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## SHORT SESSION OF COURT

### All Jurors Were Discharged on Tuesday Afternoon.

### ONLY A FEW CASES TRIED

### Litigation in Centre County Seems to be on the Decline—Proceedings as Reported by S. D. Gettig Esq., for Our Readers.

**FIRST WEEK CONTINUED.**  
Court called on Thursday morning and after hearing some motions and petitions, John W. Harshberger convicted for desertion, the court made a decree that he pay for the support of his wife and minor children the sum of twelve dollars per month and give security in the sum of two hundred dollars to carry out the decree, otherwise sentence will be imposed in accordance with the Act of 1903.

The following civil cases were settled: George W. Pecan vs. S. W. Wright, S. H. Williams vs. Frank Warfield, John Luther vs. George Kachick, Jesse Goss vs. D. D. Woods.

**SECOND WEEK.**  
Court called on Monday morning and after hearing some motions and petitions the case of John T. Baylets vs. J. J. Kelley and William Neyman, Jr., summons in trespass, plea not guilty, was continued.

E. C. Smith vs. Josiah Long, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of John Long, late of Penn township, deceased. This action was brought to recover for nursing, etc., of Catharine Long, deceased widow of John Long and on note against John Long's estate for one hundred dollars. The court ruled out the lease and submitted the note to the jury. Verdict for the plaintiff for \$123.35. Subject to the questions of law reserved by the court.

James A. McCafferty vs. The Township of Spring. This action is brought to recover contract price and extras for building a stone arch bridge at Pleasant Gap during last summer. At the close of plaintiff's case he was not suited on the ground that the suit was prematurely brought.

Joseph Kelley vs. J. W. Smith, Robert M. Smith, administrator of Adam Smith, deceased and Robert M. Smith. A scire facias to revive a judgment. Settled.

Mary M. Reifsnnyder vs. J. H. Reifsnnyder an assumpsit. Settled after jury sworn; after which all jurors were discharged, court adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Court convened on Wednesday morning and after having some motions and petitions the sheriff acknowledged his deeds.

Auditors were appointed in the following decedents estates: Adam Kelley's estate, of Benner township, J. C. Harper was appointed.

Jacob Tibbens estate, of College township, Clement Dale was appointed. After which court adjourned.

## AT COUNCIL MEETING.

Very little special work was considered at council meeting on Monday evening. Col. Reynolds turned over the new pumping station at the Phoenix Mill for the three month's test, and it is making an excellent showing at present, supplying all the water necessary for the town.

Council has also decided to place many additional water meters on all large consumers of water, so that the enormous waste may be accounted for, if possible.

A great many families in Bellefonte, in order to save ice bills, have artificial cooling basins in their houses. They allow the water to run continuously through boxes or troughs where they keep butter, milk, fruit, etc. In this way families who pay a comparatively small tax waste immense quantities of water and it should positively be prohibited, under a heavy penalty. The idea of having artificial spring houses to get ahead of the ice man is too expensive on the basis of the consideration of the Water committee.

## Next Shaffer-Hazel Reunion.

On Saturday the Shaffer-Hazel executive committee met at the home of ex-sheriff B. F. Schaffer, at Nittany, to fix data for the next reunion, which will be held on June 15 next, at Hecla Park. The following speakers were fixed upon for the occasion, Prof. C. L. Gramley, Hon. W. C. Heinle, and Frederick Kurtz. The meeting will be called at 10 o'clock a. m. Music, vocal and instrumental, will be provided. It will be a pleasant occasion and largely attended. Four of the five members of the executive committee were present, viz: J. H. Hazel, Mich. Shaffer, Esq., J. B. Hazel and Jno. H. Hazel.

Too much fiz water is apt to make a physical wreck of a man.

## DO IT NOW!

All persons who paid us on subscription during the month of January will find proper credit given on their label this issue. Look at it now, and if you should find any error, please notify us at once.

We recently mailed a statement to every subscriber who was OVER A YEAR in arrears, and we hereby would express our kindly appreciation to the great number who kindly and promptly responded. In case you got one of these statements, and overlooked it, laid it aside, probably forgot all about it, please remember we are waiting to hear from you.

Please do not delay your remittance; send it to us as soon as possible.

Do it Now; we need it in our business, as explained in our last statement.

