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AUGUST ERM OF COURT

The Usual Grist of Trifling Cases Tried

ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY EVE

All Jurors Discharged—Unfinished Business to be Continued Friday Morning—Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.

August sessions of court convened on Monday morning with His Honor President Judge Love on the bench.

The court handed down two several opinions and decrees refusing new trials in cases argued at last Argument Court, namely: Commonwealth vs. Jacob Quiggle, convicted at November Court, 1900, for cutting timber trees on the lands of another; and Anna and Lizzie Bible vs. The Borough of Centre Hall, tried at January term last. This case is better known as the Centre Hall water case.

A large portion of the forenoon was consumed in hearing motions and petitions as presented by the several members of the Bar, such as subpoenas for divorce, motions for judgment, opening judgments, amending the records, staying executions and decrees in divorce, etc.

The following parties convicted or plead guilty at April sessions for betrayal were discharged from custody: Frank Smith, Burt Carr, Richard Campbell and Frank Walk, under the Insolvent Laws of the Commonwealth.

List of grand jurors called and absentees noted and some excused. J. J. Fisher, a farmer of Half Moon township, was chosen foreman, and after being fully instructed by the court as to the duties of grand jurors, retired to the grand jury room to pass upon the several bills of indictment that may be submitted to them by the District Attorney.

The constables of the several boroughs and townships of the county then made their usual report to the Court of Quarter Sessions.

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Monday afternoon sometime was again taken up in hearing motions and petitions and several partition proceedings were disposed of and the property allotted.

The following civil case was disposed of: Mary B. J. Valentine vs. Frederick Blanchard, administrator of, etc., of Belle B. Jones, deceased, and J. C. P. Jones, summoned in scire facias sur mortgage. There was no defence and a verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff for \$918.93.

Com. vs. William B. Grasmire, indicted for misdemeanor in office, prosecutor John S. Longwell. Sometime about the first of April of the present year one Thos. Holt brought an action before the defendant, a justice of the peace in Milesburg, against the overseers of the poor of Boggs township, which action was so proceeded in that judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, after which the prosecutor, one of the overseers, called on the defendant for a transcript of his docket for the purpose of taking advise on it and was refused unless he paid all the costs accrued in the case, which the overseer declined. He was also refused the privilege of making a copy of the proceedings, after which he again went to the Justice and had others go there, and fifty cents was tendered for the transcript but it was refused, the defendant requesting all the costs before so doing, alleging that this was his right under certain Acts of Assembly. Verdict guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars and costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Mary A. Reed, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor G. F. Stevenson. This is from Patton township and grows out of the sale of the real estate of William Reed, deceased, on May 25th of the present year, to the prosecutor by the administrators of the decedent with the privilege, as the Commonwealth alleges, to at once enter upon the premises to farm and improve the same, (the house still being occupied by the defendant who is the widow of the decedent) and on the 11th day of June the purchaser was tearing down a fence, to which Mrs. Reed objected, and trouble at once arose, and, as alleged by the Commonwealth, the defendant picked up a stake and struck the prosecutor and made threats. The defendant admits picking up the stake but denies striking the prosecutor and alleges she hit the sled upon which were some rails. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution.

Com. vs. Harry Kessinger, charge betrayal; prosecutor Ida Fultz. This case is from Haines township. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty. The usual sentence in such cases was imposed by the Court.

Com. vs. Albert Bradford and William Bradford, indicted for adultery and bastardy, prosecutor Sallie R. Schell. This case is from Gregg township and was settled after being called for trial by the

District Attorney. The following civil cases were disposed of: Nancy J. Fetzer vs. The Overseers of the Poor of Boggs township. This case is an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace and grows out of the maintenance of Augustus Sherwood Fetzer, an insane pauper, and is for extra care by Mrs. Fetzer, the plaintiff alleging that the overseer of the poor brought the charge to their home in March, 1899, and that there was no contract made what they were to receive for their trouble. The defendants paid for the board and occasionally for extra help when required. The charge was there until sometime in September, 1900, when he was removed to the hospital at Danville, and this action is brought to recover for extra care on the part of Mrs. Fetzer. At the close of plaintiff's case defendants moved for a compulsory non suit which was granted by the Court with privilege to strike it off on proper cause shown.

John Ritter in his own right vs. John Ritter, executor of, etc., of Margaret A. Ritter, deceased, summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. This case is from Centre Hall and is for balance shown by the second and final account by the executor. There was no defence and verdict was taken in favor of the plaintiff for \$79.80.

Thomas Brungart vs. Nathan Hough. This case is from Miles township and is an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace. Settled.

