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SECOND WEEK APRIL COURT

A Very Short Session Held this Week

MANY CASES CONTINUED

Some Were Settled, a Few Were Tried and Others Stricken from the List—Adjourned Wednesday Forenoon—Reported by S. D. Gettig.

Thursday afternoon court convened as per adjournment on Wednesday and a number of motions and petitions were heard and the sheriff acknowledged deeds.

The application for a tavern license at Sandy Ridge, in Rush township, by Benjamin Cowperthwaite was granted.

Monday morning court convened at half past nine o'clock, with Judge Love on the Bench. The list of petit jurors called, absentees noted and the trial list for the week called over and cases disposed of as follows, to wit:

C. N. Sober vs. J. C. Condo, feigned issue, plea general issue. Settled.

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, summoned in assumpsit, plea not guilty. Continued.

Lehigh Valley Coal Company vs. George Lucas, Frank Lanning, Nelson Wolford, Isaac Lanning, David Hoover, David C. Shope, Alfred Ammerman, John Ardell, Jr., and Mary I. Ardell; summoned in replevin, plea non cepit and property. Two cases. Continued.

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

Frick Company vs. W. M. Lutz, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

William I. Harvey vs. Thomas I. Lucas, summoned in replevin, plea non cepit and property. Continued.

The Commonwealth Iron Company vs. Robert Valentine, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Discontinued.

A. M. Smith vs. Robert Valentine, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

Robert Kinkead vs. Rosa L. Pierce, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

The First National Bank of Bellefonte vs. Peter F. Collins, administrator of, etc., of Thomas Collins, deceased, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. This case was on an endorsement of a note of the Shoemaker Mining Company. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$989.85.

Henry B. Panoast, trading as Henry B. Panoast & Company, vs. Kate A. Miller, trading as the Gowland Manufacturing Company, and Gowland Manufacturing Company, John Gowland; and Haines, Jones & Cadbury Company vs. same. Two cases. Summoned in both cases in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit and payment. Plaintiffs suffered voluntary non suits.

Nannie Lucas; and Mary Nyman vs. the township of Boggs. Two cases. Summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Settled as per papers filed in both cases.

William Witmer vs. W. J. Sowers, feigned issue, plea general issue. Sometime in the fall of 1899 this defendant, who held a note against J. C. Witmer, had the same entered of record and caused an execution to issue, placing his writ in the hands of the sheriff, who levied upon all the personal property in the possession of J. C. Witmer in Beaver township as the property of the said J. C. Witmer, whereupon William Witmer, this plaintiff, served notice on the sheriff that the property did not belong to J. C. Witmer, but that the property belonged to him, having bought it at a sheriff sale sometime in the year 1895 on an execution on a judgment in his favor. After this notice the sheriff had the goods appraised and returned his writ under the interpleader laws of the Commonwealth, and this issue was framed to try the title of this property, and at trial the plaintiff sustained his claims and a verdict was rendered in his favor on Monday afternoon for the property levied upon.

Austin Swisher vs. John Brass, George Brass, Hugh Adams, and Elizabeth Bennett, summoned in ejectment, plea not guilty. This action was brought to gain possession of a tract of land of about 21 acres in Houston township, which the plaintiff, together with other lands, bought from Jacob Tome about 1870 on articles of agreement, obtaining a deed therefor in 1878, and sometime in the early seventies Mr. Swisher sold these 21 acres to William Bennett, on an article of agreement which the plaintiff alleges Mr. Bennett surrendered to him near the end of the year 1874, stating that he could not pay for it, and that he, Swisher, went into possession of the land again in 1875 and remained in possession until sometime in 1880, when he was dispossessed by these defendants. The defence is, that in 1873 a judgment

was entered against William Bennett which was so proceeded in that the land was sold in 1874 by the sheriff to Hugh Adams, who received his deed from the sheriff for the same and in 1886 Mr. Adams sold the property to John and George Brass. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the defendants for the land described in the writ.

David Spotts vs. S. R. Pringle and Martin Cowher, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. At April term, 1898, Mr. Pringle bought at sheriff sale the property in Worth township on which the plaintiff was a tenant and received his deed therefor from the sheriff, and wishing to have possession of the premises so bought, the plaintiff several times promised to vacate the premises, none of which promises were fulfilled, and in May, 1899, Mr. Pringle, with Martin Cowher, the constable, and others went to the house of the plaintiff and set his goods out on the public road where they were exposed to the weather for about ten days or two weeks and the plaintiff brought this suit against the defendants for damages. Verdict in favor of the defendants.

