe the proposed tariff measure of the republicans ought to be permitted to pass, if it has sufficient votes, after a reasonable debate. This does not mean, however, that I will vote for the republican tariff bill. On the contrary, I shall vote against it." In other words, Senator Allen occupies the same position towards the tariff bill that Senator Jones and other prominent democrats do that no filibustering shall be indulged in to prevent its coming to vote. It was just the same with the Monetary Conference bill which was passed last week.

Although it was considered a matter of doubt, the republican managers had hopes that some of the silver republican Senators might be persuaded to vote with their old party when the new tariff bill comes up for action at the extra session of Congress. They no longer indulge such hopes. They know that not only will the silver republicans not vote for the tariff bill, but that they will vote against it if their votes can defeat it. This has been fully determined upon since the republicans resorted to such extraordinary tactics to defeat Senator DuBois, of Idaho, as a punishment for having followed his convictions and the wishes of his constituents by having supported Bryan and silver in the late campaign.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS!

Pomona Grange No. 13, at its recent meeting at Milesburg, provided for a series 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., Picnic Com., and other interests of the grange will be present.

### A BIG FIRE AT OSCEOLA.

The Machine Shop and Foundry of F. B. Stein Was Destroyed.

A big fire occurred at Osceola Mills Friday morning which destroyed the machine shop and foundry of F. B. Stein. It is supposed the fire caught from the forge. The weather being very cold the firemen were at a great disadvantage. The loss will be about \$10,000. About 25 men were employed, and its loss will be felt most severely as that town has been unfortunate for some time, few men finding employment. The fire was the most disastrous one that has occurred since the shops of J. J. Pie & Co. burned some years ago. Whether it will be rebuilt is a question.

### A Just Decision.

Judge Sadler of Allentown, rendered a decision a few days ago which is doubtless good as well as good sense. It was in the case of James Lutz vs. the Metropolitan Insurance company, in which he said that it is becoming the opinion more and more of the higher courts that "insurance must insure."

He held that when a company had fully investigated and taken a risk, it should be held to its contract. The same ruling cannot be made too soon to apply also to fire insurance companies which too frequently attempt to evade the payment of the amount they have named in their policies when the property is destroyed by fire.

### Sad Death at Julian.

Miss Minnie K. Tancy, daughter of Jesse and Susan Tancy, died at the home of her parents at Julian, Centre county, Thursday January 28th from consumption.

The deceased had been ill for about one year. She was twenty-two years old. Besides her aged parents she leaves two brothers and five sisters to mourn her loss. Their names are as follows: Francis, of Port Matilda; Albert, Lida, and Maggie, at home; Mrs. Gertrude V. Frazier and Mrs. Grace Fitzpatrick of Tyrone, and Mrs. Emma Jones, of Pleasant Gap. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### Fire at State College.

The ladies cottage at the Pennsylvania State College was saved from destruction Saturday by the presence of mind and quick work of the students.

At an early hour in the morning one of the lady occupants let fall an alcohol lamp, which exploded and set fire to the drapery. Instantly the entire room was ablaze. In a few minutes, however, a bucket brigade was formed, and with this and by the use of hand grenades the flames were extinguished. The building which was a very costly one was damaged to the extent of \$1400. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

### Summer School at State College.

Immediately following the regular June commencement at State College, a new department will be inaugurated by the holding of a six weeks' course of summer school, designed for the fuller preparation of all Normal High and common school graduates, who desire to teach, and as a preparatory course for those intending to enter college at the beginning of the next year. All the paraphernalia of the college will be open to students in this course.

### Death at Aaronsburg.

Thomas Yearick, over 35 years a resident of Aaronsburg, died Monday 24th, about 4 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks of dropsy of the chest. His age was 73 years. A widow, two sons and a daughter survive him, namely, Harry and Gross, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. W. B. Mingle, of Centre Hall. Edwin the oldest died some years ago. For many years the deceased carried on a grocery store at Aaronsburg.

Sale Bills of the most attractive style at this office.