E. E. Knarr and D. P. Breen vs. George Mensch. This case is from Millheim and is an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace. The case was settled by an arbitration prior to the sitting of the Court.

Com. vs. John Iddings, indicted for larceny by bailee, prosecutrix Clara E. Iddings. This case comes from Boggs township, and the defendant was prosecuted for selling hay and straw off of the farm of the late Joseph Iddings, who died sometime last March, having first made and executed his last will and testament whereby he willed all his personal property to his widow, the prosecutrix. The defendant is a son by a former wife and was to farm the farm for the widow, and sold some hay and straw during the months of May and June. At the close of the Commonwealth's testimony the Court directed a verdict of not guilty.

Com. vs. James Reed, indicted, first count larceny, second count receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen; prosecutor A. C. Mann. The prosecutor is a resident of Mill Hall and during summer camps at Hecla. At one of the picnics at that popular resort during the present month, the defendant from this town took two gold watches from one of the tents of the prosecutor. The Commonwealth entered a nolle prosequi to the second count in the indictment, whereupon the defendant plead guilty to the first count and was remanded back to jail. He will be sentenced later during the week.

Com. vs. William Chatman and Jacob McCloskey, indicted, first count firing woodland, owners known; second count firing woodland, owners unknown, prosecutor J. W. Rightour. This case is from Curtin township, and the Commonwealth alleges that on the 4th of May last these defendants fired the woods and at other times before and since. The defendants were arrested in the northern part of Clinton county on May 22d and brought to Belleville. While en route and while in charge of the officers, Mr. Chatman, one of the defendants, made an affidavit before Alderman Parsons of Lock Haven, alleging that Jacob McCloskey had fired the woods on the day alleged. The defendants strongly deny firing the woods at any time as alleged, and that Mr. Chatman was so drunk when he made the affidavit that he did not know what he was doing. Both the young men allege that they were drunk while under arrest and on their way to Belleville, which the officers in charge and the Alderman deny, and the Sheriff said he noticed no signs of intoxication when they were brought to jail. Verdict guilty, with a recommendation to the mercy of the Court.

Com. vs. Kate Biggans, indicted, first count keeping a disorderly house, second count, keeping a hawdy house; prosecutor H. H. Montgomery. This case is from Belleville and the Commonwealth alleges that this woman has been keeping a house of ill repute at Ridge street in this town, and during the trial it developed that a similar action had been instituted against the defendant sometime in June and settled on condition that she leave the town. She returned and thus prosecution was brought. Verdict on Wednesday afternoon of guilty. Sentence suspended upon payment of costs and stopping the business.

Com. vs. Howard Reber, indicted, first count larceny, second count receiving stolen goods, third count receiving stolen goods, prosecutor Albert Jones. This case is from this town. The prosecutor, who lives somewhere in the vicinity of Port Matilda, on his return from working in the woods, stopped over in town and was relieved of about ninety dollars on the night of the first of August by the defendant, who was a porter. The defendant plead guilty to the third count

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FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT

David M. Tate Falls Into a Thrashing Machine

LEG GROUND INTO SHREDS

Lived for Several Hours and Was Perfectly Conscious—Happened Tuesday Morning Near Houserville—Buried To-Day at Shiloh.

A frightful accident occurred on Tuesday morning, near Houserville, that resulted in the death of a young man of that community. Daniel and Emanuel Houser had their thrashing machine at the barn of Philip Wertz where they were at work on the wheat crop. David M. Tate was stationed as feeder for the machine and after they had been running a short time one of the bearings got hot on the upper portion of the thrasher. Tate got some water for the purpose of cooling the bearing and started up over the top of the machine which was in operation. As he stepped on a sheaf of wheat his foot slipped and down he went, the right foot going into the mouth where the rapidly revolving cylinder with spikes in the surface caught him and in an instant was drawn deeper until his entire right leg to near the hip joint was ripped into a mass of shreds and torn ligaments before the machine could be stopped. It took some time for his horrified companions to release him from the frightful position and all the while he was perfectly conscious and realized that he had met his fate. Medical aid was summoned at once and he was taken to the house on a cot. Strange as it may seem he suffered little from the loss of blood and there was no great pain from the frightfully lacerated limb, the shock being so great that the nervous system in the lower part of his body was benumbed. Dr. Dale arrived in a short time and gave him all possible attention, but there was little hope for his recovery and he so expressed himself, and was resigned for the ordeal. The accident happened at about 8 o'clock in the morning and he lingered until 1 p. m. when he died.

