

## PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

### Unfinished Business Not Reported Last Week.

### IMPORTANT CASE ON TRIAL.

List of Civil Cases Disposed and Settled, Sentences Imposed last week—A Complete report by Samuel Gettig, Esq.:

In the case of the com. vs. Edward Beck, assault and battery. Verdict not guilty and the prosecutor G. W. Cathcart to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Laura Cathcart, charge surety of the peace, prosecutor W. H. Beck. The court heard the testimony of this case in connection with the preceding case.

Clara V. Evans and Cortland De Lacy Evans, her husband, with right of the said Clara V. Evans, assignee of the Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Trustee for Clara V. Evans vs. Wilbur F. Reeder, executor under the last will and testament of Mary S. Gordon, deceased, plea scire facias sur mortgage. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$3553.50.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

Charles Speerly and Ann Speerly who plead guilty to the charge of keeping and maintaining a bawdy house, in Bellefonte, were each sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars, costs of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of four months.

Coburn King, who plead guilty on Monday to the charge of assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars, cost of prosecution, and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months.

At ten o'clock the court adjourned till two o'clock when the sheriff offered his deeds for acknowledgement.

In the case of the commonwealth vs. Laura Cathcart surety of the peace, the court ordered that the defendant pay two thirds of the costs and the prosecutor W. H. Beck to pay one third of the costs.

Other criminal cases entered to April sessions were as follows:

Com. vs. Charles Ammerman, charge betrayal, prosecutrix Jane Miller. True Bill.

Com. vs. William Turney, charge betrayal; prosecutrix, Hannah Emehizer. True Bill.

Com. vs. Chillis Reese, charge betrayal; prosecutrix Louisa Piekle. True Bill.

Com. vs. Sydneham Krumrine, charge embezzlement, prosecutor William S. Shortledge. Settled.

Com. vs. Charles Weaver and George Weaver, charge assault and battery, prosecutor John McCloskey. Settled.

Com. vs. Frank Campbell, charge assault and battery and threats, prosecutrix, Priscilla Campeli. Settled.

Com. vs. E. P. Zerby, charge assault and battery, prosecutor John H. Confer. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Arthur Rothrock, charge assault and battery, betrayal, etc., prosecutrix Bertha K. Hayes. True Bill.

Com. vs. John M. Glace, charge betrayal, prosecutrix, Minnie E. Fye. True Bill.

Com. vs. Bert Henderson, charge rape, prosecutrix Elsie D. Griffith. True Bill.

Com. vs. Sarah Weaver, charge assault and battery, prosecutor W. T. Patton. True Bill.

Com. A. A. Dale, charge assault and battery, prosecutor James I. McClure. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay costs.

Com. vs. James I. McClure, charge aggravated assault and battery, prosecutor A. A. Dale. Bill ignored and the prosecutor to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. George Johnson, charge betrayal, prosecutrix, Esther Grubb. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. N. W. Ream, charge forgery, prosecutor John S. Walker. True Bill.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

Court convened on Monday morning with Hon. John G. Love, president judge, on the bench.

The first business before the court was a habeas corpus proceeding in Com. vs. James W. Porter, charge vagrancy, etc., prosecutor James Lreps. After hearing the testimony the court discharged the prisoner.

The list was gone over and cases for trial noted.

D. H. Weaver vs. C. W. Biddle, plea feigned issue. Discontinued.

Catharine M. Resides vs. John W. Cook, S. M. Buck, The Saylor Madill Coal Mining Co., and The Beck Valley Coal Iron Co., plea ejectment. Continued.

J. T. Lucas vs. John A. Yeager, plea judgment opened. Non suit. Two suits.

Charles E. Shearer and Emma M.

Shearer vs. Mrs. Louisa Bush, plea replevin. Continued.

John T. Fowler vs. Eve Sharer, plea assumpsit. Non suit.

Elizabeth Jane Fowler vs. Daniel Robb. Continued.

Thomas W. Fisher and C. M. Resides, administrators of William Resides, deceased, and C. M. Resides and Rachael Resides, heirs at law of said William Resides, deceased, use of A. J. Cook vs. the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn., plea assumpsit. Continued.

William S. Hansel and Son vs. James Schofield, plea assumpsit. Continued.

Conrad Miller vs. N. W. Ream and J. B. Ream, plea fieri facias No. 44 November term 1896. Verdict in favor of J. B. Ream, one of the defendants, opening the judgment as against J. B. Ream and the judgment remains as against N. W. Ream.