Fannie Barnhart, by her father and next friend, Thompson M. Barnhart, vs. the borough of Bellefonte, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued on petition at the costs of the defendant.

All jurors discharged on Tuesday noon.

JOIN THE CHURCH MATT.

Dr. Swallow cordially invites Quay to Espouse Prohibition.

Dr. Swallow, who has been a thorn in the flesh of ex-Senator Quay for years, has written to the "Old Man" inviting him to join the Prohibition party and become a true reformer. The doctor is pleased with the action of the United States senate in the Quay case and yet he regrets to see one who has been in public life so long as the former senator go down under the ban of public opinion.

"I really hope that a man of Quay's talents and ability to handle men," he said "may yet come into line for good government and reform. The plank in the platform adopted by the State convention commending ballot reform, which the republicans claim the party has secured, is a travesty on truth in view of the recent exposures in Philadelphia."

Dr. Swallow has forwarded the following letter to ex-Senator Quay:

Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay—My Dear Sir and Brother: I still have your letter of five years ago, declining my advice, given you in view of your religious antecedents, elements of captaincy and our need of such men to get converted and join the Prohibitionists.

Better have done it. You got into bad company. Hanna, McKinley, the army canteen, Beer Brewer Cox, Distiller Greenhut and shooting the heathens. You looked worse than some of the others because you are no hypocrite.

However, you were bad enough to Stone, but not bad enough to kill, nor good enough to die. Now, while on your marrow bones under the sack cloth, get converted in the good, old Methodist way. Your Calvinistic perseverance joined with Armenian energy would make a good combination for service, as I well know by experience.

Then come over to the Prohibitionists, body, soul and substance, and we will canonize you. We will in very deed make a saint of you. Yours kindly, S. C. SWALLOW.

Harrisburg, April 26, 1900

LEWISBURG'S TRAGEDY.

Last week a brief account of the recent murder at Lewisburg was published in this paper. Since then Lenhart was given a hearing and the result is that he will be held for trial. The testimony was so positive that there is little hope for him escaping the gallows.

In our article last week we made reference to Newton Motz, as a former resident of Woodward and the following will correct some of the statements that were incorrectly reported to us:

Newton Motz was a stepson of Absalom Motz, but not a grand-son of Jacob Motz, and not related to the Jacob Motz family, nor to Mrs. Noah Weaver, and he is not related at all to the Kreamers, Hess' and Bortoff's.

Another Sheidon.

An exchange announces: "Next week will begin running this paper as Captain Kidd would have run it. Delinquent subscribers may expect a call from us with their account stuck in the muzzle of a six-shooter. Otherwise this paper will be running as the sheriff want to run it."

Three Ears.

John Kauffman, residing on the Willis farm near Granville bridge, Millin county, has a curiosity in the shape of a pig with three fully developed ears, the third ear growing out at the base of one of the others.

Was Once a Millionaire

Reuben Green, at one time a millionaire of Williamsport, died in the hospital, that city, Tuesday, of pneumonia. He was buried by the overseers of the poor. He was 80 years old.

OLEOMARGARINE FRAUDS

How the Law is Violated Continually.

JOHN HAMILTON CENSURED

For Neglect in the Discharge of Duties of His Office—Gov. Stone and the Republican Officials Try to Avoid an Honest Investigation—More Quavism.

For some years the farmers of this state, and especially the dairy interests, have met a competition that is destroying their market for butter, the sale of oleomargarine which is palmed off as butter. It is a splendid imitation of the genuine article and can be manufactured for about one-half the price of good butter. To protect the dairy interests and the farmers, stringent laws have been enacted for the regulation of the sale of oleomargarine in this state. The person who deals in oleomargarine must pay a special license, display a conspicuous sign in his place of business that he sells oleomargarine, and have the product so labeled. If the law were enforced in regard to this particular product the dairy people would have little to complain about. But the sale of oleomargarine is carried on in many places in flagrant violation of the law, and the authorities seem to be indifferent to the same.

Recently the North American, one of the ablest daily papers in the city of Philadelphia, started two of their reporters up in business for the purpose of showing how easy it was to handle the product in direct violation of the law. The result of their experiment was a great sensation, and proved that the present state officials were derelict and incompetent, or in league with the oleomargarine people and sharing some of the profits of the business.