David M. Tate was about 25 years of age and was a son of A. J. Tate, who for some years has resided on his farm near Shiloh. Surviving him are his parents and the following brothers and sisters: William and Andrew, Pine Grove Mills; Thomas, Orangeville, Ill.; George, Duquesne, Pa.; Wesly, Oak Hall; Mrs. F. D. Lee, Zion, and Mrs. Edward Smith, Oak Hall. Several years ago he was married to Miss Etta Hamer who with one son survives. The interment takes place this Thursday afternoon in the cemetery at Shiloh. Deceased was a member of the Evangelical church and was president of the Keystone Christian Endeavor of that place. Was also a member of the Odd Fellows of Lemont. During the Spanish War he was a volunteer in the regular army and most of the time was located at Fort Slocum, near New York city. For a number of years he was one of the efficient school teachers of that section, and for several years was our regular correspondent from that locality. He was a young man of many sterling qualities and popular among the young people of that community.

KILLED AT ALTOONA.

Elmer Williams, of Lemont, Pa., a young man who was employed in the Altoona, Pa., freight car shops was run over by an engine and killed on Monday evening, at 6 o'clock. The following particulars are from the Altoona Tribune: Mr. Williams had some lumber on his shoulder and stepped from a door into the gangway on which run the tracks. It is supposed the lumber obstructed his vision. At all events he failed to see a locomotive which was coming and it struck him, rolling him about ten feet and killing him instantly. He was badly mangled. Both legs were reduced to a pulp above the knees and his chest was crushed. His face, however, was very little, if any, mutilated. Fellow workmen picked the body up and it was afterward placed in charge of Undertaker Lafferty to be prepared for burial.

Elmer Williams was the son of John I. Williams, was aged 32 years and was born at Lemont, Centre county. His mother is dead but his father is employed at Patton, Cambria county. He was married to Miss Blanche Hess, of Kyertown, Clearfield county, who, with one child, survives him. He also leaves two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Sarah Richel, Miss Myrtle and Harry Williams, all of Oak Hill, Centre county. He was a member of the Walnut Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Voluntary Relief association, of Pride of Mountain City council No. 472, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. The body was taken to Kyertown for interment.

WHEAT YIELD.

How Farmers Have Secured Over 25 Bushels Per Acre.

The following report appeared in our last issue and is republished in order to correct a typographical error. Instead of sowing 7 bushels per acre, Mr. Harter sowed 2.

31 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Hartieton, Pa., 8 13, 1901. DEAR EDITOR:—In last week's Democrat I noticed a request for wheat reports from Centre county farmers. I am not a Centre county farmer, but am a Hartley township, Union county farmer and decided to give a brief report from our farm: bought five years ago at \$21.00 per acre.

The soil is gravel, yield 31 bushels per acre—machine measure. Commercial fertilizer, 200 lbs. per acre; barnyard manure, four loads per acre; quality of wheat, "Turkey Amber"; sowed per acre, 2 bushels; sowed from the 15th to the 20th of September.

The land was all oats stubble, plowed early part of August and after being thoroughly packed the surface was well prepared for the drill.

Respectfully,
W. H. HARTER.

27 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Millheim, Pa., 8 16, 1901. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—I noticed a request in your paper for wheat reports from Centre county farmers and decided to give a brief report from what I have threshed.

The soil was limestone, yield 27 bushels per acre, machine measure. "King Philip" fertilizer, 200 lbs. per acre and barnyard manure, five 2 horse loads per acre were used; quality of wheat, "Pool," sowed per acre, 1 1/4 bushels; sowed from the 25th to the last of September. Took off a crop of potatoes, then plowed and worked it down well, ready for the drill.

G. W. FRANKENBERGER.

32 1/2 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Rebersburg, Pa., Aug. 22, 1901. EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—Raised on three acres 98 bushels "Mortgage Lifter" wheat. Sowed 1 1/2 bushels per acre and 160 lb. of Bowler's sure crop fertilizer per acre.

W. E. BAIR.

26 1/2 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

Rebersburg, Pa., Aug. 22, 1901. EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT: My wheat yielded 26 1/2 bushels to the acre. Had 9 acres; 1 1/4 acres had been in potatoes, the balance in oats. Half of the field was manured on top, and the balance plowed down, the first week in September. No commercial fertilizers were used; used only barn yard manure. The soil was mostly sandstone, with some limestone.

CLAYTON BRUNGART.

FLY PROOF WHEAT.

The wheat crop of the Cornell university farm has been harvested. The field of 17 acres is probably the best in Tompkins county, and will yield at least 35 bushels per acre. The reason for such an unusually good yield this year when other crops all over the state are a failure is that the advent of the Hessian fly was anticipated and a fly-proof wheat was sown.