Jacob Marks vs. J. W. Cook and S. M. Buck, trading and doing business as Cato Mining Co., plea assumpsit. Defendants confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$372.27.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ex-relacione Lucretia Peters vs. W. H. Peters, James D. McKee, and W. Miles Walker, plea assumpsit. This action is on a bond of maintenance, but only one of the defendants was served with process, namely Mr. Walker. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the penal sum of \$1000 and amount due July 4, 1896, \$264.95 as against Mr. Walker.

Joseph Ross vs. Jeremiah Eckenroth, plea ejectment. Settled.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Ex-Relatione the School District of Howard township, the Poor District of Howard township, and the Road District of Howard township vs. Joseph Casselberry, J. K. Leathers, H. J. Pletcher, and Jacob Robb, plea scire facias sur judgment. This is an action on the official bond of Mr. Casselberry, as tax collector of Howard township for the year 1894, on which the plaintiffs seek to recover against the collector and his sureties, the amounts shown to be due the several funds by the auditor's settlement for the year 1894, in the spring of 1895. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiffs in the penal sum of \$6500, and assessing the amounts due as follows: school funds \$350, poor funds \$174.06, road funds \$82.93; subject to a question of law reserved by the court, viz: whether or not the auditor's settlement of 1895, showing certain balances against the collector upon the duplicates for poor and road tax for the year 1894, and that showing balances found against him for the year 1893, as per auditor's settlement of 1894, which are carried over to the settlement of 1895 is conclusive as against him and his sureties on his bond for 1894, and whether under the evidence the damages assessed against the defendant upon the bond should be only for the balances found upon the duplicates of 1894, against him, not including the balances carried over from the settlement of 1894.

Rose Sternberg Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon, plea trespass. Continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

G. W. McDonald vs. G. W. Hoover and John P. Elkin, plea assumpsit. This action is brought to recover salary as general manager for the Clearfield and Cash Creek Coal and Coke Co., under and by virtue of articles of agreement entered into, to re-organize the aforesaid corporation, with offices in the Drexel Building in the city of Philadelphia.

The above case was one of the most important on the list in which large amounts are involved and has been before the court the past two days. It will be given to the jury this forenoon, and the result no doubt will be an appeal in either event to the Supreme Court.

#### The New Game Bill.

The new game law has passed the House at Harrisburg. The bill limits the amount of game to be killed by one person in one day to 10 woodcock, 10 pheasants, 15 quail and two wild turkeys. But two deer may be killed in a season by one person.

The opening season for woodcock is in July, and also October 15 to December 15; rabbits, same; pheasants, October 15; squirrels, same.

No game can be killed for shipment outside of the state. No insectivorous birds can be killed for millinery purposes, but only for scientific purposes.

#### Curtin Monument.

Senator McQuown introduced a bill into the Senate the other day to make an appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a monument or statue to the memory of the late Andrew G. Curtin at Bellefonte, providing the citizens of Centre county raise by subscription a like sum.

If that bill should pass we believe the balance could easily be raised by popular subscriptions.

—You can get carbon photos from Shaeffer's gallery for \$3, former price was \$6. This is a special offer.

## PROSPERITY ARRIVED

### Another Cut in Wages at the Furnace.

### EXPECTED SOMETHING ELSE

Many Workmen Had Their Wages Reduced Last Week—Were told to Vote for McKinley and Prosperity—Campaign Pledges not Forgotten—Considerable Discontent.

A LARGE number of employees about the Valentine Iron Works had their wages reduced during the past week. The company is not necessarily deserving of censure for this. They are trying to keep the plant in operation but, must economize at every point. The price of iron is low and business being on the decline, it bears hard on many laboring-men. We believe the managers of this plant are doing the very best possible under existing conditions. No doubt they were honest, though mistaken, in their convictions last fall when they enclosed cards in their employees pay slips urging each one to vote against Bryan and free silver and support McKinley, the "Advance Agent of Prosperity" so as to improve business and better their own condition.

We would not impute to these men improper motives, but at this time and under the recent reduction in wages, it is fair and entirely proper for the workmen to do a little thinking. Have the promises of the last campaign been kept? Has business improved materially? Have wages increased under McKinley? Has the "Advance Agent of Prosperity" arrived? Have the workmen at the Valentine Furnace company seen any advantage? If they have not, then is it not apparent that they were deluded, and voted against their own interests by supporting the republican ticket.

This is the time for workmen to have their thinking caps on. Some people may be able to reconcile McKinleyism, the Gold Standard and Protection with depression, reduction in wages and distress, but the average voter can not and will not.

