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NOVEMBER TERM OF COURT

List of Cases Tried the Past Three Days.

IMPORTANT CASES TRIED

The Work of the Grand Jury—Many Trivial Cases Returned to Court—The Last Court of District Attorney Wm. J. Singer's Term—Other Court Notes.

(Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.)
November sessions of court convened on Monday morning, at nine o'clock, with President Judge John G. Love on the bench.

The greater part of the forenoon was taken up in hearing motions and petitions, presented by the several members of the bar.

The list of grand jurors was called and seventeen answered to their names. W. W. Royer, farmer of Centre Hill, in Potter township, was chosen foreman of same. After the jury were sworn, and charged by His Honor Judge Love they retired to the grand jury room to pass on the several bills of indictment that will be laid before them, by the District Attorney, during the sessions.

The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county then made their quarterly reports to the court of quarter sessions of the peace.

The list of traverse jurors was then called and forty-two, out of forty-eight, answered. Eugene Mutchman, of Bellefonte, and George B. Shaffer, of Haines township were excused.

The list of civil cases for the first and second week was then gone over and cases for trial marked, and others disposed of as follows—First week:

J. W. Beck vs. Thomas P. Beightol, appeal, plea non-assumpsit. Settled.

SECOND WEEK:

Austin Swisher vs. John Bruss, George Bruss, Hugh Adams and Elizabeth Bennett, plea non-assumpsit. Continued.

W. E. Delmage, now for the use of W. H. Black vs. A. M. McClain and Isaac Thomas, partners trading as A. M. McClain & Co., assumpsit and payment with leave, etc. Continued.

G. G. Snyder and James Snyder, trading as Snyder Bros., use of etc., vs. Thomas Collins, assumpsit; plea non-assumpsit. Continued.

Joseph S. Ford, executor of etc., of George W. Ford, deceased, vs. William J. Jackson, Eleanor H. Jackson, David D. Woods and John Shook, ejectment; plea not guilty. Continued.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. A. J. Griest, replevin; plea non cepit and property.

Phillipsburg Coal and Land Company vs. The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia, Robert A. Jackson and John O'Neil, trespass; plea not guilty. Continued.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. Beaver Lumber Company, Mary I. Ardell, John Ardell, Jr., George Lucas, David Hoover, D. C. Shope, Isaac Lanning, Frank Lanning, Alfred Ammerman and Wilson Wolford, ejectment; plea not guilty. Continued.

R. J. Young vs. R. C. Gilliland, capias sur slander in trespass; plea not guilty. Continued.

Court adjourned at 11:20 a. m. until 2 p. m.

A good part of the afternoon was again devoted in hearing petitions and motions.

The first criminal case called was Com. vs. Dr. A. W. Hafer, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutrix Laura May Hafer. The defendant and prosecutrix are husband and wife and this case grew out of some family trouble on the morning of August 18, 1898, and the defendant was arrested on the afternoon of August 22nd. It took the greater part of the afternoon to hear this case. Verdict on Tuesday morning of not guilty, dividing the costs equally between the prosecutrix and the defendant.

Com. vs. John A. James, indicted for betrayal; prosecutrix Eva Connel. After some conflicting testimony, verdict of not guilty and the county to pay the costs.

On Tuesday morning some motions were heard and the first case called was that of the Com. vs. Calvin Lambert and Annie Lambert, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor John Richards. The defendants and the prosecutor live in one of the houses for which a Mr. Noll is agent, on North Allegheny street on the way to Milesburg, and in Spring township, and all the families had to get their water from a hydrant and a cistern in the yard of Mr. Lambert. On the evening of the 30th of August last, some trouble occurred between the prosecutor and

the defendants in reference to keeping the cistern covered, endangering the lives of the defendants children. The prosecutor alleging that he went after water on the evening of the aforementioned day and that he was assaulted by the defendants and cruelly beaten, while the defendants allege that the prosecutor came in to the yard with the avowed purpose to create a disturbance, as he had no bucket in which to carry water, and that he first assaulted Mr. Lambert, and that they acted in self-defence, and that they did not use unnecessary force to put him off of the premises. Verdict on Tuesday afternoon of not guilty and the prosecutor to pay two-thirds of the costs and the defendant one-third.

Com. vs. Charles Eugene Embick, indicted for larceny, prosecutor Daniel K. Delcamp. This defendant lives somewhere near Loganton, Clinton county, and was indicted for taking from blacksmith shop of the prosecutor at Wolfs Store in Miles township, this county, one bolt clipper, one screwplate, lot of taps and a lot of auger bits. The defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to the Reformatory at Huntingdon and to pay the costs of prosecution and one dollar fine.