THE EDITORIAL "WE."

The Belleville Republican recently remarked in a sarcastic way that the editorial "We" of the Phillipsburg Ledger consisted of an old maid with a tape worm. From another paper we get another explanation of the "editorial we," as follows:

"Somebody has explained the significance of the editorial 'we.' It may have a variety of meanings. For example, when you read that 'we' expect our wife home to-day, 'we' refers to the editor; 'we are a little late with our work' includes the whole office force, even down to the devil and the towel; 'we are having a boom' the town is meant; 'we received over 7,000 emigrants this year' embraces the nation; 'we have got cholera in our midst' means the man who takes the paper and does not pay for it is very ill."—Griffin (Ga.) News.

It's a Easy Job.

To run a newspaper all a fellow has to do is to be able to write poems, discuss the tariff and money question, umpire a base ball game, report a wedding, saw wood, beat a lawyer, describe a fire so that the readers will shed their wraps, make a dollar, do the work of ten, shine at a soiree, address horticultural societies, measure calico, abuse the liquor habit, test whisky, subscribe to charity, go without meals, attack free silver, defend bimetalism, sneer at snobbery, wear diamonds, invent advertisements, overlook scandal, praise babies, delight pumpkin raisers, minister to the afflicted, heal the disgruntled, fight to a finish, publish doctors' resolutions denouncing a lawyer, set type, mould opinions, sweep the office, speak at prayer meetings, stand in with everybody and everything, etc.

Will Be Drilling.

Dr. Hicks, accompanied by a driller, selected a spot on the William Gummo farm, Clinton county, as the site for the first well to be drilled on the lands of the Tangascootac Oil and Gas company. The spot selected is near the Gummo saw-mill, on a slope near the ravine. The geologists and the drillers think that the formations at that point are even more favorable than the sites on the Miller and Mantel farms. After the first well has been started, the next two wells will likely be started on the farms above named.

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.

Mrs. Frank Hess, of Philipsburg, is about again after an attack of typhoid fever.

W. H. Reese, of Milesburg, this county, has accepted a position with the Adams Express company at Windber.

Miss Harriet A. McElwain, for fifteen years preceptress of Penn's State College and secretary of the faculty has resigned.

Henry Isenbuth having bought the old Roop property in the mountains south of Aronsburg, he is likely to occupy and farm it next year.

Robert Bailey, of Baileyville and Mrs. Sarah Risher, of Clintondale, have each been placed on the United States pension rolls at \$12 a month.

Four more horses have died for Nittany valley farmers. They belong to H. M. Heard, H. J. Bricker, George Walker and Reuben Wetzel. They all died within a short time after taking sick.

On Monday 19th a four year old son of C. C. Weaver, of Millheim, fell off the lounge. He fretted and cried so much afterwards that on Friday a doctor was called in and the little fellow was found to have both his shoulder and collar bone broken.

Tuesday Luse's planing mill at Centre Hall caught fire by a spark falling on the roof. It was discovered in time and was easily extinguished. Fortunately, owing to recent rains, there was sufficient water supply this time to avoid another serious conflagration.

Merchant W. E. Shaffer, of Nittany, had the insurance on his store, recently destroyed by fire, adjusted. He was allowed the full amount of his claim \$4000 as the loss was total. He has not fully decided whether to continue in the mercantile business at that place or not.

Charles Burrell, of East Nittany valley, is another farmer who is called upon to suffer a loss by his horse dying. Mr. Burrell, after working the animal on the farm Friday afternoon, drove it to the barn and fed it. It appeared to be as well as usual. Saturday morning when he went to the barn the horse was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brungart, of Rebersburg, will not accept the positions offered them as manager and matron of the Old Fellow's orphan's home near Sunbury. Mr. Brungart has a very good position as a teacher at Cross Forks and thinks that the chance for improvement is better there than it would be at Sunbury.

IN ADJOINING COUNTIES.

An ox roast will take place in Agar's Park, near Mill Hall, on Labor Day, Sept.

The Reedsville Water company has a pipe line of twenty-two miles, and a 1,900,000 gal. reservoir.

A carp weighing twenty-four pounds was caught in Edward Winner's net in the river at Lock Haven on Tuesday.

Local millers are preparing for their annual convention at the Park Hotel, Williamsport, Pa., on September 10 and 11.

The old wooden bridge across Fishing creek at Tyler'sville will be torn down in a few days and a new iron structure erected in its place.

