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## PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

### A Number of Interesting Cases Tried and Verdicts Rendered.

#### FINDINGS OF THE GRAND JURY

List of True Bills Returned—Usual Amount of Trifling Litigation Before the Court—The Disposition of the Curtin Monument Fund—Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

November sessions convened on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with John G. Love, presiding judge, on the bench.

The major portion of the morning session was consumed in hearing motions and petitions presented by different members of the bar.

Thomas J. Sexton of Tyrone, Pa., who read law in the office of Orvis, Bower & Orvis for the past two years, was admitted to practice law in the several courts of Centre county on motion of John Blanchard, Esq. Mr. Sexton applied himself close to his work and passed a very creditable examination before the Bar Examining Board last Friday.

List of grand jurors was then called and absentees noted. A. A. Schenck, merchant of Howard, was selected as foreman, and after being duly charged they proceeded to the grand jury room to pass judgment on the several bills of indictments brought before them by the district attorney. The constables of the several townships and boroughs of the county then made their quarterly returns to court, after which the list of traverse jurors was called and absentees noted.

List of civil cases for the first and second weeks of court was then called over by the Court and cases for trial noted. The case on the first week's list disposed of was as follows:

Philip A. Leister vs. E. M. Huyett, appeal, plea non assumpsit. Continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

Cases on the second week's list were disposed of as follows:

G. G. Snyder and James Snyder, trading as Snyder Bros., vs. Peter F. Collins, administrator of, etc., of Thomas Collins, deceased. Settled.

John P. Harris, W. E. Gray, and Samuel T. Gray vs. Jacob Thielman, Samuel Marsh and George Chapman; summoned in replevin, plea non caput and property. Continued generally.

John P. Harris, William E. Gray, and Samuel T. Gray vs. Jacob M. Thielman, Samuel Marsh, George M. Chapman, Morrell Marshall, and Labe Kellinger; summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. Continued generally.

Austin Swisher vs. John Bruss, George Bruss, Hugh Adams, and Elizabeth Bennett; summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. Continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

J. F. Barber, G. W. Barber, William Lauderbach, and John G. Platt, co-partners, trading and doing business under the firm name of Platt, Barber & Co., vs. the Clearfield Traction Company, a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit; set off payment, payment with leave, etc. Continued.

Sigmund Kleuke vs. Charles A. Rooney, and John T. Foley, defendants, and the Clearfield Traction Company, garnishees; summoned in attachment execution, plea nulla bona with leave to give special matter in evidence, etc. Continued.

George F. Stevenson vs. William Reed; summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. Case settled as per paper filed.

John G. Love and Louisa H. Hoy, executors of Adam Hoy, deceased, vs. the German American Insurance Company of New York; summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued, the case being special to Judge Love.

Sandy Ridge Fire Brick Company vs. Mattie S. Twigg; summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. Continued.

When court convened in the afternoon considerable time was again taken up in petitions and motions.

Com. vs. Thomas Hayes, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Gussie Oswald. This case is from Snow Shoe township. The defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed by the Court.

Com. vs. Thomas Hayes, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Mary E. Rolley. This case is also from Snow Shoe township and the same defendant as in the preceding case. The defendant plead guilty and received the same sentence as before.

Com. vs. Thomas Barr, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Lillie Fike. This case is from Milesburg. Verdict guilty, and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed.

Com. vs. Daniel Robb, indicted for cruelty to animals, prosecutor Herman Bowes. This case grows out of a difficulty between the prosecutor and the defendant on the 17th day of August last, in Liberty township. The prosecutor attempted to drive into the creek to fill a water tank for

threshing purposes and was stopped by the defendant striking one of his horses on the head with a shovel and knocking it down, as the prosecutor alleges. The defendant admits the stopping of the prosecutor from driving into the creek at that point and alleged that the prosecutor attempted to drive over him and that he did hit one of the horses over the nose, but that the horse was not injured. Verdict not guilty and the costs divided equally between the prosecutor and the defendant.

Com. vs. William Burns, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Susan Hill. This case is from Snow Shoe township. The defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed by the Court.

Com. vs. Reuben Hoover, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Sarah E. Swabb. This case is from Howard township. Verdict guilty and the usual sentence in such cases was imposed by the Court.

At this point the civil list was taken up and the insurance cases were called, being ten in number and being appeals from the judgment of J. M. Keichline, Esq., a number of these cases having been disposed of at June argument court on certiorari, and grow out of the failure of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and assessments laid on the policy holders, being as follows: Elmer W. Moore, receiver of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., vs. M. Salina Goodhart; D. C. Martz; Jas. A. Decker; John F. Gray; J. N. Krumrine and S. Krumrine; Jacob Krumrine; Jas. L. Murphy, trustee of the M. E. church; Adam H. Krumrine; J. B. Ard and P. F. Bortorff, and I. C. Korman. Discontinuances were entered in each of the above ten cases upon the payment of the costs by the plaintiff without prejudice.