Com. vs. John Nevel, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Lizzie Walker. Verdict not guilty and the county to pay the costs.

The court having caught up with the Grand Jury, civil cases were taken up.

J. H. Reifsnnyder vs. J. C. Snook, appeal, plea non-assumpsit, infra sex annos and set off. This suit is brought to recover for a cow, on a due bill and on book account, while the defendant alleged that these were all paid for and that the book account stood in his favor. Verdict on Wednesday morning in favor of the defendant for \$7.62.

Forrest L. Bullock vs. L. C. Bullock, appeal, plea non-assumpsit. Settled.

Dr. S. F. Neving vs. DeLanne G. Stewart and William Hipple, overseers of the poor of Burnside township, appeal, plea non-assumpsit. Continued.

Frank H. Holt vs. J. W. Beecher, appeal, plea non-assumpsit. This suit is brought for extra time on book account for work under contract in 1897 and for wages for the month of December, 1897. The defendant admits that he owes the plaintiff the sum of \$22.51 for December wages, but denies any liability for extra time, etc. Verdict on Wednesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for \$22.51.

Com. vs. John Cline, indicted for larceny, prosecutor L. C. Brinton. This defendant is but a boy between twelve and thirteen years old and under the law could not be convicted of a felony. He was charged with taking a dollar bill from the cash drawer of L. C. Brinton's store in Phillipsburg. Verdict of not guilty and the prosecutor to pay the costs. The Court admonished the boy after his acquittal and tried to impress the gravity of the crime of larceny. The prosecutor is dead, having died since the information was made.

Com. vs. William Hanna, indicted for larceny, prosecutor Charles McClellan. This defendant together with a man by the name of James McCormick are accused of breaking into the tailoring shop of the prosecutor on the night of the 19th of May, 1897, and were a few days afterwards arrested at Williamsport and lodged in the Bellefonte jail, after which they broke jail and have been at large until some time ago this defendant was re-arrested at Lebanon, Pa., and brought to Bellefonte. McCormick is still at large. They took from the tailoring shop several suits of clothes belonging to people in this town which had been left with Mr. McClellan to be fixed up. Verdict of guilty in manner and form in which indicted.

Com. vs. William Hanna, indicted for jail breaking, prosecutor W. M. Cronister. Defendant plead guilty.

Com. vs. Laura Cathart, indicted for misdemeanor, prosecutor George W. Miller. Defendant plead guilty and sentence was suspended during good behavior.

The next case open was the last civil case open for the first week, that of James H. Potter vs. Mrs. Lizzie Lose, appeal, plea non-assumpsit. On trial.

Accused Murderer Surrenders.

Michael Hart, who has been wanted so badly on a charge of murder, in Clearfield county, that the commissioners had offered a reward of \$500 for his apprehension, Monday walked into the district attorney's office, at Clearfield, and gave himself up. He was lodged in jail. Hart was accompanied by his father. Hart is accused of murdering Victor Corretti, an Italian quarryman, in April, 1896. Corretti is said to have been attacked by Hart and two companions, Carey and Delaney. The latter two were tried two years ago, but Hart fled. It is said that he has been in hiding near DuBois for the past three months.

Great Honey Finder.

John Jameson, of Clearfield, has secured 30 pounds of honey from bee trees which he has located this year.

RARE SPORT IN ALASKA

A Fish Story that Sounds like a Big Whopper.

LANDED A 23 POUND TROUT

With a 4 1/2 ounce Bamboo Rod—An Interesting Story from O. T. Switzer, formerly of Phillipsburg, now in the Klondike—An Exciting Experience.

Last spring a party of young men left Phillipsburg for the Klondike region in Alaska. O. T. Switzer, one of the party, writes frequent letters home that appear in the Ledger. The last one contained an interesting fish story that no doubt is true, but is a remarkable experience and should prove of interest to our readers, and especially an old fisherman. Here it is:

TESLIN LAKE, Sept. 16, 1898.

