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Death of Three Attorneys

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE WEEK

List of Cases Tried and Verdicts Returned--Report of the Grand Jury -Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq., for our Readers

Court of Quarter Sessions and general jail delivery and Court of Common Pleas called on Monday morning at nine o'clock, with Judge Love on the bench. After hearing motions and petitions and taking return of the constables of the several boroughs and townships, the Court resolved itselt into a memorial meeting in memory of three members of the bar who have passed away since last term of court.

E. R. Chambers Esq. read the minutes drafted by the committee appointed by the Bar Association on December 13, 1902, on the death of W. E. Gray Esq. C. M. Bower Esq. read the report of the committee appointed on January 10, 1903, on the death of Hon. D. H. Hastings and moved their adoption. The resolutions as read were published in this paper at or about the time the same were drafted by the several committees and the writer will not reiterate them now.

Beautiful tributes or eulogies were spoken by the following members of the bar relative to the departed, namely, W. F. Cohick, W. E. Gray and Ex-Governor Daniel H. Hastings towit : Hon. A. O. Furst, D. F. Fortney, W. F. Reeder, J. L. Spangler and Judge John G. Love, after which the Court directed that the several resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Court, and court then adjourned until 2 o'clock, in respect to the departed ones.

At two o'clock court convened and the grand jury was called and J. Albert Walton, clerk of Philipsburg borough, selected as foreman and after being instructed by the Court as to their duties the jury retired to their room to pass on the indictments that will be laid before them for their consideration. List of traverse jurors called and absentees noted.

After hearing more motions and petitions the civil trial list was called over and the following cases disposed of for this term : Samuel T. Dixon vs overseers of the poor of Snow Shoe township, an appeal from decision of a justice of the peace, plea non the close of the Commonwealth's evidence mpsit. Continued pending settles

an arrangement with the prosecutor who SEARCHING FOR lives in Walker township to furnish a home and maintenance for the widow and children, where she stayed for several months and then went to Unionville and Memorial Exercises Upon the the defendants made arrangements for her and family at that point and sometime during last summer she lett there and again went to her father's in Walker township and the defendant's declined to furnish her any supplies there, inasmuch as

they had all provisions made for her at Unionville and subsequently this prosecution was brought for neglect of duty. Verdict Tuesday afternoon of not guilty and the county to pay the costs of prosecution. Com. vs James Toner, indicted for larceny, prosecutor H. C. Yeager. This defendant is indicted for the taking of a pair of shoes of the value of three dollars and a half from Yeager & Davis, shoe merchants of Bellefonte on the 13th day of December last. The defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs and to undergo imprisonment in the Reformatory at Hunt-

ingdon. Com. vs John Stiger, indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor George Eisenhuth. This defendant is indicted for assaulting the prosecutor on the store porch of Everts' store at Coburn on New Year's evening by striking him twice without any provocation. The defendant alleges that he was so intoxicated that he did not know what he was doing. Verdict guilty and sentenced to pay the costs and two months in the county jail.

Com. vs William H. Hunsicker, indicted for larceny, prosecutor William Tressler. This case is from Benner township and the defendant is indicted for the taking of an agreement between the heirs of the late Thomas Meyer and the prosecutor, who is the executor of Thomas Meyer, deceased, changing the compensation the executor is to receive in the settlement of said estate. which agreement was signed by the heirs before Mr. Tressler would take out letters in the estate. The Commonwealth alleges that the defendant was at the residence of the prosecutor from the time of the death of Mr. Meyer until July 1902. The defendant is a grandson of Mr. Meyer and Mr. Tressler is his uncle by marriage. The papers were kept in a safe in prosecutor's house to which the defendant knew the combination, and sometime between July 15th and 20th this agreement was missing from the safe, and that subsequently the defendant admitted to the prosecutor that he had taken the paper and promised to return it to the prosecutor and failing to do so the prosecutor had him arrested. At

HIDDEN GOLD A Bit of Excitement Aroused Over a Wierd Story. THEY EXAMINED A SINKHOLE

But Failed to Find the Clanking Chains or Gold Hidden by Indians-Investigation Made Last Week in Haines Twp