Com. vs. Torrence E. Sage, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor S. C. Cowen. This prosecutor is a freight conductor on the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad and on the 20th day of September last he was in charge of the fast freight train carrying perishable goods from Lock Haven to Tyrone. When some distance west of Mill Hall, the prosecutor saw two colored gentlemen riding on the train, which is against the rules of the company, but he did not care to stop his train to put them off, having a fast schedule, until he reached Port Matilda where the train stopped to take water. He ordered them off, but when the train started they attempted to get on again and he put the smaller of the men off. When he tried to put the larger of them off he assaulted him by striking him, and information was lodged against him. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty and sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, \$20 fine and an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of thirty days.

Tuesday morning the civil list was taken up as follows:

Isaac Harris, Samuel Harris, and Fred A. Johnson, trading as Harris, Johnson & Co., vs. George E. Chandler; appeal, plea non assumpsit. Continued, pending settlement and not to go on the list again without leave of Court.

Sallie A. Meek vs. the school district of Half Moon township; appeal, plea non assumpsit and non assumpsit infra sex annos. This suit is brought to recover on a school order issued by the school board in 1881 for one month's salary, which, as the plaintiff alleges, has never been paid, Miss Meek having that year been employed to teach a five months' term of school, that being the length of a school term at that time. The case had not proceeded very far when a juror was withdrawn by the Court and the case was continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

W. C. Krader vs. William C. Sheesley, Daniel Eisenhuth, and Susan Eisenhuth, late trading as Sheesley & Eisenhuth; appeal, plea non assumpsit. This case was originally tried before a justice of the peace and judgment rendered against the defendants, whereupon Mrs. Eisenhuth took this appeal. Suit is brought to recover balance on book account for \$173.89 in favor of the plaintiff, who is a merchant at Coburn. Verdict on Tuesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff as against William C. Sheesley and Daniel Eisenhuth, and in favor of Susan Eisenhuth, one of the defendants, the jury finding that she was not a member of the firm.

Com. vs. Dennis Motter, indicted on three counts—first count, assault and battery; second count, indecent assault, and third count, assault with intent to commit a rape, prosecutrix Elizabeth Williams. Miss Williams is a young lady sixteen years of age, living at Lock Lomond in Rush township, about two miles from Phillipsburg. She attended a social dance in the G. A. R. hall in Phillipsburg along with some of her young friends, on the night of the 17th day of October last. She started for home at about half past one in the morning with her escort, a Mr. Gerhart, of Chester Hill, and when at or near the Cold Stream bridge they were met by three young men, who by threats, etc., induced Mr. Gerhart to turn back. The prosecutrix attempted to catch up with her friends who were but a short distance ahead of her, when this defendant followed

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## OLD THANKSGIVIN'

By Joe Lincoln

Oh, the wind is moanin' lonesome as it's creepin' to and fro  
Through the branches of the trees so bleak and bare;  
And the sky looks kinder threat'nin' and there's just a hint of snow,  
And November's writ his name 'most everywhere.  
But the bright red fire's a roarin' up the big brick chimbley flue,  
And the old house kinder wears a happy grin;  
What's the odds about the weather when the loved ones git together,  
There's a turkey full of stuffin' that's a pictur' fer the eye,  
There's a puddin' that won't hold another plum;  
There's cel'ry and there's cramb'ry sass, there's mince and punkin pie,  
All settin' there a-holl'rin' ter yer, "Come!"  
And here's mother, who's been countin' up the days fer weeks and weeks,  
And me a-feelin' young as twenty-four,  
And there's welcome runnin' over jest like dew drips off the clover,  
Fer it's jolly old Thanksgivin' come once more!

Oh, it's good ter be a child ag'in, if only once a year!  
It's good ter have the children round the place,  
It brings yer back the old sweet days in mem'ry allers dear,  
And kinder smoothes the wrinkles from yer face.  
Our boys and gals are back at home with children of their own,  
So let the fun and frolics now begin;  
We old ones' hearts are cherrry, though our eyes, maybe, are teary,  
Fer it's blessed old Thanksgivin' come ag'in!

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING.

### A Fine Chapel Organ Will Be Given Away by the Centre Democrat.

In recent years the Centre Democrat gave away five scholarships to the Lock Haven Normal and asked the patrons of the paper to select some deserving lady or gentleman to receive the same. This was received with popular approval.

To-day we have another important announcement. THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT has just purchased a handsome chapel organ from the well known factory of "Cornish & Co., Washington, N. J.," which we desire to present to some public school, secret order, church or religious organization, and will ask the patrons of the paper to select, by popular vote, using coupons from this paper, as to who shall have this fine instrument. The voting will be conducted on the same principle as in the former scholarship contests. The regulations of same, coupons, names of judges, etc., will likely appear in full in our next issue.

