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## SECOND WEEK OF COURT

Only a few Cases Called and Tried  
By Jury

### ADJOURNED ON WEDNESDAY

A Number of Cases were Continued  
Owing to Death of C. M. Bower—  
Some of the Verdicts Rendered—  
Reported by S. D. Gettig.

Court called on Monday morning at half-past nine with Judge John G. Love on the bench and considerable time was taken up in hearing motions and petitions. The trial list was gone over and the following cases disposed of for the week.

Philip B. Iddings and Hannah M. Iddings his wife vs. Boggs township, summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued.

George T. Brew surviving administrator of etc., of George W. Jackson, deceased, vs. Daniel H. Hastings, J. Henry Cochrane and H. C. McCormick, who survive George W. Jackson, deceased, trading as Jackson, Hastings & Co., summoned in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

L. K. Derr vs. Emma J. Vonada and R. F. Vonada, summoned in assumpsit, plea non-assumpsit. Settled.

Sadie A. Rothrock vs. Elizabeth F. J. Rothrock's administrators. Summons in dower, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

B. D. Schoonover administrator of etc. of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of Joseph Potter, late of the township of Cooper, county of Clearfield, Pa., deceased, vs. John C. Nason, John McCord, J. C. Henderson and John A. Mull summoned in assumpsit and non assumpsit infra sex annos. Continued.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. William J. Harvey and John Bowden, summons in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued.

George M. Cresswell vs. F. H. Clement, Charles F. King and Thomas A. Shoemaker, doing business as F. H. Clement & Co. Summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

T. M. Meyer vs. George Hurley and Wm. Hurley, trading and doing business in the name of Hurley Bros. Summoned in trespass, plea not guilty. Continued.

Charles L. Jackson vs. John Haugh, summons copios ad respondendum, plea not guilty. Settled.

John C. Hoy vs. Z. W. Hoy and J. A. Hoy executors of etc. of John D. Hoy, deceased and Jennie M. Hoy and Theodore B. Hoy, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit and non assumpsit infra sex annos, with leave & c. Continued.

The W. F. Main Co. vs. A. R. Feistal, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Voluntary non suit entered.

Leo J. Terney vs. the Snow Shoe Mining company, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

Bertha Dodd vs. Christ Sharrer, summons in replevin, plea non cepit and property. Continued.

George F. Hoy, agent for Amanda E. Hoy vs. "Z." W. Hoy and J. A. Hoy executors of etc. of John S. Hoy, deceased, and Jennie M. Hoy and Theodore B. Hoy, summons in assumpsit, plea non assumpsit. Continued.

Burton Merritt and J. C. Steinkensher vs. J. T. Lucas, summons in replevin, plea non cepit and property, continued.

J. H. Reifnyder vs. L. H. Musser and E. E. Gentzel, feigned issue to try title to some personal property pledged for a certain debt by Mr. Gentzel to the plaintiff and subsequently an execution was issued by Mr. Musser and notice given to the sheriff by the plaintiff, who returned the writ under the Interpleader Act as to the property claimed by notice and this issue framed by the Court. At the close of plaintiff's testimony the defendants moved for a compulsory non suit, which was granted at the afternoon session and motion made to take it off by the plaintiff.

At the afternoon session the sheriff acknowledged deeds for real estate sold by him on sundry writs and additional motions and petitions presented by different member of the bar among them application for charter for the Coburn Cornet Band.

The next case taken up was that of Newton E. Hess vs. James Peters and Emanuel Peters. Before the jury were sworn the name of Emanuel Peters was stricken off. This case is brought to recover for some hay and straw and the facts as developed are about as follows: James Peters was the tenant on the farm of a Mrs. Fisher in Harris township for some years under a lease which provided that the tenant was not to remove any hay or straw from the premises and sometime in November 1901 Mrs. Fisher sold the farm to the plaintiff, but before doing so both parties inquired of the tenant what amount of hay he had brought to the place when he moved there, and as plaintiff alleges were informed four loads of hay, while the defendant alleges he brought there six loads of hay and some corn fodder and straw. In the spring of 1902 the defendant moved from the premises and took away the amount of hay and straw he took to the place, whereupon the plaintiff had a writ of replevin issued and had the hay and straw replevied and the defendant gave bond to the sheriff and retained the property and this action is to recover the value of the same. Verdict on Tuesday morning in favor of the plaintiff for thirty-six dollars.