## Dangerous Coat.

Dr. Harry M. Uish, a civil war veteran, who is driver of rural mail route No. 2, from Lewistown, was held up near Strode's Mills by a black bear. Uish, who wears a coat made from the fur of the bear family, was driving leisurely along when a black bear crossed his trail ahead and stopped by the roadside to take a good look at the doctor and his coat as if he recognized in it a long-lost brother. But the doctor, not desiring any further acquaintance with his bearship, put the whip to his horse and, deviating somewhat from his usual route, he made a record run to the next farm house, where he reported the matter. The farmers took their shougins to hunt for brim, but as yet they have not reported his capture. Uish declares he will never wear that coat along the mountains again until that particular bear has been slaughtered as brim acted just as though he identified the skin as that of a brother bear.

## What the Home Paper Does.

An exchange says, "Every local paper gives from 500 to 5,000 free lines for the benefit of the community, in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means does more for his town than any other man, and all in fairness, man with man, he ought to be supported—not because you happen to like him or admire his writing, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be crowded with great thought, but financially it is of more benefit than both preacher and teacher. Today editors do more for less pay than any man on earth. Patronize your home paper, not as a charity, but as an investment." This is good reading for business men in Bellefonte who give all their job printing to traveling solicitors or some "job printing" concern that never bothers itself about the public. All true, too true.

## Find's Wife's Mangled Body.

Mrs. Catherine Kinley, residing a short distance below Antes Fort, along the P. and E. railroad, was struck and instantly killed Saturday night by a train. Mrs. Kinley, who was 44 years old, left her home at 5 o'clock and went to Jersey Shore on a visit to friends. On her way home she stopped at Gheen & Speigelmeyer's grocery store at Antes Fort to make a number of purchases, after which she started to walk home, going down the railroad tracks. It is supposed Mrs. Kinley stepped out of the way of a freight train and was struck by the belated passenger train, which was running at a high rate of speed to make up lost time.

Mr. Kinley, becoming alarmed at his wife's long absence from home, started up the railroad tracks at 11:30 o'clock in search of her, and was horrified to find her mangled body lying between the tracks.

## First Annual Banquet.

The first annual banquet of Local Union No. 1190, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was held Tuesday evening Feb. 2nd at the Brockerhoff House and was largely attended. The toast master for the evening was Patrick J. Garrity who filled the bill very acceptably. He introduced the following speakers: Chief Burgess W. Harrison Walker, Hon. John G. Love, D. F. Fortney, Col. E. R. Chambers, Dr. M. J. Locke, Ellis L. Orvis, J. Calvin Meyer, Sheriff H. S. Taylor, Hon. James Schofield, Samuel Dosachy, Dr. M. A. Kirk, W. L. Steel, Wm. P. Kuhn, J. Kennedy Johnston, W. C. Cassidy, Landlord Ray served a royal feast and the responses to the toasts were greatly enjoyed.

A sermon in memoriam of Edward Garrett will be preached in the M. E. church, Mill Hill, Sunday, by Rev. D. N. Miller.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

### Two Young People of Howard in a Wreck.

### SLED STRUCK BY A TRAIN

### Another Frightful Experience—A Clay Train Plunges Down a Steep Grade—A Bad Wreck and Narrow Escape.

Two young persons residing near Howard—Miss Leech and John Corman—came very near losing their lives on the New York Central railroad at McCalmont's crossing near Beech Creek, Monday afternoon. The young lady is badly injured. The young couple drove to Lock Haven in a sleigh, which had been secured from Liveryman J. N. Robb, at Howard. On the homeward trip, as they were about to drive on the railroad tracks at the crossing, the afternoon west-bound passenger train shot by. Mr. Corman pulled on the reins and got the animal off the track, but it was struck by the sides of the passenger coaches. The animal reared and plunged, when the sleigh struck against a post, throwing both occupants out. Miss Leech was severely cut on the head and bruised on the body. Mr. Corman escaped with a few slight bruises. He states that his view of the railroad tracks was obstructed by a high bank and that as he heard no whistle or bell ring, he drove on, unconscious of the danger. The sled was damaged almost beyond repair.—L. H. Democrat.

## Train Plunges Down Mountain.

The clay train on the narrow gauge railroad of the Queens Run Fire Brick company was wrecked Wednesday afternoon, of last week, while coming down the mountain from the clay mines back of Queens Run and plunged down a ravine 50 feet below, almost completely demolishing the engine and small cars. The tracks were covered with ice which caused the wheels to slip, and the train getting beyond control of the men in charge, shot down the steep grade at a curve in the road, the engine and train left the track and landed in a shapeless mass down the embankment or ravine. Engineer Harry McLaughlin and Fireman Joe Eugliert finding they could not control the train, and realizing that to remain at their posts meant certain death, jumping from the cab before the train had attained great momentum, and thus fortunately escaped. The loss is placed at \$3,000.