The instrument contains the "New Orchestral Multitone Action" which has made the Cornish organ so famous. This action has no equal. Briefly, it consists of 221 orchestral pipe-toned reeds, 18 fall octaves divided into eleven complete sets and operated by 18 necessary stops and two knee swells.

Instruments like these are seldom sold for less than from \$700 to \$125 and it would be a valuable and ornamental acquisition for any order, church or school.

Who shall have it?

## SENSATION AT CLEARFIELD.

County Officials Arrested for Alleged Frauds  
in That Place.

A sensation was sprung at Clearfield Friday by District Attorney A. H. Atwood swearing out warrants before Squire Jao. C. Harclay, charging Sheriff David D. Gingery and Jury Commissioners Millard F. Johnston and Joseph A. Phillips with perjury, conspiracy and common law misdemeanor in drawing the jurors for the December term of court, which was to convene the first Monday of next month.

This charge grows out of an investigation made last Thursday by Singleton Bell and G. M. Bilger, attorneys for the Clearfield Republican, the editors of which paper are defendants in a suit on the list for trial at this term.

Investigation has developed the fact that the entire panel of grand and traverse jurors drawn for Oyer and Terminer Court was spurious. Not one of the 24 grand jurors or one of the 50 traverse jurors was drawn from the wheel, it is now alleged, although it happened that two of the former names and six of the latter were in the wheel when the list was made up. The stuffing was wholesale in both instances.

Jury Commissioner Phillips, who is under bail, charged with perjury as a public official, conspiracy and common law misdemeanor in connection with this stuffing of the December list, was there Monday. He talks freely on the subject, and says he had no knowledge whatever that a fraud was being committed when the array was drawn. He alleges that he had charge of the jury book and entered the names thereon as they were drawn and read by Jury Commissioner Johnston.

Phillips' story is that Johnston sat at one side of the table, with the wheel at his side, from which he (Phillips) thought the names were taken. Johnston would read out the name from the slip and pass it to Sheriff Gingery, who read it and laid it on the table. Deputy Sheriff H. E. Rowles was also present.

Millard F. Johnston, the other Jury Commissioner, has not yet been arrested. No event in the history of that county ever raised such indignation as this jury-wheel stuffing. A number of people have communicated with the editors of the Republican, and offered all the financial assistance necessary to prosecute the case to the end.

No one believes either Gingery, Johnston or Phillips is the real culprit, but that whoever did the work only carried out the plans prepared by other parties who were interested in having grand and traverse juries they could control be-

## MEANING OF THANKSGIVING

### The Observance of the Day in Former Times

#### LANDING OF THE PURITANS

Thanksgiving Day Was Approved by Washington and Lincoln—Has Become a National Holiday—There is an Abundance for all This Season.

Thanksgiving Day, 1899, should be chiefly celebrated in recognition of a year's abundant material prosperity. The people, highest and lowest, are glad of a chance to thank God for his great and manifold blessings.

It is a singular fact that Washington, as well as being the first president, was the first to suggest a continuance of a day of Thanksgiving.

Two other presidents had proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day for special occurrences, as, indeed, Lincoln himself had done, previously, but they were not in the spirit of the rare old Pilgrims who established the festival as a day of Thanksgiving to God, not for any special blessing, but for all his constant mercies. It was not, therefore, until 1863 that, from a purely New England institution, Thanksgiving Day became a national festival of rejoicing, universally celebrated from the pine forests of Maine to the surf-washed shores of the Pacific.

When the people sat down to their Thanksgiving dinner in 1864, in compliance with the second recommendation, they were thankful that the civil war was nearly over, and President Andrew Johnson appointed Thursday, December 7th, as Thanksgiving Day instead of the last Thursday in November, according to what had always been accepted as the usual custom.

With this season of mists and mellow fruitfulness comes our Thanksgiving Day and the festival of the family. History tells us that this annual celebration of the first joys grew out of a moment of great peril and marked deliverance therefrom. This new continent gave our pilgrim fathers but cold welcome, for the Mayflower entered Plymouth harbor midst a driving snowstorm. Wading ashore through treacherous surf, men cleared away the drifts and erected rude log cabins.

Since that first far off event 379 autumns have passed over our favored land. Other Thanksgivings, perhaps have been unique by reason of national peril and striking deliverance therefrom. But perhaps no other one summer has included dangers so many and so great, or deliverance and gifts so striking. For filling storehouses and barns the sun has been kindly, the clouds propitious and the soil full of divine ardor. Each month of advancing summer has lent new wealth to meadow and pasture, vineyard and orchard.

During some years the poor have dreaded the long winter—this year there is abundance for all.