I wonder if you can stand a fish story? You know I have been awfully disappointed in the fishing. While I have taken quantities of fish, it has been the coarsest kind of fishing, void of any skill, only good when you are hungry; but I owe British Columbia an apology and will never do so again. The south end of Teslin lake, on which I am located, is about one-half mile wide and continues so a distance of nearly two miles. At that point it narrows up and runs through a channel not more than one hundred feet in width. On the left bank there is a perpendicular wall of rock, broken fragments of which have fallen into the water until they have almost closed the channel. On the right bank is a level, sandy beach. It is an ideal spot for fish, and I anticipated great sport when I first saw it and did not lose much time before giving it a trial. I think I have whipped over that spot twenty times with the most attractive flies I possessed, but never a raise. I could take annunciation with a spoon, trolling from a boat, but never a trout. I have one of my nets set at the mouth of a stream a short distance below this, and while passing through these narrows a few days ago I saw an immense trout raise only a few rods from the boat. I went back home and rigged up my fly rod. Had nothing heavier than single gut leaders, and my rod only weighed 4 1/2 ounces, but it is the best that can be made; had it made to order by Orvis of Vermont, and it is supposed to land any ordinary brook trout, providing you know how. Don't think, however, the maker would recommend it for such fish. Arriving at the spot, I made a cast, selecting a spot close to a rock which was partially out of the water. At the first rattle of the box there was a flop, and an electric shock passed through me completely unnerving me for a second, followed by the zip of the reel. With the first feel of the hook he made his initial rush down through the channel. I had 150 feet of line but thought he would never stop, and knew if he did not stop of his own accord before he reached the end of my line that it would be all off. He did, but there was not two feet of line on my reel when he quit. I wanted that fish, but made up my mind to lose him rather than damage my rod. Had there been another man in the boat to row, it would have been very much easier, but being alone I had to handle the boat and the fish also. There was a paddie in the boat, so getting in the stern I handled the rod with my left hand and managed to keep the boat in proper position with my right. I worked up on him about fifty feet, at the same time taking in line. About this time he concluded to change position and started at right angles from the boat. It took both hands on the rod then. The second rush was nearly as long as the first, but owing to the direction he took, did not use up so much line. I worked to within fifty feet of him before he changed position. This time he came directly to the surface and threw himself clear out of the water. That was the first sight I had of him, and he was a corker. His head was fully as large as Bill Holt's dog Collie. After his examination of things on the surface, he made two complete circles around the boat, and went to the bottom almost beneath me, which enabled me to get in all my line but a few yards. This thing continued, with a slight change in his manoeuvres, for over two hours and a half. I never let him rest. As soon as I could get my line in would feel him gently and keep him moving. Finally I grounded my boat on the sandy beach and got on land. By this time his runs were very short, but I could not get him ashore without endangering my tackle, and after once seeing him wanted to keep him if at all possible. When I did get him to shore he was bottom side up and had just a gasp left. I lifted, or rather dragged him out by passing a forked stick through his gills. I took him up to the store, and undressed he weighed 23 pounds and measured 34 inches. It was the longest fish taken this year from the

lake by any means, nets, spoon hooks, etc. A fresh water trout taken with a 4 1/2 ounce split bamboo, single gut leader and a No. 10 fly, ordinary black gnat.

A PROMINENT PHYSICIAN.

Dr. F. H. VanValzah, of Spring Mills, died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, after a brief illness with pneumonia and other complications. The funeral occurred on Wednesday morning.

F. H. VanValzah, M. D., of Spring Mills, one of the most successful physicians in that region, comes of a family which has for three generations been prominently identified with the medical profession. His ancestors were originally from Holland, but settled in New York long before the Revolutionary war. Dr. Robert VanValzah, Sr., his grandfather, was born April 17, 1764, near the Croton river, in New York, and was the only son of his parents to leave descendants. Of his numerous descendants seventeen have entered the medical profession—a record which few, if any, families can equal.

Dr. Robert VanValzah, Jr., our subject's grandfather, was carefully educated for his profession, and located at Millinburg, where he practiced successfully until his death, which occurred when he was between sixty and seventy years of age. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, and was regarded as a substantial and well-to-do citizen.

Dr. Robert F. VanValzah, the father of our subject, was born in Millinburg, January 10, 1817, and attended the schools of that place some years. He located for a time at Rebersburg, taking charge of the practice of Dr. Stroehcker, who had been elected to the Legislature but later he settled at Millheim, where he practiced independently ten years, gaining a reputation as the leading physician there. He removed to Aaronsburg in 1852, and remained until the fall of 1860, when he located permanently at Spring Mills. In 1841 he married Miss Sarah W. Forster, who was born in 1819, the daughter of Capt. John Forster, a wealthy merchant and prominent citizen of Millinburg. Their children were: John F., a prosperous merchant and banker, and one of the founders of the firm of VanValzah & Wilson, of Tyrone, and of the First National Bank, of Tyrone, Pa., where he died March 28, 1891; F. H.; Henry B., who died June 8, 1891, at Clearfield, after a successful career as a physician, being known as one of the leaders of his profession in that county; and Robert W., a dentist at Terre Haute, Indiana.