Stories of silver mines, coal mines, gold mines, and money hidden, coming by way of superstitious tradition, were plentiful years ago in our county, and while most of these have vanished like mists, a few still linger and find persons to take stock in them. There was a story of gold hidden by Indians in a sink near Fowlers in Haines twp. on the once Daniel Stover homestead, lately revived, and connected with a degree of wierd. ness that lent it all the more plausibility to the superstitiously inclined. Connected with this gold thrown into the sink by the Indians, was the awe provoking story that from that selfsame sink were heard proceeding sounds like unto the rattling of chains, caused by the spirits of Indians long since dead but keeping vigil over the treasure in gold dumped down to prevent the whites from capturing it. Many heard these rattling chains, as the story went, and some believed, others feared to go near, and others still were hungering to get at the lucre. The fact is Indians in the days of our early settlers never had any gold to hide, whether in the shape of money or otherwise, and their only "legal tender" was hides of wild animals. However, a prospecting party was made up last week, and filling a large sled, each one armed with pick or shovel, an expedition started for the sink and determined to face the chain rattlers beneath, storm the spirits of Aborigines long basking on the shores of all good dead Indians, and make a draw on the sink for specie payment. The expedition arrived safely at the reputed bole of deposit, heard no clanking chains, saw no signs of departed spirits holding vigil over bushels of gold coin, nor even anything offering a sign of daring to molest or make afraid the seekers after wealth, nor did they behold an inkling of gold having been buried there, and returned, fully rewarded by the satisfaction that one big super-

WATER WORKS TALK. For some time the people of our town have been considering some improvements to the present system of pumping water at the big spring. The large quantity used and the recent advance in the price of coal has made the plant a little expensive of late. The new water wheel recently installed was pronounced a great success at the start. It was at

first estimated that it was throwing more water than had been calculated. Since then a water meter was put on and the opposite was reported-the amount being so small as to be an entire failure. Since then, the firm that put in the new wheel and pump sent a man here and he pronounces the pump out of working order and claims that it will do all that was claimed for it. He has been at the water works the past two days making

the tests. On Tuesday, the Daily News contained an article proposing the purchase of the Gerbrick & Hale flouring mill and water power from Mr. Crider for a pumping station. He will sell the plant entire to the boro for a rental of \$210 per month for fifteen years, at which time he would make a deed to the boro for the property. In this way the cost would be \$37800. The estimate in the News is that in the course of fifteen years the boro would save \$54,000. Whether that is a conservative estimate, we cannot say. If it is a careful calculation of all elements of expense and revenue from the plant it would be wise for the boro to act according to the suggestion. The price to be paid for this property is a very handsome one indeed for Mr. Crider, but at the same time, if it is a moneysaving investment, it would be wise to accept it.

It would be well for some of our builders and engineers to make calculations on the project and take into account the outside limit of expense and see whether this offer will hold out.

BOROUGH TICKETS.

Local politics always becomes spirited for the February elections. In Bellefonte there was a lively contest for tax collector nomination on the republican ticket between Wm. C. Cassidy and Burgess Edmund Blanchard. These oung aspirants began the contest over month ago and they made close canvasses. The principal fight was in the West ward, which Mr. Blauchard carried by a narrow margin. Among the demo-

AN APPALLING ACCIDENT Reading Flyer Crashes Into a Passenger.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED

Occurred in New Jersey on Tuesday-Schocking Scene about the Wreck-Age-Tore up His Will-State Laws Good Enough.

One of the most appalling railroad wrecks that has occurred in the vicinity of New York for many years, the estimated loss of life ranging from twelve to thirty persons, took place Tuesday night at Graceland on the Central Railway of New Jersey near Westfield, N. J., when the Royal Blue Line Express ploughed at top speed into the rear of a local train. Immediately after the crash three of the shattered cars of the local train took fire, rendering impossible the rescue of many of the wounded who were pinned fast in the wreck. Many bodies are believed to have been consumed.

The number of injured is quite large. The sight while the wreck was burning was horrifying. Men could be seen in the wreckage pinned fast amid the timbers of the cars and struggling to be free while the flames roared around them. The rescuers were helpless to aid them, as they had already been driven from the wreck by the flames. One of those who tried to take out a man pinned in found that he was held down by one leg near the ankle, and seeing it would be useless to do anything else, is said to have finally severed the man's leg and then carried him to one of the parlor cars.

The wreck was due to the engineer disregarding the block signal, and he is among the killed.

HASTINGS TORE UP HIS WILL.

Ex-Governor Willing to Trust Laws of the State.

The late ex-Gov. Daniel H. Hastings, who died worth from \$1,000,000 to \$2,-000,000, tore up the only will he ever made when he returned from his Europeap trip last summer.

"Oh, pshaw !" exclaimed the General, iast before the tearing-up process began, ness portion of the town as follows What's a will good for, anyway ?" He had always contended that the

Pennsylvania laws were better than tes. surance.

