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PROCEEDINGS

Complete List of Commonwealth Cases Disposed

GRIST OF TRIFLING CASES

Verdicts Rendered—Cases Settled and Postponed—The Trial of Irvin Now in Progress and Attracts Much Attention.

(Reported by S. D. GETTIG.)

April sessions of court convened on Monday morning at 9 o'clock with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench. The major portion of the forenoon session was consumed in hearing motions and petitions and returns as presented by the several members of the bar.

The civil list of cases for the first week was called over and cases marked for trial, after which the second week's list was called over and the following cases disposed of:

A. Hanscom vs. Jacob Quiggle, an appeal from a justice's decision; plea non assumpsit. Continued.

J. B. Ard vs. J. N. Everts and S. E. Everts, defendants, and G. E. Corl, garnishee, summoned in attachment execution. Discontinued upon payment of costs.

The grand jurors were then called over and absentees noted, and W. H. Fry, veterinary surgeon and farmer of Ferguson township, chosen foreman by the court, and after a full and complete charge by the court as to the duties of grand jurors and jurors, 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.

The constables of the several boroughs and townships of the county then made their quarterly returns to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

Charles W. Poorman, who plead guilty to an indictment for betrayal at November sessions last, was then discharged finally by the court under the Insolvent Laws of the Commonwealth.

Com. vs. Frederick Poorman, Samuel Gusewhite, John Kline and Frank Klingler, charged with assault and battery, prosecutor Thomas Donachy; waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty. Sentence suspended by the court after giving the young men some good, sound advice.

Court convened again at 2 o'clock and sometime was again taken up in hearing motions and petitions.

Harry Stellar, who plead guilty to an indictment for betrayal at November sessions last, was discharged finally by the court under the Insolvent Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. T. Gerberich vs. Anna H. Tipton, J. Howard Tipton, and Rebecca J. Tipton, defendants, with notice to Frances T. McEntire, Laura T. Hunter, and J. Will Mayes, terre tenants, and all other terre tenants if there be any; summoned in scire facias sur judgment, plea nil debit. On motion the record was amended by striking off of the record all the terre tenants, and the defendants confessed judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$686.75 and an attorney's commission of \$35.00.

Clement Dale, guardian of Florence Dale, now for the use of Harvey Noll, vs. R. J. Tipton, defendant, and Frances T. McEntire, Laura T. Hunter, and J. Will Mayes, terre tenants, and all other terre tenants if there be any; summoned in scire facias sur judgment, plea nil debit. On motion the record was amended by striking off of the record all the terre tenants, whereupon the defendant confessed judgment in open court in favor of the plaintiff for \$552.26, and an attorney's commission of \$36.29.

Com. vs. John D. Auman, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutrix Annie Auman. These parties are from Potters Mills and are husband and wife, and the prosecution arose from some trouble on the 23d of March last, and in October, 1899, the prosecutrix alleging that the defendant struck her in the face with his fist on the first named date and struck her with a ramrod in October, 1899, after which she went home to her parents. Sometime afterwards this trouble was fixed up and they lived together again until the 23d of March. The defendant admitted striking his wife with a ramrod in October, 1899, but says it was in fun and in a usual, and as to the 23d of March, says he was correcting his boy and his wife interfered; that he simply shoved her away and that he did not strike her. Verdict of not guilty, but the defendant to pay all the costs.

Com. vs. Martin Hayes, indicted first count, assault and battery; second count, aggravated assault and battery, prosecutor William F. Pownell. This prosecution grows out of an altercation at Clarence sometime last fall, when the defendant assaulted the prosecutor twice. The defendant plead guilty to the first count in the indictment and the Commonwealth entered a nolle prosequi as to the

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DEMOCRATIC COM. MEETING.