The other day the Grangers and the dairy people had a meeting at which they passed a series of resolutions censuring the various departments at Harrisburg for their complicity in this business, or their neglect in enforcing the law. Among the resolutions adopted is one that refers directly to one of Centre county's famous political acrobats, who farms the farmer for a living and has been extremely successful of late; we mean none other than the sanctimonious John Hamilton, who will stand up for any party or policy as long as it will pass out well for Hamilton. The Grangers and the dairymen took John's measure pretty accurately in the following resolution which they adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That while the blame for the misconduct for this department lies primarily upon the dairy and food commissioner and his assistants, yet the secretary of agriculture, John Hamilton, also is censurable for not exercising a stricter supervision over the conduct of the dairy and food commissioner as part of his department.

Governor Stone has declined the assistance of the North American in the prosecution of Inspector Little and Oleo Dealer Callahan. The governor is well aware that an honest investigation will connect too many officials with the frauds.

The North American had the following to say editorially on Wednesday: GOVERNOR STONE IS AFRAID.

"There are millions of capital behind the Oleomargarine Trust. It can afford to pay largely for protection. That is something the Quay machine is always ready to sell. Governor Stone is a creature of the Quay machine.

"Had Governor Stone a sense of public duty, how long would Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton and Commissioner Wells and all their incompetent and corrupt subordinates remain in office in the face of the North American's exposure of the relations of the Dairy and Food Commission with the oleomargarine swindlers and tribute-payers? The patent truth is that the Quay machine does not want to prosecute the dealers in oleo. It does not dare to set the machinery of the law in real operation against them. Many thousands of dollars have been paid by these criminals for the machine's protection, and if driven to the wall by the machine some of them would be sure to turn upon it and tell into what official pockets their bribes went."

90 MEN KILLED.

At Schofield, Utah, Many Other Workers Injured by Explosion.

A terrific explosion occurred Tuesday in the winter quarters of the Pleasant Valley company's coal mine at Schofield, on the Rio Grande Western railway, near Colton, Utah, by which, according to reports, over 100 people were killed and many injured. It is reported that 90 bodies have already been recovered.

The work of rescue is going on and everything possible is being done to relieve the suffering and ascertain the number of dead. A dispatch from Schofield states positively that there have been eighty-five dead bodies taken out of the Pleasant Valley coal company mine No. 4. There were 250 men at work in the two mines, Nos. 4 and 1. The balance of the miners are dead.

WANTS \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Young Lady of Jersey Shore Sues for Breach of Promise.

Miss Annie Walker, a pretty and prominent young woman of Jersey Shore, Friday began a breach of promise case against Arthur Scarborough, also a resident of Jersey Shore, asking for damages in the sum of \$10,000. In the affidavit filed with the court Miss Walker recites that Scarborough, after courting her for three years, fixed January 25th, last, as their wedding day, and that in anticipation of the event she prepared her wedding trousseau.

But on and after January 20th, Miss Walker further declares, Mr. Scarborough began to act coolly toward her and that he married Miss Edith Sonn. Miss Walker concludes her affidavit by saying that, independent of any mere settlement in life or estate, which she has lost by reason of defendant's breach of his engagement with her, she has suffered in wounded feelings a loss which no amount of money can repay.

The court has fixed Mr. Scarborough's bail at \$5000.

Miss Walker is 21 years old. About January 1st she left Jersey Shore and went to her home near Snow Shoe where she began making preparations for the wedding. During her absence, Scarborough became acquainted with Miss Sonn, of Hazelton, who was visiting in Jersey Shore, and pressed his suit so persistently that he and the young lady were married on the evening of April 11th. A few days ago they returned from their wedding trip, when Miss Walker, the forsaken fiancée had Scarborough arrested for breach of promise.

RIVERA NOT A REBEL.

The Natives Are Organizing to Resist American Rule.

General Ruis Rivera, who recently resigned the portfolio of agriculture in General Wood's cabinet in Havana, was seen by correspondents, relative to the report that he was at the head of a revolutionary movement to secure Cuban independence.

General Rivera denied emphatically the story of revolt and declared that his name had been used in connection with the story at the instigation of his political enemies, who wished to injure his candidacy for mayor of Havana.

Rivera said that no outbreak need be feared before the municipal elections in June, or immediately afterward, though he admitted that the natives were organizing to resist a perpetuation of the American regime after January 1, 1901, and were ready to make every sacrifice to implant the republic in Cuba which the United States had promised.