Here's a song for the man, the strong-hearted man Who whistles and smiles through the hours of the day : Who sets a high standard, does all that he can, And scatters bright sunshine along his life's We sing of the heroes on war's bloody field Who faitered not, facing the battle's grim test. But here is a song for the man who won't vield In every-day life, but keeps doing his best, We sing of the man who, behind the grun gun, Brave, steady and true, with unfaltering aim. For country and flag greater glory has won. And honor by cheering the sound of his name.

But here is a cheer for the man brave and true

Whose patient endeavor knows never a rest: Who cheerfully labors, ne'er downcast or

And brightens the world just by doing his

best. We cheer when they mention the man o

huge wealth Who builds ornate temples of mortar and

stone

With millions secured by a legalized stealth. And gives them away that his name may be known,

But where is the cheer for the brave man and true

To whom fortune never has come as a guest? Who, humble and honest, is hidden from view But never gives up, and keeps doing his best?

We've honored the heroes of sword and of gun

Who vanquished the foe by their valorous deeds: We've cheered the gold kings who their mil

lions have won profits they've wrung from their fellow

men's needs. So now let us cheer with our uttermost might The king of them all who, four-square to

each test. Brave, humble, unknown, with his face to the light

Keeps pegging away and is doing his best. By Will Maupin in the Commoner

BIG FIRE AT BEECH CREEK.

This morning a serious fire broke out at 3 o'clock in Sykes' store, from an overheated stove and destroyed the busi-

Syke's store and contents. \$3,800 in-

Squire John Magee's store and warehouse. Loss \$2,000, with no insurance. Williams Bros store, and building. Some goods were saved. Loss \$2000, insurance \$1500. Geo. Williams, of Howard, owned building. \$800 insurance.

Philip B. Iddings and Hannah M. Iddings vs Spring township, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued until further surveys can be made.

Charles McCaffeity ys John Caldwell and Mary Cook. Two cases. Summoned in ejectment, pleas not guilty, and special plea filed by leave of Court, Continued, the cases being special to Judge Love.

B. D. Schoonover, administrator of all late of the township of Cooper, county of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, deceased, vs Jno. C. Nason, John McCord, J. C. Henderson and John A. Mull, summoned in assumpsit, pleas non assumpsit and infra sex annos. Continued.

The first case called for trial was, Com. vs Huston Cowher indicted for assault and battery, prosecutor Theodore Warrendort. The defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, ten dollars fine and eight months in the county jail.

Amanda Ostrander vs Snow Show township overseers of the poor. An appeal trom judgment of a justice of the peace, plea non assumpsit. Plaintiff suffered a voluntary non suit.

John H. Taylor vs J. W. Mitterling an appeal from judgment of J. S. Houseman, justice of the peace, plea non assumpsit. The plaintiff alleges that on or about November 13, 1900 he went to the place of the defendant and bought some hogs and paid the defendant twenty dollars and then the defendant refused to let him have the hogs, and admitted that the defendant claimed he owed him something on a former account. The defendant alleged that the plaintiff came to buy some hogs and that he handed him twenty dollars and said he would pay him the old account of seventeen dollars and a half, that he gave him twenty dollars and he went and got the change, two doilars and a half, and plaintiff refused his change. The defendant told the plaintiff that he could have the hogs at five cents a pound cash and subsequently the plaintiff brought this suit to recover those twenty dollars. Ver. ough of Centre Hall, appeal from decidict in favor of the plaintiff for two dollars sion of justice of the peace Keichline : and eighty-three cents,

Com, vs Edward Lucas and D. C. Hall, overseers of the poor of Union township, prosecutor John W. Johnson, indicted for neglect of duty. Sometime during the summer of 1900 Ira Heaton, the husband of Mary Heaton, a daughter of the prosesometime subsequently the overseers made ["

the court held that the paper was not the subject of larceny and directed a verdict of not guilty. Com. vs Jacob Weaver indicted for be-

trayal, prosecutrix Fannie A. Stover. After the case was called for trial the parties settled the case.

The following civil cases on next week's list were disposed of for this term. George T. Brew, surviving administrator of &c. of George W. Jackson, deceased, vs Daniel and singular the goods and chattels, rights H. Hastings, J. Henry Cochran and H. C. trustees of the College was held Tuesday McChrmick, who survive George W. Jack- night in the office of the Superintendent W. E. Jenkins, son, deceased, trading as Jackson, Hast- of Public Instruction in the Capitol ings & Company, summoned in assumpsit, building. plea non assumpsit. Continued owing to the death of Ex-Governor D. H. Hastings, Edward Rider vs Emma C. Rider, subpoena in divorce. Discontinued.