On Monday afternoon, in response to the call of the Democratic County Chairman, John J. Bower, there was a large attendance of committeemen from all sections of the county in the Arbitration room at the court house. After the call of the roll the chairman announced that the principal purpose of the meeting was for the object of reapportioning the number of delegates to the county convention. This is made upon the basis of the vote cast in the various districts, allowing one delegate for each fifty democratic votes cast at the general election for president. According to the vote cast last fall the number of delegates in the next county convention has been increased from 76 to 86 and are allotted to those districts that have made the largest increase in their vote, as set out in the following table:

Districts	Vote	Old	Inc	New
		1900	1900	1901
Bellefonte n w	121	2		2
" " a w	189	2		2
" " w w	60	1		1
Centre Hall	108	2		2
Howard	43	1		1
Millsburg	29	1		1
Millheim	127	2		2
Philipsburg	30	1		1
Philipsburg 1st w	30	1		1
" " 2nd w	102	2		2
" " 3rd w	61	1		1
South Philipsburg	21	1		1
State College	64	1		1
Unionville	19	1		1
Townships				
Benner n	76	1		1
" " s	69	1		1
Boggs n	34	1		1
" " e	41	1		1
" " w	69	1		1
" " s w	27	1		1
Burnside	83	1		1
College	51	1		1
Curtin	157	3		3
Ferguson e	39	1		1
" " w	71	1		1
Gregg n	108	2		2
" " e	144	2		2
Haines e	126	2		2
" " w	47	1		1
Half Moon	125	2		2
Harris	98	1		1
Howard	95	1		1
Huston	99	1		1
Liberty	59	1		1
Marion	69	1		1
Miles e	75	1		1
" " m	149	2		2
" " s	68	1		1
Patton	212	4		4
Penn	122	2		2
Potter n	136	2		2
" " s	79	1		1
Rush n	61	1		1
" " s	108	2		2
Snow Shoe e	55	1		1
" " w	65	1		1
Spring n	103	2		2
" " s	51	1		1
Taylor	22	1		1
Union	42	1		1
Walker e	68	1		1
" " m	31	1		1
" " s	74	1		1
Worth	48	1		1
Total	4339	76		86

The apportionment, as offered, was adopted. D. F. Portney, Esq., was on hand and offered the following set of resolutions that were heartily approved by all those present and likewise unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The Democratic County Committee, of Centre County, being assembled at the call of the Chairman, as expressive of their views on the political situation in Pennsylvania, would adopt the following resolutions:

1ST.—That words cannot express the contempt the democracy of Centre county feels for the men in the General Assembly now in session who, elected as democrats, have been recreant to every duty and trust confided in them by their constituents, and declare that these men are not worthy the name of democrats, and should be unceremoniously read out of the party and be forever debarred from taking part in its conventions or enjoying its patronage.

2ND.—That with the democrats of the state we rejoice in the election of so pure, clean, and able a democrat as the Hon. William T. Cresy to the Chairmanship of the Democratic State Committee. He is at once a leader that inspires hope and gives assurance that affiliations will not be made by democrats with the corrupt, rotten and despotic machine which now controls the affairs of the state.

3RD.—That we are much gratified over the course pursued and the record made by Hon. William C. Heinle, Senator from this, the 34th Senatorial District. His well known reputation for honesty and integrity among his neighbors and friends was to them a guarantee that in the discharge of his duties as a Senator he would be faithful, honest and upright.

In a legislature, corrupt beyond measure, bent only upon doing that which will strengthen the machine and fasten its hold upon the people of the state, surrounded with bribery and abundant opportunities to betray the trust confided to him by the people, he has preserved his integrity, honestly and faithfully discharged his duties, and added lustre and honor to the people of the district he now so ably represents. We would also thank the many newspapers of the state who have recognized the integrity of Senator Heinle and so highly complimented him for his services to the party, as well as to the state.

Chairman Bower called the attention of the committeemen to the duties they were expected to perform in their districts this year, and the importance of holding the primaries and making the returns in the proper manner.

Time being short other addresses were omitted and adjournment followed.

New Three Centers.