The Duquesne Brewing company vs. William Riley and William Rapsey, late co-partners under the name of William Riley & Co. This case is brought to recover for lot of draft beer, bottle beer sold to defendants while in business in the Borough of Philipsburg by the plaintiffs. Mr. Riley was the proprietor of a wholesale beer establishment for a number of years up until the first of April 1902; the plaintiff's bill also includes four empty kegs, bottles and cases not returned to the plaintiffs by the defendants. Mr. Rapsey denies partnership and the plaintiffs not having their books of original entry in court, the Court held that there was not sufficient evidence to go to the jury on the question of empty kegs, etc., and the plaintiff moved the withdrawing of a juror, which was accordingly done and the case continued at the costs of the plaintiff.

William Witmer vs. Dora Witmer and James C. Witmer, summons in replevin, plea non cepit and property. Continued at cost of defendant.

Hannah L. Sharp vs. America Leyman G. H. Leyman and William Butler. This case is brought by the plaintiff to recover damages from the defendants, the latter being a constable. Your correspondent was not present during the trial sufficiently to acquaint himself with the facts as developed in this case. Verdict Wednesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for four hundred dollars.

George A. Bayard vs. Borough of Bellefonte. This action was brought to recover balance for work and repairs on the Diamond in Bellefonte. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$346.39.

Daniel Gross sentenced to the Reformatory at Huntingdon.

Court adjourned Wednesday evening.

## EXPLOSION OF POWDER PLANT

An Awful Catastrophe Occurred  
in Blair Co.

### MANY LIVES WERE LOST

Bodies were Torn Into Fragments and Scattered—The Shock was Terrific—Several Narrow Escapes—Many Buildings Wrecked

The extensive plant of the Crescent Powder company at Ganister, about ten miles south of Hollidaysburg, was completely wrecked by a series of four explosions last Thursday morning. Of the thirty employes, nine were killed outright and all the others were badly injured by being blown about the buildings in which they were employed. The dead are:

Frank McKernan, 25 years old, married; Ross Kennedy, 21, single; George Pay, 22, single; Charles Ross, 21, single; William Lyons, 20, single, Gaisseppe Maleo, 24, married; Frank Strasser, 21 single; John Petrovinski, 22, single; Andrew Gabrillac, 35, married.

All the dead were residents of Williamsburg, except Lyons, who resided in Hollidaysburg. Seven were Americans and two were Italians. The list of injured includes Adam Taggart, of Pittsburg, the superintendent of the company, who was found unconscious in his office by his wife and was dragged out of the burning building by her at the peril of her own life.

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

The first explosion occurred among the material in the mixing house, blowing that building to atoms and also destroying the two punching houses and the office. Nothing was left of these structures. Fire arose in the other buildings to complete the chapter of horrors.

The force of the explosion was felt in towns five miles away, and all the houses in the locality were damaged. The bodies of the dead are unrecognizable and the country around about strewn with the melancholy remnants of what were once human forms.

The Crescent Powder company supplied the powder and dynamite used in the large limestone quarries of the United States Steel Corporation in Blair county, and is owned by Pittsburg capitalists. There were eleven buildings in the plant, of which number five are still standing.

AWFUL EXPERIENCE.

Brit Linn, Jr., wife and five sons got to Beech Creek, Saturday from Ridgway, Elk county, where they had a very unfortunate experience with fire Thursday night. Mr. Linn and his family were dwelling in a lumber camp three miles from Ridgway. The high wind of that night drove the fire in the woods in their direction and before they were aware of any immediate danger they saw a wave of flames leaping 25 feet in the air coming towards the camps. The timber had been cut off sometime before and the dead tree tops and heavy brush which had not been cleared up by any fire for years fed the flames and presented an appalling spectacle. Mr. Linn and his wife hastily threw what valuables and clothes they could into a trunk and with their five young sons fled to a swamp along a stream. They waded in water and mud up to their knees and spent the night in that situation. The smoke and heat almost suffocated them. Three other families living nearby fared no better and saved their lives in the same manner. Mr. Linn succeeded in getting his four horses out of the stable with the greatest difficulty, so frightened were they by the roar and light of the awful fire.