#### WAYS AND METHODS.

We do a strictly one-price business. It's the only honest way. Every article is marked at the lowest price consistent with honest quality. We guarantee everything we sell, as represented by our salesmen. If you find any defect in what you buy from the Philadelphia Branch bring it back, and we'll refund your money cheerfully, ours is a permanent business. We want your confidence and your future patronage. We have adopted the principles of modern liberality, courtesy and absolute fairness in all our dealings.

S. LEWIN.

**Council Proceedings.**  
A reduction of \$78 was made in the electric light bill for the past month.

The bicycle ordinance was held over until next meeting.

H. B. Pontius was appointed Water Assessor for the ensuing year.

McCallmont & Co. made a strong protest against their water tax at the house and lime kilns.

The application for additional street lights on Howard and Bishop streets was held over.

John Klinger and John Derstine were appointed special policeman about the public school buildings.

Chairman Keller, of the Finance Committee, in regard to sew borough building, recommended that the borough sell their lot on Howard street to some party who will erect the building and rent same to the borough until the same can be purchased.

The street committee reported considerable work being done.

Bills to the amount of \$659.19 were approved.

**Echo of the Circus Train Wreck.**  
Railroaders are talking about a great snake that was killed recently at Thompsonstown, Juniata county, by four countrymen. The reptile was twenty-two feet long and was on the box car of a circus train. It is supposed to be one of the snakes that escaped from Main's circus when the circus train was wrecked near Tyrone several years ago. The countrymen killed the snake while it was lying in a semi-torpid state along the river.

**She Divided All Around.**  
Mrs. Mary Anthony, an aged widow living at Mill run, Clearfield county, recently received a pension of \$12 a month and \$2,400 arrears. After the death of her first husband, a soldier, she had married another soldier, now also deceased. This second husband had another wife, and in all the families involved there are twenty-one living children. Mrs. Anthony has given each \$100, keeping but \$300 of the \$2,400 for herself.

#### THE PUP DIED.

The following is an item that appeared in some of the daily papers and is going the rounds. It is such an unusual occurrence that one doubts it being true. The clipping was sent to the College and the reply came back that the facts are correctly stated. This is the item:  
"A strange funeral was seen at State College on Saturday. The pet dog of the wife of a professor in the college died at the time stated and was buried with the ceremonies of a Christian funeral. The dog was shrouded, placed in a casket specially made for it, and taken to the cemetery, followed by its mistress, in deep mourning. At the cemetery it was interred beside the mourner's mother, and the grave was then liberally covered with roses."

It is said that this remarkable pup was an inmate at the University Inn, and to some of the boarders it was an object of contempt, and it is the supposition that some one gave his dogship a fatal dose.

While he lingered Dr. J. Y. Dale, of Lemont, was summoned and gave it the best of treatment, but like man it shuffled off its mortal coil. "Jett" was his name sir, and if there is anything like a dog heaven, he must be up with the angels now. It is also said that the mistress has so greatly mourned the pup's sad departure that she has been prostrated with grief.

Poor Jett, he must have been a pretty pup to cause such distress. No doubt his death is a corresponding comfort to others.

It is no wonder that the Legislature of Pennsylvania hesitates to make appropriations under such ridiculous circumstances. Next in order will be to establish a department in "pupology" and endow a chair in memory of poor "Jett."

#### Married at East Freeport.

A letter from East Freeport Ill., contains the following announcement:

Mr. Gardner Grove and Miss Kate Hockman, both of Farmers Mills, Pa., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, at Mt. Carrol, Ill., on the first day of April 1897. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Grove, residing one mile north of Farmers Mills, Centre county. He is a young man of good character and reputation, and has made many a warm friend during his short period in this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hockman, who, at the present time reside on the Krapp farm, one mile east of Farmers Mills. She is an estimable young lady, kind and affectionate. They came to Illinois one year ago, being well pleased with our beautiful country and good inducements, have decided to make their future home in Freeport. May happiness, peace and prosperity go with them.

#### Centre County Constable in Jail.

John River, a constable of Rush township, Centre county, a few days ago went to the residence of James Bechtel to serve a warrant. There were a number of friends present who had gathered to sympathize with the family over the death of one of their relatives who was lying in the house at the time. River it is said, made himself very annoying. Mrs. Bechtel remonstrated with him, but instead of pacifying him it made him very angry. He was arrested, convicted and sentenced to pay costs amounting to \$47.87. Being unable to pay the money he was reprimanded and sent to jail.