The new three cent piece authorized by congress is to be of nickel, the size of the old bronze cent, only thicker and in the center is to be a hole one fourth of an inch in diameter. The new coin is so designed that it can be readily recognized by sight or touch. A hole in an American coin is a new device that will seem rather odd.

VARIETY OF COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From All Sections

SHORT AND TO THE POINT

What Transpired Worthy of Brief Mention, the Past Week—News From Over the County—For Hasty Readers—A New Department.

James Stephens, of State College, has been granted a pension of \$14.00 per month.

Frank Wallace, Sr., and Jos. Green are lying seriously ill at their home in Milesburg.

The Clarence Gun Club held a clay pigeon shooting match at Clarence on Wednesday, April 24, which consisted of six events.

The first quarterly meeting for this conference year will meet in the Howard United Evangelical church on April 27th, at 2 p. m.

Work on William Wolf's new store and dwelling house at Piedler will begin in a few days. Stone and lumber are already on the ground.

Archy Mullen, Coburn, was granted an increase of pension to \$12 per month. Also Geo. G. Pottsgrove, Philipsburg, an increase to \$17 per month.

C. H. Murray, Esq., of Centre Hall, has become the editorial writer of the Evening Mail, a new daily paper that has lately been launched at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

John Clark, a nineteen year old Millheim boy who is blind, is raising money to take him to the Will's eye hospital in Philadelphia. He thinks there is some chance for gaining the sight of the right eye.

Mr. Clyde Shuey, of Benore, who had his leg crushed a short time ago, and was taken to the Altoona hospital, had his leg amputated on April 1st. He had only been married two months when the accident occurred.

Commissioner Philip Meyer in company with County Surveyor H. B. Herling, of Penn Hall, was at Kreameville making arrangements for the erection of a new iron bridge on the road leading from Kreameville to Rebersburg.

George Krumrine, son of Sidney Krumrine, of Rebersburg, left for Philadelphia on Tuesday where he will have his eyes examined at the Will's Eye Hospital. He had an operation performed on his eyes at that institution several years ago.

Two dinkys now run daily from Paddy Mountain to Reichy's lumber job, over the Poe Valley railroad, each making a trip for prop timber. The road now extends two miles west of Garrity's, and will be extended six miles more to the Kettle, making the entire distance 19 miles.

Four dwelling houses in the course of erection and several in contemplation in Howard Three of them are on South Walnut street, being built by Robert Cooke, Israel Greninger and John Bierly, and one on Logan street being erected by W. H. Thompson. The carpenters have the frame-work of Mr. Bierly's house up and are rapidly pushing it to completion. Saves the Hustler.

Samuel Bowman, residing about two miles northeast of Milesburg, while fishing in Bald Eagle creek 1 1/2 miles below Milesburg on Tuesday, last, found a French half dollar in silver minted in 1727. The coin was lying in a little rivulet which drains the Woodcock farm and as it is 175 years old was evidently dropped by an Indian. It is in fairly good condition and its history, if it could be traced, would no doubt make an interesting chapter.

Wednesday 17th, Paul Bruce Breneman, of Spangler, Pa., and Miss Maud V. Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Musser, of Millheim, were united in marriage at Montandon, Pa., by Rev. Owen Hicks. They will make their home at Spangler, where Mr. Breneman is employed as mining engineer by the Hastings & Spangler coal company. From 1895 to 1900 Mr. Breneman was a member of the faculty at State College. While there he met Miss Musser, who was acting as stenographer for President Atherton.

George C. Harper, the 14-year-old son of George E. Harper, who lives on a farm two miles west of Pine Grove Mills, had an exciting experience with a burglar. On Saturday night 13th his father drove to Pine Grove Mills, and during his absence young Harper heard a noise in the yard and on going to discover the cause he saw a man trying to get into an old house in which the grain was kept. He went back to the house, secured a gun and shot at the man. The burglar walked toward the young man and shot at him, the bullet passing through his

cap. Young Harper returned the shot and the stranger fled, howling like a trooper. The young man fired three more shots at his assailant without effect. It is not known who the individual was, but Mr. Harper is prepared for him should he return.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES

Uriah Herr, of Salona, is critically ill at his home. Mr. Herr is about 87 years of age.