EXCITEMENT AT GAINES.

The New Well Still Gushes a Thousand Barrels a Day.

The Blossburg oil well still keeps up at a thousand barrel a day gait, and is attracting crowds of oil men from all quarters. All have oil fever, and Gaines seems on the eve of a great oil boom.

Many train loads of excursionists arrived on Sunday. The Billing estate has leased lots Nos. 5 and 6, adjoining the Blossburg lease, at one half royalty and a bonus. An offer of \$125,000 for the one-hundred acres lease on which the gusher is located has been refused. This rivals Bradford in its palmiest day.

FELL AMONG THIEVES.

Last Monday afternoon Lewis Elliott, a bibulously disposed individual from Black Bear, came to Philipsburg, with something like twenty-five dollar cash in hand. It was not long until he attracted a couple of other birds of the same feather, who saw in him a fowl to be plucked. The opportunity came about 1:30 as the trio were wending their weary way to the Erb house on Spruce street. Elliott being badly intoxicated by that time, his companions, Charles Waple, white, and Lo Jones, colored, dragged their quarry onto the ball ground on Spruce street, threw him down and rifled his pockets of \$12 in currency. Boys were hanging around and saw the transaction and Jones threw one of them a dime, advising him to get a pack of cigarettes with it, and keep his mouth shut. They quickly informed Policeman Sankney of the robbery. A warrant was issued and the offenders arrested. They saw the game was up, confessed and handed over the money. They were given a hearing before 'Squire La Porte, who found them guilty of highway robbery and in default of \$500 bail they were sent to jail to await trial before the county court in August.—Ledger.

New Houses.

Many new houses have been built recently at Retort and Sandy Ridge, Clearfield county, and others are in the course of erection. The boom in the fire brick business at those places is the cause.

BEECH CREEK SCORCHED

A Disastrous Fire Occurred Monday Afternoon

ENTIRE TOWN THREATENED

With Destruction Until Assistance Came from Mill Hall and Lock Haven—A Dozen Buildings Afire at One Time—Property Was Insured.

The one-half of Beech Creek was saved from destruction Monday afternoon only by the most heroic efforts. The fire originated at 12:45 p. m. in the house owned by E. S. Mobley and occupied by Bert Smith and family. The fire was discovered burning around the chimney from the cook stove, and was under the roof, but despite the efforts to keep it from spreading, the high wind made it impossible to do so. This house was built up against the west side of E. S. Mobley's store, which nothing could save. Mr. Mobley was able to remove his valuable papers and books, but aside from two fifty-gallon oil tanks, which were filled, some ammunition and a few sacks of flour, all the contents were destroyed. This building was two stories high, and in size 30x50 feet, located on the corner of Main and Grant streets. These two buildings, burning at the same time, made a raging fire, and the terrific gale that was blowing made it evident that if aid was not asked from Mill Hall, the whole eastern section of the town was doomed. A dispatch was sent to the Mill Hall fire company. In less than one hour they were there with their apparatus, consisting of the fire engine, two hose carriages and 1,000 feet of hose. In the meantime the bucket brigades were doing heroic work to save the buildings that were in the direct path of the flames. The battle-ground was the house of James Metzgar, which stands on the corner east of Mobley's and 100 feet away. It was on fire many times, the heat being so intense that it was almost impossible to continue the battle. Being a new house and newly painted it what aided the efforts. Had this house gone, everything east of it would have been destroyed, as the house of Leonard Metzgar, Dr. Mothersbaugh, the Presbyterian church and all below are built closely together. All of these buildings were on fire—as many as twelve buildings in one time. The Presbyterian church was afire in ten different places. J. S. Hall's barn on the rear of his dwelling next below the church burned. At two o'clock the wind subsided somewhat and the flames were gotten under control.

The loss of E. S. Mobley on house, store and stock is estimated at \$7,000, partially covered by \$4,000 insurance. The contents of the house were saved for Mr. Smith. Jas. Metzgar's house is badly damaged outside. J. S. Hall's loss on his barn is placed \$75; no insurance. Mr. Mobley will not rebuild. All things considered, it was almost a miracle that the progress of the flames was arrested and the eastern half of Beech Creek is not in ruins today.—L. H. Express.

WRECK ON BEECH CREEK.

Head On Collision Occurs Near Ford's Run.