#### Death of Mrs. Joseph Shaffer.

Mrs. Joseph Shaffer died at her home in Nittany valley, Tuesday afternoon 27, at the age of 73 years. Deceased leaves a husband and two daughters: Mrs. Bartholomew, of Coburn; Mrs. Sloat, of Harrisburg. Mrs. Shaffer lived at the toll gate near the junction. Her remains were buried in the Lutheran cemetery, in Madisonburg last Friday.

#### A Strange Freak of Nature.

On last Saturday when Miss Minnie Whitehall, of Lemont, was preparing to bake some cakes and in breaking open an egg discovered a white speck in the yolk or yellow of the egg, which proved on examination to be a small egg about the size of a bird's egg, but more round in shape with perfect shell of glossy white. It will be preserved in alcohol and can be seen by the curious.

#### Large Contract.

The contract for making the paper on which the United States postage and revenue stamps will be printed for the ensuing year, was awarded on Thursday last to the New York and Pennsylvania pulp and paper company, and will be made as heretofore at the Lock Haven mills.

#### Pomona Grange.

Pomona Grange No. 13 will assemble in the Hall of Victor Grange, Oak Hall, Thursday May 27th. Two Sessions, 10 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. This will be an important meeting.

—Regular \$6.50 boy's suits, we sell for \$5.00, and all wool at that. Ask to see them. PHILA. BRANCH.

## STARTLING EXTRAVAGANCE

### Dr. Swallow Furnishes Some Startling Facts

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

A Few Samples of Official Extravagance—Exorbitant Prices Paid For Furniture and Supplies—There Seems to be a "Divvy" in Every Contract—Why Taxes are High.

Ever since Dr. Swallow began tearing up the State officials at Harrisburg, accusing them of corruption and looting the public treasury by means of furnishing supplies, every little republican sheet in the state has been jumping on the Dr.'s neck, heaping him over with abuse and the vilest calumny. That is what organs are for, and the Dr. never has faltered on their account. He is going right along pouring hot shot into them week after week. The last issue of the *Pennsylvania Methodist* contained the following startling information. How our republican friends will explain it away we cannot say:

#### TOWARD THE STATE.

Nearly all the evidence presented at the libel suit bearing on extravagance and neglect, so glaring as to be criminal when indulged by the officers of the State was objected to by the prosecution and ruled out by the court. Hence the necessity for presenting it in our columns from week to week in justification of the now famous editorial of February 25, 1897.

Well, the evidence multiplies. There should be an impartial investigation. If this cannot be had, then there should be a prosecution of the wrong doers before a court that will hold even, the scales of justice.

Last week we showed the amount of furniture Governor Hastings thought necessary in the midst of the hard times for his Louis the XVI parlor.

He went further for his third floor bed rooms, already well furnished anywhere from \$1,380.70 worth to as much more as they chose to buy, as indicated in each case by the word *each*. It was nearly all high-priced mahogany furniture.

Cherry furniture for dining room, including the repairing of an extension table at a cost of \$100—not less than \$570. This also included a China closet, about five feet by four feet, at \$200; mahogany table, for \$250; window seat, \$150; pillows for same each \$10; for smoking room, mahogany and other furnishings to cost maximum, \$2,200, this includes wainscoting at \$3 per foot; oak for Governor's private study, \$250; walnut for sitting room, if you count four arm and two side chairs amount to \$650; books for the governor's house \$1,323.95.

The number of American flags needed for 1896 was only eight at a maximum of \$124.

We have not exhausted the information concerning the extravagance in the Governor's house, but fear we will exhaust the patience of our readers, so we simply quit with the statement that the maximum for electric fixtures for the Governor's house for 1897 was only \$5,308.86.

In considering repairs on the old Capitol building, it should be remembered that talks of a new building have been rife for ten years, and that any expense on the old building was looked upon as only a make-shift till the new one could be erected, and yet in the last three years more than half enough expense has been placed on the old to build a new one, such as Governor Hastings now advocates, and most of this expense was incurred during the last two years, and while the administration was shutting the people's eyes with the cry of economy.

Let us look at more figures. Erecting passage way between Senate and Senate reception room, maximum, \$1,400. Several mechanics would have been glad to do the job at \$500. The similar passage for the House is not in the schedule. It is said to have cost much more.

Placing an extra sash in all the windows of the Senate at \$39 each, about \$390, proper estimate about \$100.

Storm vestibule at East entrance of Capitol \$175, worth about \$40.

Replacing with new windows the eight old ones in upper dome \$39 each, total \$312, worth about \$75.