The corner stone of the new A. M. E. church, Altoona, will be laid Sunday, April 28, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Eight copperheads were run over by a train, below Lock Haven, and cut in two; they lay a few feet from each other.

Mrs. Harry Kurtz, of Clearfield, fell dead a few evenings ago while sitting on a chair cracking nuts for her children.

Miss Ada McGintey died at the Lock Haven hospital Saturday night. The remains were taken to Milesburg for interment.

The annual reunion of the Seventh regiment Penna. Veteran Volunteer cavalry will be held in Lock Haven on 22 and 23.

The brick works at Blue Ball, Clearfield county, are increased to double their present capacity. They now employ 65 laborers.

The Lutheran church, of Middleburg, is without a shepherd. Nine different applicants have signified a willingness to take care of the flock.

Robert Mann and family, of Mill Hall, who have been spending the winter at Miami, Florida, are coming north soon, but expect to locate in Philadelphia.

Railroad officer Swartzell on 19th captured two Indian boys who had run away from the Carlisle Indian school. They were apprehended in the Tyrone railroad yard.

Jacob D. Gearhart, a well known citizen of Osceola, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Family troubles are said to have been the cause. Mr. Gearhart was in his seventieth years.

Snyder county stands first in the state of Pennsylvania for attendance at Sunday school. Fifty per cent. of her population attend Sunday school. Union county stands second with forty-eight per cent.

The American Ax Trust, of New York City, has appointed J. Fearon Mann superintendent of their factory at Reedsville, vice, Frank E. Mann, who resigned to take charge of the construction of a new factory at Yeagertown.

Lieutenant Frank T. McNary, of Lock Haven, for bravery in the Philippines, has been appointed a second lieutenant in the regular army. Lieutenant McNary is now in San Francisco, regaining his health, which was shattered by a wound which he received at Da soc.

The large band saw mill, owned by Coleman & Meixel, one mile east of Carroll, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire on the morning of 18, together with some lumber. There is lumber yet to saw at the mill, but it is not known whether the mill will be rebuilt or not.

Railroad developments are being actually made in the vicinity of Janesville. We understand the coal in that section will soon be operated. This will be good news to many who have been sitting up there paying taxes on coal lands for years. Says the Houtzdale Citizen.

Forty years ago on Thursday last, two companies of 100 men each, the Juniata Rifles and the Hollidaysburg Pencilers, left Hollidaysburg to go to war as members of the Third regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers. To-day scarcely twenty comrades of those companies remain on earth. Last Thursday night the surviving comrades of the regiment were banqueted in royal good style by Landlord William Shoemaker at the Logan house.

PRECIPITATION SINCE OCT. 1.

As it may be of interest to many to know the precipitation, rain and snow, from October 1 to this date, we print it here from the Democrat's official record, for Bellefonte:

Rain in October,	3.92 inches.
Rain in November,	4.43 inches, and 2 inches snow.
Rain in December,	1.94 inches, and 3 inches snow.
Rain in January,	.98 inch, and 11 inches snow.
Rain in February,	none; and 10 inches snow.
Rain in March,	3.68 inches, and 4 inches snow.
Rain in April to present date:	on 2nd, .90 in, and 3 inches snow; 3.60 in. rain, and 3 inches snow; on 4. .20 in. rain; on 5. .15 in. rain; on 6. .20 in. rain; on 19, night, 1.30 inches; on 20 day, .84 inch, and at night .69 inch; on 21, evening, .07 inch. A total of 4.95 inches from April 2 to 21.
There were 20 snows	the past winter, a total of 30 inches. This does not include half doz. snows less than half inch, in depth—10 inches of snow are equivalent to 1 inch of rain.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

Some of the Early Surveys in Penns Valley.