A head-on collision between the west bound passenger train and an east bound freight train on the Beech Creek system Saturday forenoon near Vidard, owing, it is said, to a misunderstanding of train orders.

The conductor of the passenger train, Willis Taylor, was only slightly hurt. All the passengers, among whom was Senator S. R. Peale, were thrown from their seats and badly shaken up, but none of them were injured to any extent. The wreck occurred on a curve near Ford's Run.

The engines were smashed into a shapeless mass of twisted iron. The tank of the freight engine was knocked off its trucks and rolled over the bank. Several cars of freight were utterly demolished. Engineer Bassett and fireman stuck to their engine and escaped injury. The freight crew jumped and also escaped. The road was blocked for five hours.

Bound for Cape Nome.

Samuel H. Meyers, of Lock Haven, started on his long journey for the Cape Nome, Alaska, gold fields last week. He will go direct from this city to Seattle and from that city the trip will be made by water. The distance from Seattle to Nome is 2,950 miles.

I. C. Carlson, of Renovo, also left that place with the intention of going to Cape Nome.

Sure Sign.

When a boy begins to wash his neck without being licked to do it, it is a sign he is passing through his first love affair.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

This life's but a toss
Between pleasure and pain,
For the coal man's loss
Is the ice man's gain.

We've heard of smokeless powder;
The horseless cab's a fad;
There may be clamless chowder,
But there is no boneless shad.

It is almost impossible to "eat slow" on a dining car.

Grass-widows and grasshoppers jump at the first chance.

The woman who hesitates isn't always lost, but she stutters.

The average woman don't want a vote if she can get a voter.

The average woman is happiest when other women envy her.

The less you say about a woman keeping a secret, the better.

Deaf-mutes are the only women that ever go without saying.

The marriage relation is but another name for a mother-in-law.

When society is a woman's hobby, she is usually a bare-back rider.

The milkmaid is likely to find her work something of a strain.

In hot weather the butcher may lose lots of flesh without getting any thinner.

It isn't always wise to compliment a woman on her blooming cheeks.

Woman shares man's grief, double his joys, and trebles his expenses.

A woman never weeps more bitterly than when she weeps for spite.

A woman never misses an opportunity to pick another woman to pieces.

When a woman starts out to reform, she always begins on some man.

A woman's strength lies in her silence; that is why she is naturally weak.

In order to successfully argue with a woman, all you have to do is keep silent.

The woman who is proof against flattery has the whole world at her command.

When a woman is unable to dress as well as her neighbor, she has vain regrets.

A woman can tell what another woman has on as far as a man can smell fried onions.

A mirror reflects without speaking and a woman often speaks without reflecting.

Some women are like cats; as soon as you pay them a compliment they begin to purr.

Age increases the value of books and whisky, but it's different with women and butter.

Men study women as they do barometers. In either case, they never get at it bemoaning until the day after.

The man who is always complaining of having a wife to support, usually lives upon the fruits of her labor at the wash-tub.

A Canadian editor, being asked if he had ever seen a baldheaded woman, replied: "No we never did. Nor have we seen a woman walking about town in her shirt sleeves, with a cigar between her teeth. We have never seen a woman go fishing with a bottle in her hip pocket, sit on the dump ground all day and then go home drunk at night. Nor have we ever seen a woman yank off her coat and swear she could lick any man in town. God bless her! She ain't built that way."

What One Woman Thinks.

It's a pretty good world to live in after all.

Taking life easy is some people's excuse for laziness.

Some people, in their efforts to be original, are only queer.

A vice is cheap, but it sometimes costs you pretty dear to follow it.

A milliner is always surrounded with lots of bows if she keeps in good trim.

There is always one man you can trust to look you straight in the eye—the oculist.

All this modern idolatry of a rich young husband, is but another form of bowing down to a golden calf.

A man admires a clever woman, but he admires still more the woman who makes him think he is clever.

More than one explosion over family expenses has begun with a woman's curiosity in meddling with a new fashion magazine.

Injured While Fishing for Trout.

Clement Hartman, a retired merchant, of Philadelphia, was badly injured near Howard Saturday. While fishing for trout his line became fastened in the limbs of a tree and he climbed upon a rock to free it. While standing on the rock he slipped and plunged headforemost into the stream, a distance of twenty feet. A half hour later his companions found him unconscious and covered with blood, but fortunately lying with his head out of water. He was revived with difficulty. He returned home Saturday night.