David Robb vs. Liberty twp. an appeal from the Auditor's settlement of Liberty township, plea non assumpsit. During the year of 1900 Colonel Woodward, Mr. Hiester, Mr. the plaintiff was one of the supervisors | White and Dr. Atherton. Dr. Atherton of Liberty township and at the settlement reported that the auditorium at the colof his accounts in March 1901 the Audi- lege for which Charles M. Schwab protors rejected certain items, consisting of vided the funds and the estimated cost counsel fees, board of witnesses, court of which will be about \$150,000, is well charges and surveyors fees incurred in under way. In addition President Atherwerein the plantiff in this suit was the been received from leading architects for prosecutor which prosecution resulted in the construction of a library for which a verdict of not guilty and the prosecu- Andrew Carnegie has given \$100,000. tor to pay one third of the costs, and the Auditors rejected the items named as not legitimate expense of the township, and that he was individually liable and the plaintiff claims that they are legitimate expenses for the township to pay and the plaintiff took this appeal to court. Verdict on Wednesday afternoon in favor of the detendant for twenty four

Wednesday afternoon the Register had the several accounts filed by executors and administrators, etc., in decedent estates read and they were comfirmed ni si by the Court and unless exceptions be filed thereto within four days they will be confirmed absolutely.

dollars.

Lizzie Bible and Anna Bible vs. Borplea non assumpsit. This is the Centre Hall water case and was continued, pending settlement.

Tillie Woods vs. Overseers of the Poor of Snow Shoe twp., appeal from judgment of a justice of the peace, plea non Do not miss it only 25 cents. No reservassumpsit. This casetis brought to reentor, was killed by lightning and his cover from the defendant poor district widow and four children became charges for maintenance, care, clothing, etc., of Union township's poor district, and for Samuel Ostrander, prior to the re-

stition had been punctured by them, which was sufficient glory for the heroism that would face the chains of departed dead Indians You may find coal, "strike ile," but never will strike heaps of gold coin hidden by the wild Democratic: man of the days of the early settlers of this or any other county.

STATE COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

The regular annual meeting of the John N. Lane.

The following officers of the Board of

Trustees were named for the ensning vear :

President, Genetal James A. Beaver. Secretary, Dr. George W. Atherton. Treasurer, Professor John Hamilton. Executive Committee, General Beaver, certain litigation in reference to a road ton reported that several plans have

Nittany Valley Hero.

The Manila, Philippines, Times of October 14, contained an article in reference to the bravery of Private Harry & Williams, undertakers. McKibben of the hospital corps, U.S. A., in nursing men in the Philippines who were ill with contagioas diseases. Mc-Kibben is spoken of in the Times as an ideal hospital corps man, morally, innurse the sick. His services during the coroner. cholera epidemic and in caring for smallpox patients has made him a hero whose vate McKibben is the son of Joseph A. McKibben of near Salona.

Dr. Burnette is Coming. Be sure and secure your ticket in time for the magnificent "Illustrated Lecture, Oberammergau Passion Play" on Friday night, Feb. 6th, in the Court House at S p. m. The tickets are selling at a rapid rate. This is a rare opportunity. ed seats.

-Don't fail to read Mingle's ad. this week-they offer bargains that are

crats there was some rivalry for Overseer of the Poor. The tickets as nominated are as follows : BOROUGH OFFICES

Office : Republican: W. H. Walker. Burgess, Sam'l A. Loper Geo. R. Meek, Treasurer. C. K. Hicklen

T. Shaughnessy, Jr., O. of the P. 8, H. Diehl Tax Coll., Ed. Blanchard J. K. Johnston, Adam Wagner. Auditor, J. Thos. Mitchell NORTH WARD TICKET : T. E. Hamilton, Judg. of Elect., S. B. Miller

Inspector, Thad Longwell Council. School Dir'et. John P. Harris Constable, Benj. Williams SOUTH WARD TICKET : Harry Walkey, Joseph Wise, Council. School Dir'ct. J.S. Knisely A. C. Mingle,

WEST WARD TICKET : Michael Hess, Judg. of Elect., James Rine Michael Hess, Jonathan Miller, Inspector, Al.C. Derr Allen Weight

Jared Harper, Scho'l Dir'et, W.H. Crissman

Destructive Fire at Oceola.

streets, owned by the estate of the late Milo Hoyt.

\$15,000, on which there is insurance. The tenents were Mrs. McCrossin, have caught in the machinery and hotel ; W. Brown & Son, butchers ; telephone exchange; Dr. Litz, dental offices ; George Jones, jewelry, Smutzinger

Dr. Harman is Now Sheriff.