POTTER & BALD EAGLE TWPS.

The First Settlers and their Homes—A Strange Incident of Christian Hofer and his Peculiar Malady He Accurately Predicted, etc.

Last week's chapter of our Historical Review was devoted to the discovery of Penns valley, in addition to incidents worthy of note, the survey of the Manor of Succoth, first assessment of Potter township, etc. This week we add the survey of the Manor of Nottingham, and other notes of interest pertaining to Penns valley.

Manor of Nottingham was surveyed under Mr. Maclay's directions, Sept. 23 and 24, 1766, for the proprietaries. He began at a white-oak which stood on the west line of what is now Samuel Vantrics' farm, 1881 (near Potter and Harris township line), and ran south 41 east 245 1/2 perches to a white oak (along Vantrics and Gingrich farms); thence north 49 east 85 1/2 perches to a white oak (about 200 perches easterly of old Fort Hotel, 1881); thence north 41 west 158; thence south 55 1/2 west 857 perches back to beginning. This manor contained 1935 acres, and was held by the Penns until 1794, when they divided it into three parts, marked a white oak for northwest corner and odd part: No. 1, on the west (next Vantrics and Gingrich's), June 24, 1794, to Jacob Strub, 340 acres 64 perches; No. 2, Feb. 7, 1794, to Michael, Jake, and William Young, 344 acres 148 perches; and No. 3 (next to Odenkirk's, 1881), April 26, 1794, to Gerardus Wyncoop. In 1794 the Sunbury road to Huntingdon ran along the southern boundary of the manor. The manor in 1766 is described as being "near the Indian path leading from the head of Penn's Creek to Frankstown." This manor is wholly within Potter township, commencing near the school-house west of the Port Hotel, bounded on the south by the public road to Boalsburg, and embraces Dr. W. I. Wilson's second farm, Maj. William F. Reynolds, and all the farms thence up to and including George Boal's, Leonard Rhone's, and E. Keller's. The southwest white-oak is still standing.

The last survey made under the purchase of 1754, confirmed in 1758, the "Mathew Troy," surveyed Sept. 28 1768, by Samuel Maclay, patented March 9, 1791, to Henry Falls and Fergus Potter, embracing now the Joshua Potter farm, Leech's etc., and Harris township.

At the first court held for Northumberland county, at Fort Augusta, April 9, 1772, William Plunkett presiding, with James Potter and John Lowdon, justices, Bald Eagle township was erected:

Beginning at the Forks of Penn's Creek, thence by a north line to the West Branch of the Susquehanna, thence up the same to where the county line crosses it, thence by the county line south to the head of Little Juniata, thence down the same to the end of Tussey's Mountain, thence along the top of the same easterly to the place of beginning.

A north line from the Forks (now Coburn Station on the Lewisburg and Tyrone Railroad) would apparently cross Bald Eagle Creek at its mouth, and therefore all the present territory of Centre was then in Bald Eagle township, except Haines township and the greater part of Miles, which were then in Buffalo township, and a portion of the Seven Mountains, which was in old Penn's township, Northumberland county. The only officer whose name is preserved is that of Samuel Horn, constable.

Indians were still in the neighborhood, and occupying the opposite bank of Bald Eagle from Andrew Boggs' house. When infuriated by whiskey and any opposition they were to be feared. Mrs. Boggs related that when her husband was away on one occasion, the squaws came to her and told her the men were having a carouse and they meant to hide themselves, and cautioned her to leave her doors open that night in case they came to search for them. She did so, and long after nightfall the drunken band entered the house, searched it for their wives, and not finding them went off without molesting her or the family.