Replacing sixteen wooden columns on exterior of upper dome with sixteen wrought iron columns, at \$110 each, total \$1,760. These took the place of sixteen wooden posts that with a little repairing would have lasted as long as the wood work above and beneath them.

Wrought iron railing between the posts at \$30 per foot about \$1,600 more. All the rest of the dome was wood. This was foolishly matching iron and wood in an old building.

A low upper story added to the Governor's stable, \$400.

Estimates for keeping State furniture in repair are invited at \$1,500.

Keeping up general repairs, \$1,500; looking after carpenter and cabinet repairs, \$1,000; altering and improving Senate elevator, \$750; heating and ventilating Senate and House, and other rooms connected with them, and keeping in repair all steam heat apparatus, \$7,700; hot water supply for executive and library building \$2,980; bath and toilet for banking Commissioner's office, \$928.75; keeping plumbing in repair, \$1,000; three filters, \$1,750; taking up old floors and putting down Carolina flooring at \$80 per thousand feet; electric lighting for special occasions at the Governor's house, \$850.

Electric fixtures and alterations not embraced in foregoing items \$6,074.05.

Gilding exterior of Capitol dome in pure gold per square foot, \$2.25. This was begun but not finished. It was actually worth about 75 cents per square foot. If completed, it would have cost the State fully \$3,000.

Winding the clocks, including those in the Governor's house, and keeping them in repair for the year 1897, \$250. Clocks costing \$500 should be constructed as to wind themselves, but they were not.

The largest opportunity for a big steal is improving and decorating the rotunda, East passage, dome (interior and exterior.) Governor's reception room, Auditor General's office, State Treasurer's office, and Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

It allowed each bidder to submit his own designs and specifications, and thus gave the commission an excuse for accepting the highest bidder on pretence of preferring his plans. There is evidence that their purpose was to give the job to Hodges, of New York, for reasons best known to themselves, and this was the plan adopted to carry out that purpose.

For all the immense work contemplated in the above enumerated parts and rooms look at their maximum offer, and remember this does not include the House of Representatives, which is not in the schedule, nor yet the Lieutenant Governor's rooms. Ornamental cement work per square foot, \$2.50; decorative painting, it might be on top of cement work per square foot, \$1.25. This would make per square foot, \$3.75; plastering plain and ornamental (look at it) per square foot, \$2.00; marble wainscoting per square foot, \$4.25, worth about \$1.25; figured fresco work per square foot, \$4.75, worth, such as it was, about 50 cents a square foot; hard wood flooring, straight per square foot, \$100; the same curved per square foot, \$2.00; tearing out flooring per 1,000 square feet, \$90.

It will be necessary to see the vouchers, which we hope soon to do, in order to ascertain the aggregate cost to the State of this well-planned opportunity for an immense grab. We shall be mistaken greatly if it does not amount well up toward \$100,000, for our friends have in nothing else lived one iota beneath their privilege.

Next week we expect to publish the details of the fixing up of the Lieutenant Governor's rooms and the hall of the House.

#### Smokes Cigarettes.

A telegram from Philadelphia announces that a committee composed of members of the Oxford Presbyterian church of Philadelphia, presided on the Rev. Harvey Gramme Furbay, Ph. D., and asked him to resign the pastorate of that church on the ground that it is their opinion that the doctor does not sustain the dignity of the place, that he rides a bicycle, smokes cigarettes and jokes with the younger people of the congregation.

The doctor informed the committee that he is not ready to quit the Oxford pulpit. Evidently it was a self constituted committee who did the waiting on Dr. Furbay, and his answer was a very proper one. It is to be presumed that the congregation will put the request in some sort of official form when they want the resignation. The doctor is said to be popular with the young element of the church, and it is probable that he feels safe in the stand he takes to remain. Rev. Furbay formerly was located at Tyrone.

#### Oil Excitement

Our announcement that an effort would be made to sink a test well, for oil near Milesburg, has aroused interest among land owners in that community. During the past week scores of farmers called on Mr. J. Miles Green and informed him that they were ready to sign leases and do anything else to encourage the project. There is a strong belief that oil can be found in that section.

#### An Old Conductor.

Alfred Strunk, one of the most popular passenger conductors on the Philadelphia & Erie road, died in Harrisburg last week. He was born at Jacksonville, Centre county, April 16, 1847. At the age of 18 he was married to Miss Mary Askey, who was well known in Jacksonville and Howard March 20, 1891, his wife preceded him to the grave.

—First class organ at \$55—ATKIN'S MUSIC STORE