The Watsontown Boot and Shoe company just closed a contract for thirty thousand pairs of shoes for the United States army, to be furnished the first of the coming year.

Ex-Sheriff John Orr died at his home in Altoona Friday afternoon from spinal trouble. He served from 1889 to 1892 as Sheriff of Blair county.

J. H. Schwenk and family, of Sugar Valley, in two days recently picked twelve bushels of huckleberries which they sold for thirty dollars.

Hon. Jas. Kerr, the president of the Beech Creek Coal and Coke Co., will move his family from Clearfield to New York city about the first of October, where they will reside in the future.

Prof. G. F. W. Mark, who had been taking a post graduate course at Harvard University, has been elected principal of the public schools at DaBols, Pa. Prof. Mark is a Penn Hall boy who is succeeding.

Willis Ripka, of Altoona, while walking along the railroad track caught his foot in a wire which threw him across the track breaking his leg. He was taken

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

THE FROG'S RIDDLE.

A Frog once gave an afternoon tea And invited a Rooster and a Bee; Frog sat in the middle, And gave them a riddle, "And this is the riddle," said he; "Dear friends can either of you tell me, Why is a Rooster like a Bee?" They both answered, "Yessir; We're each a good guesser, And we each have a comb, you see!"

A church sensation—drowsiness. A pumping station—the witness box. Codfish aristocrats are always too fresh. The giddy fella enjoys a hop every night.

One way to make a slow horse fast is to stop his feed.

The barber must be poor indeed who doesn't hone his razors.

You won't find walnuts on the wall nor beechnuts on the bench.

The tombstone never says mean things about the man that's down.

It's easier to put up with the prodigal son than that put up for him.

Some bills wouldn't be so big if doctors would leave well enough alone.

If cottage pudding is fit for a carpenter, theirs is plum pudding for the plumber.

A first class axe, observes one of our axemakers, has a perfect eye but cannot see a bit. No matter how ill used or how much abused, unlike most men, it seldom, if ever, loses its temper. It is very sharp but it never indulges in cutting remarks. It should be handled with care, also with hickory and oak.

The Great Centre County Fair.

Though only a little more than a year old the Great Centre County Fair has taken rank among the finest exhibitory and amusement enterprises in the country. The inaugural meeting last fall was such a pronounced success in every department and every promise so faithfully kept as to inspire to the utmost the confidence of patrons, exhibitors and horsemen.

The coming fair, on September 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th will surpass, in every feature, the successful one of last fall. Better premiums will be paid exhibitors, larger purses will be hung up for the trials of speed and a more varied amusement program has been arranged. Included in the latter will be Prof. Harry Smith and his wonderful troupe of acrobats; double and single trapeze artists, equilibrists, wire walkers, trained dogs and doves, and Mademoiselle Louise Wrench will make balloon ascensions, with daring parachute drops, from the grounds, daily.

Enough has already been heard from various racing stables to insure a grand contest for each of the three racing days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The purses aggregate \$2,800 and will be paid at the wire, so that it is confidently expected that there will be several seconds clipped off of the track record of 2:15.

The admirable location of the Centre County Fair grounds, between the lines of the Pennsylvania and Central Railroad of Penna., makes it easy of access for both shipper and visitor. Its magnificent prospect, new buildings, pure water and fast track make it the ideal spot for a fall gathering of all classes.

All roads running into Belleville will sell excursion tickets for the fair and a special return train will run to Coburn over the L. and T. Thursday evening after the day's program is completed.

Remember the days and dates: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th.

For premium list or speed program address JOHN BLANCHARD, Belleville, Pa. Secretary.

Missing From Home.

On Saturday, August 17, Roland Smith, son of Charles Smith, left his father's home in Beech Creek township, about three miles above Beech Creek borough, with the intention of going to a picnic at Hubbard's. The young man was seen by acquaintances between his home and the picnic, but nothing has been seen of him since. He had about forty-nine dollars on his person. His friends have been inquiring and searching for him, but have not found any trace of him.

He is 26 years old; five feet, eight inches in height; weighs 160 pounds; brown hair, with a little bald spot; gray eyes; smooth faced and a little round shouldered.

Re-opening Services.

The re-opening services of Waddies M. E. Church, R. W. Runyan, pastor, will take place Sunday, September 1st, at 10 a. m. Rev. H. L. Jacobs, of Altoona, will preside assisted by Revs. S. S. Correll, of Marysville, D. F. Kapp and the pastor; Rev. Jacob will preach in the morning and Rev. George Glenn, of Roaring Springs in the evening. The church has been repaired and beautified at a cost of \$400. All will be welcome and hospitably entertained.