With such an ancestry it is not strange that the subject of this sketch easily established himself in the front rank among the medical fraternity of his locality. He was born at Millheim February 18, 1847, but as his parents removed to Aaronsburg during his childhood his education was begun there, his first teacher being ex-County Superintendent D. M. Wolf, D. D. When he was thirteen the family settled at Spring Mills, and as the schools there did not offer an advanced course he was later sent to Tuscarora Academy, in Juniata county. While there he enlisted, on July 6, 1864, at a call for one-hundred-day men, in Company H, 19th Pa. V. I., and served about four months, doing guard duty on the B. & O. R. R. west of Harper's Ferry, the greater part of the time being spent at Martinsburg, W. Va. In 1865 he entered Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and in the spring of the following year he began his professional duties under his father's guidance. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., in March 1870, and in a few months later began practicing at Loganton, Pa., where he spent eighteen months. He then located at Potters' Bank, Centre county, but in November, 1874, he moved to Spring Mills to take the practice left vacant by his father's death. While he was thoroughly progressive in his ideas he was notably cautious and conservative in practice, and he has met with signal success. Financially, he ranks among the leading capitalists of Penn's Valley.

On June 23, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Jane R. VanValzah, daughter of John A. VanValzah, of Buffalo Cross Roads. Three children brighten their home: Robert, born November 1, 1882; Sarah, born November 2, 1884; and James W., born June 6, 1889. Mrs. VanValzah is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is prominently identified with the various lines of social and philanthropic work. The Doctor was a republican, and although he was a staunch defender of the doctrines of the G. O. P., he was not an office seeker. Socially, he belongs to the Masonic lodge at Centre Hall, and to Samuel Shannon Post No. 282, G. A. R., at the same town. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania State and the Centre County Medical Societies.

SPAIN has yielded the Philippine Islands. It now is a question whether the U. S. Senate will ratify the treaty. It is a question whether we will want them,

REMEMBERED THE MAINE

Victorious End of a Righteous War for Humanity

SPAIN'S ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

Yields to All Our Peacemaker's Demands—Cost of the War to the Two Countries—What We Get—Paid Dear for Their Folly.

The war is over, and Spain is sorry, but all the wiser. On Monday afternoon Spain accepted the United States' offer of \$20,000,000, and consented without condition to relinquish Cuba and to cede Porto Rico, Guam and the Philippine islands. The sessions of the commission are over and peace again prevails.

Thus ends auspiciously the most astonishing contest known in modern history—a war in which the victors, with forces of not more than three to two at sea, and outnumbered by five to one on the scene of the principal operations by land, lost not one battle, skirmish, ship, boat, gun, rifle, flag or prisoner, and in which they destroyed two hostile fleets, killing a thousand of the enemy and taking two thousand prisoners, with a loss to themselves of only one man killed and a dozen wounded.

COST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES.

WHAT UNITED STATES LOSES:
Maine..... \$2,500,000
Cost of war..... 200,000,000
Indemnity to Spain..... 20,000,000
Total..... \$222,500,000

LIVES LOST BY UNITED STATES—About 253 men killed and about 1,324 wounded. About 2,000 men died in camp. These figures do not include the 266 sailors lost on the Maine or the men who have died of fever after being mustered out.

WHAT SPAIN LOSES:

Cuba..... \$300,000,000
Philippines..... 450,000,000
Porto Rico..... 120,000,000
Cost of war..... 125,000,000
Loss of commerce..... 20,000,000
Thirty ships lost..... 30,000,000
Total..... \$1,075,000,000

LIVES LOST BY SPAIN—About 2,500 killed and 3,000 wounded. No official statement of Spain's losses has been made.

WHAT WE GET.

Porto Rico and outlying small islands, area 3,500 square miles; population 806,708.

Philippine Islands—Area, 114,326 square miles; population 8,000,000.

Sulu Islands—Area, 950 square miles; population 75,000.

Guam, largest of the Ladrone Islands; area, 120 square miles; population, 8,561.

Isle of Pines—Area, 1,214 square miles; population, 2,500.

Total square miles of territory annexed, 120,110.

Total population annexed, 8,892,769.

This does not include Cuba, area 119,240 square miles, population 1,631,619, of which the United States has possession, pending the establishment of a stable government there.

SPAIN'S SEVERE LESSON.

Spain had the satisfaction of blowing up the Maine and killing 266 American sailors.

It has cost her:
Twenty-one war ships.
Two armies defeated and captured.

Cuba, 41,655 square miles and 1,600,000 inhabitants.

Porto Rico, 3,550 square miles and 800,000 inhabitants.