## Valuable Consignment.

A valuable consignment of metal and paper money, embracing parts of several of the most valuable coin collections in the country, reached St. Louis from Tyrone and is now in the safe deposit vault of a local trust company. The shipment was consigned to Farran Zerbe, formerly of Tyrone, chief of the Souvenir Coin department of the World's Fair. In the shipment there are nearly 50,000 different pieces, including 10,000 specimens representing coin issues from 700 B. C. to the present day. Among are a set of six California "slugs" (\$50 gold pieces), said to be the only set in possession of a private collector.

There are about 40,000 pieces of paper money, representing various denominations up to \$1,000, most of the specimens now obsolete as currency, though representing a face value of several million dollars. The collection will be exhibited at the Exposition.

## All True.

"Ellis Orvis, Esq., is being urged by his scores of friends and admirers who know his ability and sterling worth, to be a candidate for Judge of Centre county. One thing is sure the Democratic party could not do a wiser act or make a better choice for this responsible position, and if nominated, and there is no doubt of this, and elected, he will make a judge that the county will ever be proud of. Socially and otherwise you can't find a more pleasant and popular gentleman anywhere."—From the Philipsburg Journal.

## The Sick in Nittany Valley.

George Gramley, who has been suffering for some time with a bronchial affection, is somewhat improved.

William Berner, who has been ill for seven weeks with typhoid fever, is slowly convalescing.

Helena, the young daughter of Frank Ohl, is critically ill with valvular heart disease.

## Will be We come.

Ira D. Garman, jeweler, writes us Feb. 2, 1904, as follows: "About sixty (60) have accepted the invitation for the coming banquet of the Centre County Association at Donners Hotel, Philadelphia, Tuesday evening next, the 9th. Any Centre county people being in Philadelphia at that time, will be welcome."

## BOALSBURG INSTITUTE.

Teachers comprising District No. 2—Potter, Harris, Ferguson and College twps., and Centre Hall and State College boro—will hold a local institute at Boalsburg, February 5th and 6th. The following is from the program:

**FRIDAY EVENING.**  
Address of Welcome.....Rev. J. Stonecypher  
Response.....Miss Flo R. Duck  
Discussion: "School Libraries." Opened by E. K. Smith, R. B. Harrison, Edward Williams.  
Recitation.....Miss Beulah Fortney  
Discussion: "Centralization of Schools." Opened by Rev. A. A. Black, M. E. Heberling, Prof. C. L. Gramley.

**SATURDAY MORNING.**  
Discussion: "Reading and Speaking in Primary Schools." Opened by Misses Gertrude Wetland, Caroline Hoy, Cordelia Acker.  
Recitation.....Miss Edna Krumrine  
Discussion: "Advantages and Disadvantages of a Uniform Course of Study." Opened by John A. Young, M. N. Hartwick, Henry Hosterman.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**  
Question Box.....Miss Bertha Duck  
Discussion: "How can the Patron Assist the Teacher?" Opened by Jacob Diehl, T. L. Moore, Miss Sophie Thompson, Dr. L. E. Kidder.

## Surveyors in Pennsylvania.

The corps of railroad surveyors have been located at Boalsburg the past two weeks and are running lines eastward from that point as far as Sprucecreek in Potter township. Another portion of the crew have been at work between Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills. Their work indicates that they are locating surveys along the southern side of the valley and close to the mountain.

What little information that can be gleaned from them is that the railroad will certainly be built as there is an abundance of capital back of it. They are aiming for as straight a line as possible and cuts and fills do not annoy them. It is said the road will be an air line between Pittsburgh and New York, and double track, ultimately a four-track trunk line. The reader will please bear in mind that we are giving the above only as common rumor, that is all. Who is doing it and when it will be finished, Rumor sayeth not.

## Poor Man Falls Heir to \$85,000.

John Guilhot, a helper employed in the erecting department of the New York Central railroad shops at Oak Grove, was notified that he had fallen heir to over \$85,000. Upon the receipt of the welcome tiding, Guilhot immediately quit his job.

The windfall that comes to Guilhot is one-eighth of a \$700,000 estate of an uncle, who recently died in New Orleans. The other seven relatives live in Paris.

Guilhot is a Frenchman and has only been in this country about six weeks. He is a barber by occupation. About a month ago he reached Williamsport and being unable to secure a position at his trade, he went to Oak Grove and started to work as a laborer in the big railroad shop.

Guilhot will start in a few days for New Orleans, where he expects to meet the other heirs and heiresses of the estate.