#### Large Fire.

A fire at Fowler Station, Thursday night, November 23rd, destroyed six buildings, the large and fine barn, sheep stable, wagon, and corn shed, hog pen, chicken house, cow stable and tool house, all good buildings. Besides the dwelling there are three other buildings that were not destroyed, the blacksmith shop, lodge house and slaughter house. The property is insured with the W. F. Hiller agency in the German-American company, of New York, and Orient, of Hartford, Connecticut, for \$5,500, and the loss is total. The property is owned by Mrs. A. T. Francine, of Philadelphia, and is occupied by D. H. Beck. The cause of the fire is unknown.

#### Battle With a Deer.

John Watzneck, the trackwalker at Parker's Glenn, had a singular experience with a deer. He was walking along the railroad near the station when he heard a commotion overhead and looking up saw a large doe on the edge of the precipice which is more than 100 feet high. The deer jumped and landed a few yards ahead of him on the ground. Its only apparent injury was a broken leg. Watzneck grappled with the animal as it struck the ground and a fierce battle ensued for half an hour before Watzneck succeeded in cutting its throat. He was severely injured.—DuBois Express.

#### High Constable Killed.

High Constable, Thomas T. Powell, of Clearfield, was run over by a freight train on the Beech Creek road Friday evening. He was dragged for a distance of over 100 yards and portions of his remains were scattered along the track. He was an old soldier. He was 60 years old and is survived by a family.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

### The Order of The Day.

Now the festive rural dweller  
Descends into his cellar  
To begin a very pleasant  
Task, task, task.

While his mouth he opens wider  
As he engulfs the sparkling cider,  
In his effort to empty the  
Cask, cask, cask.

And the college football player  
Prides himself he is a stayer  
To smother his opponent, whom he'll  
Maim, maim, maim.

He smiles—how he will mangle him,  
Smother, kick and strangle him,  
Till he's taken on a stretcher from the  
Game, game, game.

Now we take relaxation  
From work day life's vexation,  
Waiting gleefully till the dinner bell is  
Heard, heard, heard.

For, even where we're boarding,  
Mrs. Hasbroff is affording  
Up a turkey that simply is a  
Bird, bird, bird.

Buried in the past—skeletons.  
Hands up—at 12 o' the clock,  
Not on a string—beads of sweat.  
A man in the house—"man'sion."  
A light sentence—"Turn up the gas."

We never seem to see weather-beaten  
EGGS.  
It is beauty before age on a woman's  
face.

The hotel proprietor is a host in himself.  
A flower of youth—the pink of propriety.

One far-fetched joke also goes a good  
ways.

The cook's duties often cover a wide  
range.  
Running in debt—the unpaid for  
watch.

The hack driver isn't in it. (He rides  
outside.)

A family tree sometimes bears seedy-  
looking fruit.  
Love is a lottery in which the old maid  
has no chances.

Even "cross" questioning may be done  
good-naturedly.

The cloak of friendship is often made  
of shoddy stuff.

Rival newspapers array their fighting  
forces in columns.

Is a wagon tongue called a "tongue"  
because it has a wag on?

The bookkeeper shouldn't object to being  
called a "footman."

No doctor cares to have these words  
for a motto—"All is well!"

Even a successful dentist does not always  
travel in a Pullman car.

The camel isn't naturally cross, though  
he was born with his back up.

It seems funny, but it's the empty-  
headed people who get rattled.

Ought a far-sighted sculptor to be able  
to take a forecast of the future?

Because a man makes his will is no  
evidence that he is willing to die.

The man in the moon may not be a  
sun, but neither is he a daughter.

Postage stamps are almost sure to  
stick, once you get them cornered.

Sometimes the grass widow is quite  
content, because she's "in clover."

In a legal battle the skilled lawyer is  
careful not to waste his ammunition.

The man who never pays his debts  
ought to be made to pay the penalty.

A hat or a bonnet is more becoming to  
an elderly woman than a maidenhood.

There is only one bar at which a toper  
sobers up, and that is the bar of justice.

Funny, isn't it? The closer a man is  
the harder it seems to be to touch him.

A man who gets trusted for everything  
is always of some account in the world.

To be popular, a newspaper must have  
about as many good points as a paper of  
pins.

They say actors "count the ties." And  
so do ministers when they count up wed-  
dings.

Old cider cannot possibly keep sweet,  
no matter how hard it works trying to  
do so.

A man may regard a receipted bill as a  
friend, but he likes to meet the friend  
again.

The one-legged man may live just as  
long as if he didn't have one foot in the  
grave.

Even lamblike billiard players need  
not go out-of-doors to gamble on the  
green.

Some people, like phonographs, have a  
record for repeating everything you say  
to them.

Architects and dentists who go on the  
stage cannot depend on their drawing  
powers.

Why do we speak of "the good old  
days of Adam and Eve?" The world was  
young then.