Mr. Linn lost everything but the horses, the few articles in the trunk and the clothes he and the family wear. The building and stables were eaten up by the flames, together with three cars standing on the railroad track loaded with paper wood. The loss to the other families was as complete as his. Seventy-five cords of paper wood were destroyed in the woods. The operations, conducted by a man named Wilson, were to have been finished within a month. He lost heavily.

Mr. Linn is the only son of James A. Linn of Beech Creek township.—Lock Haven Express.

The public is still anxiously waiting to see what Gov. Pennypacker will do with the Salus-Grady libel bill. The impression prevails that he will sign the measure and leave the courts pass upon its irregular provisions. In that way he will best serve his boss.

The typhoid fever cases in sections of the county have mostly recovered and it is hoped the disease has about run its course. The cases were quite numerous over the county the past six months.

Weather Report.

Weekly report—Bellefonte Station.

DATE	TEMPERATURE
	Maximum Minimum
May 1, pt. cloudy	54 37
2, clear	61 28
3, cloudy	61 29
4, clear	64 44
5, clear	72 32
6, clear	77 35

Rain: On evening of 3rd, .35 inch; Total rainfall in April, 3.51 inches.

It must come easy for Adam when he wished to flatter Eve. He could call her the fairest of her sex without bothering his conscience in the least.

—A warm rain is sighed for by farmers and would make vegetation boom.

—The Salvation Army has improved its music for the open air and indoor service, by the addition of a fine cornetist.

—What will be done with the M'Brice corner? is the query with many, and all are hoping something creditable in the shape of a building will soon develop.

—A dandy 7½ pound shad was caught in the Susquehanna at Duncannon last Friday morning, and was landed in this town in the evening by Conductor Reamer. Shad catches in the Susquehanna and Juniata river is panning out encouragingly this season.

—The owners of the scale works buildings are desirous to get control of small articles of invention that have merit, and would make use of the vacant buildings for the manufacture of same. Persons having meritorious patents might make a note of this, and find a party ready to negotiate for the manufacture of same. The firm has arranged for the control one utility, but need several others to warrant entering into the manufacturing business.

## DONATION DAY AT NEW HOSPITAL.

On Saturday May 9th, the Bellefonte Hospital will be moved from Dr. Hayes' building to the new property on Willowbank street which they purchased some time ago. This building has been repaired, renovated, and changed in many particulars, making it practically new.

A committee will be on hand to receive and properly credit anything sent, and the names of the donors will be published.

Below we give a partial list of what would be most acceptable, groceries and eatables of all kinds, as well as, furniture for living and bed rooms, but the following is a list of articles very necessary just at present:

Ward pillows, 32x18 inches; nurses' pillows, 22x32; small round pillows, for surgical cases, made of hair, cotton or cut straw; spreads for single beds and 7-4 sheets; sash curtains for 24 windows canned and dried fruits; jelly and grape juice; flour, vegetables, lard and meat; knives, forks, spoons and dishes; table linen and kitchen utensils; rugs for dining and nurses' rooms; screens for the ward beds; chairs for the house and porches; brooms, scrub brushes and soap; a washing machine, tubs and wringer.

The Accident was Most Pathetic.

On account of the fatal accident which befel James Wensel, the young Renovo freight brakeman at Dahoga, early Saturday morning, the News says the young man attempted to cross over the cars. He was on the engine, which his father was running, and upon reaching the first car he lost his balance and fell beneath the wheels. When the body struck the rails the wheels ground it horribly and death was instantaneous.

When he fell his lantern went to one side of the train, whereupon one of the train hands went to investigate. It was found that the young brakeman was missing and the train was stopped as quickly as possible. When the train was stopped all the crew went back to see what had happened to the young fellow and were almost dazed to find him lying in pieces along the tracks. This was an especially trying moment for the father, who was almost frantic with grief and the scene was a pathetic one.