## How a Man's Courtship Ended.

When Hugh Williams, a railroad man, called upon Miss Una Callahan, a young woman, of DaBois, on Saturday evening, he seemed in perfect health, but when Miss Callahan picked up a book he jokingly remarked that if she was going to read he would sleep. Whereupon he dropped down on a couch and was soon snoring. Miss Callahan attempted to wake him, but, failing to do so, became alarmed and physicians were called. The doctors have been unable so far to arouse Williams, except at brief intervals, from his comatose state. They are all equally puzzled.

## Garrett's Body Not Found.

A number of men are still searching for the body of Edward Garrett, who was caught in the ice jam in Beech Creek near Hayes, ten days ago, and was swept down the stream, but their efforts have thus far proved futile. Small hopes are now entertained of recovering the body before spring as it is supposed the body is held in the jam at Beech Creek town. During the past week a long search was made but the high water and ice have made it hopeless.

## Pastor Gives Salary for 21 Years.

The congregation of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Scranton, Pa., was surprised last Sunday to learn that the church was free from debt. It was supposed that there was still an incumbrance of \$25,000. It at last became known the venerable pastor, the Rev. Father James B. Whelan, during his pastorate of over 21 years had never used a cent of his salary but had turned it all over for the discharge of the debt.

George Kahl, of Greenbur, died Wednesday in the 79th year of his age. Interment Friday morning.

## OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

### A List of Numerous Pioneer Iron Industries.

### IRON FURNACES WERE PLENTY

### Charcoal Iron the Product—Cost of Manufacturing a Ton of Iron Carefully Calculated—Many Famous Plants Now Extinct.

In 1826, there were the following iron works in Centre county:

Pennsylvania Furnace, about 20 miles from Bellefonte, it was capable of making 1500 tons of pig metal annually—it was the property of Stewart Lyon & Co.

Tussey Furnace, about 14 miles from Bellefonte, at the foot of Tussey mountain—was capable of making 1000 tons pig metal annually.

Centre Furnace about 9 miles from Bellefonte, opposite end of Nittany mountain, by Miles & Green, capable of making 1500 tons of pig metal annually.

Spring Furnace, about 4 miles from Bellefonte, on Spring Creek, owned by Gen. Benner, capable of making 1000 tons of pig metal annually.

Logan Furnace, about 3 miles from Bellefonte on Logan's Branch, owned by Valentines & Thomas, made about 1200 tons pig metal annually.

Eagle Furnace, about 5 miles from Bellefonte, in Bald Eagle valley, owned by Roland Curtin—capable of making 1200 tons of pig metal annually.

Hecla Furnace, about 7 miles from Bellefonte, in Logans Gap, owned by Judge M'Kinsey, new and expected to make 1200 tons of pig metal annually.

Washington Furnace, 15 miles from Bellefonte, on Fishing Creek, capable of making 1200 tons of pig metal annually—owned by Mr. Henderson.

Philipsburg Forge, 20 miles from Bellefonte, on the Big Moshannon, made about 200 tons annually, property of Hardman Philips & Co.

Rock Forge, about 5 miles from Bellefonte, capable of making 600 tons of bar iron annually, with rolling mill for rolling boiler, nail split, and sheet iron, and a nail manufactory connected with the works—owned by Gen. Benner.

Bellefonte Forge, half mile from Bellefonte on Logan's Branch—property of Valentine & Thomas; also erected rolling mill for bar iron from the bloom.

Milesburg Forge, half mile from Bellefonte on Spring Creek, capable of making 400 tons annually, connected with it uses a rolling mill for rolling boiler, sheet, nail and split iron; also a nail factory, owned by Gen. Miles & Co.

Eagle Forge, 5 miles from Bellefonte, on Bald Eagle Creek, capable of making 400 tons of bar iron annually; property of Roland Curtin.

Washington Forge, 15 miles from Bellefonte, on Fishing Creek, capable of making 300 tons of bar iron annually, owned by Mr. Henderson.

Harvey's Forge, about 20 miles from Bellefonte, on Fishing Creek, capable of making about 400 tons of bar iron annually.

From the above it appears the iron works in Centre county in 1826, were capable of making annually 11000 tons of pig metal and 3100 tons of bar iron.

These works were mostly near Bellefonte, but are all, save the Valentine furnace, among the "has-beens." This town was then the business centre for the above works, and if half or one-third of them were yet in successful operation, Bellefonte would be enjoying a business boom right along, of no mean dimensions.

We have now facilities for transportation at this day, which in the best days of these works were unknown and want of same an important drawback.