The law of the State provides that by death or from any other cause the

was elected coroner ; owing to the death taken to the home of his parents from name should be a household word. Pri- of Sherfff Wilson, he is now the chief whence the faneral took place Tuesday. executive of the county of Huntingdon, and will remain so until a successor is appointed by the Governor of Penn-

Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, the Students Opera Co., of Bellefonte, under the direction' of Mrs. A. Clinton Farish will present a romantic comic opera, "Nell Gwynne." The cast is made up of some of the best local

cents.

taments, and he proved his sincerity in this belief as he tore his own last and only will into shreds.

"The law makes just as good a will as any individual can," he had frequently said.

Application has just been made by General Hastings' widow, Mrs. Jennie R. Hastings, and Ross A. Hickok, of Harrisburg, for letters of administration on the estate.

The Hastings mining interests in Cam-B. T. Bayard bria county are, perhaps, among the largest held, and only a few months before his death Mr. Hastings had purchased large tracts of undeveloped coal Judg. of Ricet ... T. Donachy lands in Clearfield and Jefferson coun-Inspector. Henry Brown ties. Outside the coal lands, the holdings Jas. Seibert in real estate are not large.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

ALC. Derr McClellan Lyon Crushed to Death at the Lime Kiln.

Saturday morning about half past eight a fatal accident occurred in the mill at the lime kiln of the American About 7 o'clock Tuesday morning fire Lime & Stone company near here, by broke out in the large block of buildings | which McClellen Lyon, who had been in on the corner of Blanchard and Lingle the employ of the company about four months as a miller lost his life. The accident was so sudden that it is hard to The loss of property is estimated at tell just how it did occur. But the men about the mill think his clothes must was drawn into the cogs and then thrown out against the fly wheel. His arms and legs were crushed into a pulp and in a few minutes he breathed his last.

He was about 23 years old, and is a son of Albert Lyons. He leaves a wife whose maiden name was Lucy Hampton when the sheriff is removed from office and to whom he was married only a few months ago. He is also survived by his tellectually and physically qualified to duties of this office devolve upon the parents, three brothers and one sister, namely : Edward, Ambrose, William and Doctor G. G. Harman, of Huntingdon, Ida, all of Lvontown. The remains were

W. C. T. U. Star Course.

The following is the list of entertainments, comprising the Star Course, to be given in Petriken Hall, under the directionof the W. C. T. U. this season : Patricolo Co., Concert. Feb. 24 Coit Novelty Co......Mar. 3 Course Tickets, \$1.25; single admis sion, 50 cents; réserved seats 15 cents.

Miss Gertrude Brubaker and Dr. H. S. Wilson, both of Bellefonte, were united talent who have devoted much time to in marriage at the parsonage of the more, Md , where he had been taken for this production. It will be given in the First Presbyterian church, Tyrone, on treatment. His remains were taken to opera house; admission 25, 35 and 50 Wednesday evening, 21, Rev. Albert J. Weisley officiating.

J. A. William's barber shop and contents.

Post office was in Syke's building. The stamps and most of the mail were saved. The post office is now in the drug store.

The house occupied by James Pollick and owned by Percey Trexler.

W. L. McCam's store and dwelling on which there was \$1500 insurance.

He Stood Guard.

A special from Altoona says : Alfred Ruggles, the young man from that city who was arrested at Julian, in Bald Eagle valley last week by Jos. Rightnour for writing to his mother that he would soon be found dead in Delaware, has confessed to the police authorities of that city to having recently robbed the Eighth Ward Merchandising company at Altoona. The stolen goods were removed after the robbery by Ruggles and his pal, so he states, to a barn cast of the city. Ruggles says he watched with a revolver on the outside of the store while the robbery was taking place, with instructions from 'his companion to shoot any one who interfered.

Gave \$1000 for His Life.

Harry M. Welliver, formerly of Lock Haven, is the defendant, and Mrs. Margaret J. Beers the plaintiff in a sensational suit filed at Pittsburg, wherein the woman's revolver figures. Mrs. Beers a former employe of the defendant, eeks to recover \$1000.54 on a check which Welliver alleges he was compelled to give to the plaintiff at the point of a revolver to settle a claim made against him for his hand in marriage.

Welliver says he was in fear of his life, the plaintiff having once before shot him and was compelled to sign the agree ment. So he asks that the suit be dismissed.

Died in Baltimore.

Sunday night, 18th, William Schofield, brother of Hou. James Schofield, of Bellefonte, died in the hospital in Baltihis home in Birmingham, near Tyrone, where the funeral took place.

sylvania. Opera "Nell Gwynne."