Legally Hanged, but Lives.

An Italian working on the construction crew of the B. & P., railroad through Indiana, Pa., has the unique distinction of having been legally hanged. While he was a member of the Italian army he shot a comrade in a quarrel. He was tried and sentenced and hanged by the neck until dead (according to physicians.) He was then put in a box and given to his friends. But the doctors had made a mistake, and his friends soon revived him and succeeded in getting him out of the country. He holds his head off to one side as a result of the strain and says he is as good as to dead men yet. He has the reputation of being one of the most reliable and trustworthy foreigners on the force.

Smallpox Nearby.

There is a case of smallpox of a mild type in Beech Creek township. The patient is a young man named Alvin Bitner, son of George Bitner, and the supposition is that he contracted the disease at Cross Fork, where he is working at a lumber job. He came home last week and was not feeling well. On Sunday two physicians visited the young man pronounced his ailment smallpox in a very mild form. The family have agreed to a voluntary quarantine and there is not likely to be any spread of the contagion.

A Relic of the War.

While men were at work unloading a car of scrap iron at the car works at Milton on Thursday they came upon an old shell, which upon examination was found to contain the explosives placed there more than forty years ago, when the country was in the throes of a great Civil war, to destroy life and property. Had the discovery not been made and the explosives have not been destroyed by the lapse of time, a serious accident might have resulted if it had been placed in the furnace.

Howard Found Guilty.

In the third trial of James Howard for the killing of Governor William Goebel, of Kentucky, over three years ago, the prisoner was found guilty. Death was favored by all but Juror Burkes, who announced that he would under no circumstance vote for a death sentence. A verdict for life sentence was agreed upon.

Death in Spark From File.

A man named Antis met a singular death in the shanty at the John Butler mine, a few miles from Clearfield, last Friday. He was sharpening a pick with a file, when a spark flew into an open powder keg. Instantly there was an explosion, and Antis was literally blown to pieces.

## WILL SQUARE THE CIRCLE

A Change in Election Ballot this Year

### NO MORE PARTY COLUMNS

All Candidates for an Office Grouped Under a Single Head—The Change is of Little Importance—Needed Reforms were Ignored.

The Pocht fake ballot reform bill, which simply does nothing more than change the form of the official ballot, was signed Friday by Governor Pennypacker. The bill was framed by a committee appointed by Senator Quay, as chairman of the Republican State committee to make a pretense of carrying out the party's ballot reform pledges made in the last state campaign.

The measure contains all the objectionable features of the present ballot system and contains nothing to recommend it to the honest ballot reformer. The Pennsylvania Ballot Reform Association petitioned the Governor to disapprove the bill, because, as it claimed, it amounts to nothing and will make independent voting as difficult as the present system. The only change it provides is the grouping of the candidates for each office under one head in the same column and the placing of a square opposite the name of each party, instead of the circle at the head of the column. It will reduce the size of the ballot about two thirds and give candidates three more days in which to file their election papers in the State Department.

A candidate nominated by more than one political party shall have the title of each party after his name, but his name shall not appear on the ballot more than once. The new law requires the voter to fold his ballot and deposit it in the ballot-box himself. It goes into effect immediately.

A Frightful Affair.

A distressing fatality occurred at Cherry Run, at the western end of Union county on Wednesday of last week in a family of a man named Bilger, who resides a short distance from the points where the train stops at that place.

A daughter aged fourteen years was nursing a baby sister aged six months. Playing about the room was an eleven year old boy. The young lad picked up a double-barreled shot gun standing in the room and pointed the gun at the head of the little baby. The gun was heavily loaded with fine shot, and the discharge struck the little one on the side of the head, blowing the top of the head and the brains of the infant to all parts of the room. The older sister was holding the baby on her knees when the weapon was discharged, and escaped uninjured.

The gun was held only four or five feet from the head of the baby when the boy pulled the trigger.

Wadsworth Discharged.