The early settlers of the valley found glass for windows high in price and risky to transport over the crude roads on horseback, the only mode of transportation in those days. To have light in their log cabins, openings in the walls were provided and these covered with oiled paper, to serve the purpose of glass. Their meat was from the deer, bears and other game, which at all times was plentiful along with fish that populated the streams, a hundred to where there is now only one. To procure merchandise was difficult for want of markets nearer than Philadelphia or Reading which

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

WHEN MOTHER'S AT THE CLUB.

When mother's at the club then pa most always has a tear;
It's awful just to hear him rip and roar and rant and swear,
The baby follows after pa and has a crying fit.
Pa tries the paregoric first and then tries spanking it.
Poor Fido hides beneath the stove and rolls his yellow eyes,
And Polly to her highest perch, when pa gets angry, flies.
But pa he kicks poor Fido out and hit Polly with a towel;
The baby yells and Polly screams and Fido starts a howl.
It isn't long before the house is one big rub-a-dub.
I guess the neighbors always know when mother's at the club.

When mother's at the club we don't get very much to eat;
She hasn't time to fix and fuss when her committee meet.
She helps to send relief to lands where pangs of hunger gnaw
While we must munch on biscuits tough and dine on cabbage slaw.
Pa sometimes tries to get a meal but not with much success—
He only wastes a lot of stuff and makes an awful mess.
His biscuits are but sticky dough, his omelet a wreck.
When last he poured the chocolate it went down baby's neck.

He says, "There's people here at home for her to furnish grub,
Now left to slowly starve to death," while mother's at the club.
When mother's at the club our clothes are apt to need repair,
And there is something else that makes poor dady rant and swear.
He comes home with a button off for her to fasten on;
The sewing circle meets that day and mother there has gone.
Poor Freddy's coat seems it will hang no longer on the child,
While mother's busy making clothes to send to heathen wild.

But pa he gets a needle out and tries to fix things some,
And pretty soon we hear a yell—he's run it in his thumb.
Then everybody has to hunt for limment to rub
Upon the wound that pa's received while mother's at the club.
When mother's at the club she has to let her washing slide,
And that helps cause profanity and laundry bills beside.
The other day just as she got her rinsing water set
She had to let the washing stand while some committee met.

When pa came home at 6 o'clock he never said a word,
But all the awful things he looked I'm glad I never heard.
He went down in the kitchen and commenced to prow around;
A little time and then I heard a burst of thunder sound.
Poor pa had stepped upon some soap and landed in a tub;
Oh, we do have some awful times; when mother's at the club!
—Doug as Malloch in Detroit Journal.

The quarter-deck—A 25-cent pack of cards.
Is the typical Boston girl like ice? No, ice melts.
Lots of people borrow trouble by lending money.
The Prodigal Son probably had a lousy voice.
Some people are too lazy to jump at conclusions.
Sometimes the discord in a church comes from the choir.
The offspring of a "big gun" is not always "a son of a gun."
It must make a bride feel cheap when her father gives her away.
Some men's heads are turned by success. Others are simply "rubbers."
It's not the man who bears other people's burdens that comes home loaded.
Some people live on meat, some on vegetables and some on their friends and relatives.
MAN born of a woman is small potatoes and few in a hill. In infancy he is full of colic and Godfrey's cordial, in age he is full of cuss words and rheumatism. In infancy his mother takes him across her knee and sweetens his life with her slipper, and when a man grown the sheriff pursues him through the alleys all the days of his life. He spreadeth like a green bay tree. He getteth into office and his friends cling to him like flies to a sugar barrel. He swelleth with vanity. He cutteth ice for a short time, is hewn down at the next convention and cast into a salt box and his name is Dennis. Out of office, out of friends, he goeth busted and lieth down in a new pasture. He dieth out of the world and goeth where it is warm enough without clothes, and the last end of the man is worse than the first.

Purchased a Large Grove.
The Northumberland Camp meeting association of the United Evangelical church has purchased the Isaac Wolf grove, about two miles back of Herndon and will use it for camp meeting purposes, the first meeting to open August 5, and continue for eight days.