The Philippines, 114,326 square miles and 8,000,000 inhabitants.

The Sulu Islands, 950 square miles and 75,000 inhabitants.

Stray islands in other groups.

A year ago Spain governed over 10,000,000 people outside of her own limits. Now she governs less than 200,000.

Wreck on the Snow Shoe.

Quite a wreck occurred on the Snow Shoe branch of the P. R. R. on Thursday evening of last week. Engineer Wm. Temple was running his engine backward and when near the dry trestle the rails spread. He jumped from the engine and was seriously hurt. He has run on the above train for thirty years. The train was delayed about seven hours, and it was very fortunate none of the passengers were hurt, as the train carried a passenger car in the rear.

Died in the Hawaiian Islands.

George H. Cowles, formerly of Williamsport, died in Honolulu, recently. Deceased left Williamsport about five years ago, since which time he has been a nurse at the New York State insane asylum at Binghamton. When the war with Spain began Cowles enlisted in the Red Cross corps of the First New York Regiment. He was a brother of Mrs. Charles Levergood and a nephew of David Cowles, both residing in Williamsport.

DIED AT TYRONE.

Ira Daniel Garman, who was born at Bellefonte November 18, 1882, died at the home of his parents, at the Garman House in Tyrone, at 6:20 o'clock Sunday morning. He was afflicted with tuberculosis of the brain. He is survived by both his parents, Allen S. and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Garman. The funeral took place Tuesday forenoon, conducted by Rev. T. W. Rosensteel, at St. Matthew's Catholic church, and interment in Oak Grove cemetery Tyrone.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Ira Garman are truly sad. He was the only child of the family, a bright promising boy from infancy. Early he displayed aptness and talent in many ways that gave his parents reasons to have hope in his advancement. Until two years ago he was a robust, strong, active, romping jolly boy—the life and sunshine of the home. Suddenly one Sunday morning a fainting spell came over him. Then nervous troubles developed and the symptoms of disease became more marked. The best medical skill was enlisted, and the tenderest care bestowed, but despite all like a bright rose that was unfolding it gradually faded away.

The funeral was attended by many friends from Bellefonte and other points on Tuesday morning who deeply sympathize with the bereaved parents in this their hour of affliction. There is consolation though in the memory of their child, who always was obedient and dutiful, kindly and upright in his bearing. He was a favorite among his associates and admired by all, and truly was a good and noble boy.

Do Not Cut Trees.

The property owners of the state will be gratified over the verdict of a Bucks county jury which awarded Dr. John Marshall \$737 damages against the American Telegraph Company for the destruction of over sixty shade trees in front of his summer residence. At a previous criminal court Dr. Marshall prosecuted the company's employes who had committed the acts of damage and they were found guilty and fined \$50 each. There has been entirely too much license taken by the various companies that erect overhead wires against the rights of property owners, and the decision in the Bucks county courts will prove a salutary one.

800 To Count One Vote.

The Luzerne county court at an expense of \$100, met in special session Friday afternoon for the purpose of counting the soldier vote. Only one vote was received, that of Charles B. Knecht, a member of the 4th Pennsylvania regiment, organized at Allentown. He voted the straight Democratic ticket with the exception of Sowden for lieutenant governor.

It Worked Quite Well.

Two Huntingdon county boys successfully used a tame turkey hen to decoy wild turkeys within range of their guns. They would tie the turkey to a tree and secrete themselves until its calls would bring the desired game within reach. It worked well until the other day another hunter shot and killed the tame turkey, to the great distress of the boys.

A Popular Remedy.

A newly discovered and very successful cure for sore throat is to gargle it with beer. This announcement may create an epidemic of neck trouble, but for the benefit of genuine sufferers the cure must be made public. It will not work where the muscles of the throat are weak and the gargle allowed to slip down.

Found Gold Again.

Two large veins of gold and silver ore have been discovered in the Nescopeck mountains, near Berwick, a few miles north of Bloomsburg, and near the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, which assayers say indicate paying quantities. The discovery was made by prospectors who were hunting for coal.

No More Hazing.

The State College students have done a sensible thing. At the meetings of the respective classes of the Pennsylvania State College held during the past week every student pledged himself to do no hazing in the future and to discountenance hazing of any kind whatever.

Uses the X Rays.

A hen farmer, who makes a business of selling eggs, has taken to examining his fowls with X rays to see if they contain eggs. It would be a good thing to apply the same test to some of the eggs sent to market to see if they contain fowls.

Large Saw Mill Burned.

The large saw mill owned by B. N. Schwenck, over three miles east of Loganton, was destroyed by fire last week. Nearly all the lumber was also burned.