The Pennsylvania Supreme court last week discharged from custody Arthur Wadsworth, a member of the Eighteenth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania of Pittsburg, who was arrested for the shooting and killing of William Durham, a union miner, at Shenandoah, during the anthracite coal strike. Durham was shot for falling to halt. It developed that he was deaf and could not have heard the command.

The county authorities tried to arrest Wadsworth. The military interfered and the matter was taken to the county court, which ordered that Wadsworth be turned over to the county. The Supreme court, in its decision on appeal, rendered on last Monday, refused to turn Wadsworth over to the county and makes him immune from prosecution on the charge of murder.

Witches in Oyster Crackers.

With oyster crackers which Mrs. Antonio Albin gave to the children of Stanley Winters she is alleged to have bewitched them and given them a peculiar skin disease. Then, it is alleged, Winters threatened to remove the spell by striking Mrs. Albin on the nose, drawing blood, and with that charm washing away all possible harm to his children.

This peculiar quarrel was what brought all the parties into court before Judge Savidge, at Sunbury, on Tuesday. Court simply put Winters under bail to keep the peace.

Speakers will be Ladies.

The speakers for the annual commencement of the Central State Normal school have been chosen by the school. The commencement will be held at the normal chapel on June 24th at 10 o'clock. For the first time in the history of the school all of the speakers

No man ever made underestimating the

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

### A CONUNDRUM.

What's the good of Art,  
Of artists and of scholars,  
When everybody's on the chase  
For \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$?

I boldly said she was my pearl,  
She laughed in roguish glee,  
And then remarked, this slangy girl:  
"Say, are you stringing me?"

We tear the following out of an exchange:

How many men can a woman love?—  
The cynic answered, "None."  
The bachelor said seven, the traveler eleven,  
While the youth murmured "Only one!"

How many women can one man love?—  
That is a matter of chance,  
It all depends on his women friends  
And whether they care for romance.

The above is very good but we suggest the following change in the second spasm:

How many women can one man love,  
That all depends on his boodie,  
And whether or not his women friends  
Have more than one little poodle.

—Philipsburg Ledger.

Money talks, but blood will tell, too.  
Fresh men usually tell stale stories.  
You can't make friends by using a club.

You cannot lift yourself up by pushing down others.  
Even the tombstone is addicted to cutting remarks.

When money talks even a deaf man is able to hear.  
Some people laugh and grow fat over their own jokes.

Gloves should be always on hand when they are wanted.  
A prize fight usually develops more blowing than blows.

It is now up to the scientific sharp to breed a boneless shad.  
The bass drum may be a delusion, but it is never a snare.

Don't waste all your strength in patting yourself on the back.  
Some fellows shorten their days by lengthening their nights.

Some men's idea of a friend is some one they can go to for favors.  
Pursuing a high ideal is more profitable than catching a low one.

Even cold cash has been known to burn a hole in a man's pocket.  
Men are too much inclined to accept a pretty woman at her face value.

We should hardly refer to a girl as a bird just because she is pigeon-toed.  
The most fastidious girl sometimes marries a man who eats with his knife.

Paradoxical though it may seem, every time a gun goes off it stays right there.  
Many a man has acquired a reputation for generosity by spending borrowed money.

When a girl wears stockings with holes in them it shows that she doesn't care a darn.  
Some people flatter themselves that they are peacemakers, when they are really busybodies.

If you are going to ape the manners of others, be sure you don't make a monkey of yourself.  
At every wedding there is some member of the bride's family who is convinced she might have done better.

Giving flowers to the dead and unkind words to the living will not offset each other when the final judgment comes.  
Undressed kid is the favorite material for slippers, but slippers are not the favorite material with the undressed kid.

NOT ELIGIBLE.

A poor man shabbily dressed and uneducated, applied for membership in a fashionable church. The pastor was "caichad" and in every way "up-date." He had just made the effort of his life in the way of a sermon "Mundane Religiosity—Its Germ Evolution."

The coming forward of brother was an evident source of embarrassment to both churches. The applicant was pe to the elite. In ordination, not receive yet leave him dr the pastor sup important s mature d He disr he m a sr t