For each ton of bar-iron and castings made the following agricultural produce is found to be consumed:

20 bushels of wheat and rye, average at 75 cents	\$15.00
27 pounds of pork at 80 cents	2.16
43 pounds beef at 40 cents	1.72
10 pounds butter at 125 cents	1.25
2 bushels of potatoes at 80 cents	1.60
3 1/2 tons of hay, at 50 cents	1.75
For every ton of bar-iron one horse is employed one year's work, \$30, and experience shows that the mortality among horses so employed is per annum in seven, and constitutes a charge of per ton.....	1.43
For fruit and vegetables, of which no return is made, we feel justified in putting down.....	1.00
Making a total of.....	\$25.88
Every five tons requires one able bodied man throughout the year; average of wages, one dollar per day; expenses of taking to market ten dollars per ton.	

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH.  
Receipts and Expenditures of the Borough of Bellefonte, commencing 1st Dec., 1893, and ending 31st September, 1894.

Receipts.....	\$1024.00
Balance and treasurer.....	14.75
	\$1038.75
Expenditures.....	\$128.75
By balance due treasurer.....	\$14.75
Debits due by the borough.....	\$450.82
Due the borough.....	\$853.89

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

### Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

### GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on.  
'Twas not given for you alone—Pass it on.  
Let it travel down the years,  
Let it wipe another's tears,  
Till in heaven the deed appears—Pass it on.

This world is not so bad a world.  
As some would like to make it;  
But whether good or whether bad  
Depends on how you take it.

### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.

In speaking of a person's faults,  
Pray don't forget your own;  
Remember, those with homes of glass  
Should never throw a stone.  
If we had nothing else to do  
Than talk of those who sin,  
'Tis better we commence at home,  
And from that point begin.

We have no right to judge a man  
Until he's fairly tried;  
Should we not like his company,  
We know the world is wide.  
Some may have faults—and who has not?  
The old as well as young;  
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,  
Have fifty to their one.

Then let us all, when we begin  
To slander friend or foe,  
Think of the harm one word may do  
To those we little know.  
Remember, curses sometimes, like  
Our chickens, roost at home,  
Don't speak of others' faults until  
You have none of your own.

In the midst of life we are in debt.  
The successful pugilist makes money  
hand over fist.  
Some men are busiest when they are  
trying to dodge work.  
In a poker game even the botheaded  
man may get cold feet.

It is easier to win a girl's hand than to  
foot the bills afterward.  
When a girl is pretty she realizes that  
she doesn't have to be anything else.  
If ignorance were really bliss, what a  
lot of people would be supremely happy.

It is what saves rather than what one  
earns that insures a competence for the  
future.  
A woman can get as much enjoyment  
out of a bargain sale as a man can out  
of poker game.

## ADJOINING COUNTIES

Caren Gunsallus was killed at Dents Run, where he lived and was employed. He was a son of Mrs. Margaret Gunsallus, widow of the late John Gunsallus, and was aged about 40 years.

A cut in wages of 10 per cent. to the men working piecework in the various departments of the Standard Steel Works near Lewistown, went into effect on Monday. Oh, prosperity, what lies were told in thy name!

The ice on the Beech creek was heavier than for many years, not excepting that of two years ago, when it was two feet thick and went out with a flood, doing great damage. The ice is now reported to be 30 inches thick.

Reports from the alms house, Hollidaysburg, indicate that the smallpox scourge continues there with unabated vigor. On Monday and Tuesday four cases were reported and six additional county charges were isolated to await development.

Rev. J. M. Steck, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran churches at Pottsgrove and Follmer, has announced his intention of retiring from active service in the ministry. Dr. Steck has been one of the strong men in that denomination and was an earnest and devoted pastor and scholarly gentleman.

Frederick P. Resides, of Beech Creek, met with a peculiar accident. He was hauling wood on a sled with a horse belonging to Harry W. Packer. The animal fell down and in attempting to make it get up Mr. Resides was struck on the leg by its hoof; one bone of the left leg broken just below the knee and the knee bruised.

The success which has attended the use of electricity in the thawing out of frozen service pipes from water mains in Altoona has caused more or less comment to be made concerning the same. Its general use would obviate the digging up of streets and thus remove one of the evils which attend the freezing of mains and service pipes.

George H. Bitter, a farmer of Beech Creek twp, found it necessary to kill two valuable cows which were bitten by a mad dog a few weeks ago and developed hydrophobia. He had to kill two fine hogs some time before, the development of the disease having been more rapid in the swine. The watch dog, which also was bitten, was shot. It was reported last week that Nelson Miller had to kill a splendid cow and two hogs which went mad from the bite of the same dog which was shot by one of the Streck boys.