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NOVEMBER COURT GIVEN IN DETAIL

Many Cases Are Settled Before Going To Trial.

JURY DISCHARGED WEDNESDAY

Result of Cases Heard By Jury--Recommendations of The Grand Jury--Small Attendance at Court--Short Session Held.

The November sessions of court opened on Monday morning at 9:30, with the Hon. John G. Love, President Judge, on the bench.

The usual motions and petitions on the opening of court were presented and allowances made and rules granted as prayed for. Grand Jury called and charged and H. E. Zimmerman, a farmer of Benner township, was chosen foreman.

The first case called for trial was that of the Harrisburg Grocery Company vs. C. P. Long, being an appeal from the decision of Justice of the Peace. After challenging of the jury the case was settled between the parties during the noon recess.

The afternoon was taken up in the trial of the case of the Commonwealth vs. William Gilliland, John Gilliland and Jacob Jackson, indicted for larceny, prosecutor George Dale. This case is from College township, and the defendants were prosecuted for the taking of some meat from the smoke house of the prosecutor during the night of September 7th. Verdict on Tuesday morning of guilty.

CASES CONTINUED.

In going over the trial list of civil cases for trial, the following cases were continued: Frank McCoy et al vs. Lewis Rosenthal, being an appeal from decision of a Justice of the Peace; J. H. Lingle vs. Lewis Rosenthal; J. H. Weber vs. George Gentzel; Wilson G. Frantz vs. Rush township; H. B. Wright vs. Joseph Diehl; Thomas E. Ricketts & Son vs. T. M. Meyers; Montgomery & Co. vs. M. W. Codrick; Joseph Bro's & Co. vs. M. W. Codrick; Charles L. Brown, Receiver of the Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company, vs. Mrs. Kathrine Symmonds; same vs. Mrs. Ada Flick; same vs. B. F. Morgan; same vs. J. W. Mitterling; same vs. W. C. Andrews; same vs. S. M. Bell; same vs. Gustave Lyon; same vs. Robert Cook, Jr.; same vs. Mrs. Harriet Wantz; same vs. William Steele; same vs. Graftin Weston; same vs. Mrs. Louisa Bush; same vs. Lewis C. Boon; same vs. Warren S. Ward; same vs. William R. Bartlet.

CASES SETTLED.

The following cases of the first week's list were settled: Dr. J. Seibert vs. William R. Bartley; Charles L. Brown, Receiver of the Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company vs. Sarah Homan; same vs. Jackson Kline.

On the second week's list the following cases were settled: W. H. Pifer vs. C. Champion Drill company; Amanda C. Musser vs. W. H. Pifer; Frank P. Barker vs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The following cases were continued: Martin Daley, Sr., vs. The German American Insurance Company of New York; W. H. Johnstonhaugh et al vs. E. M. Hayett et al; B. F. Harris vs. Huston township; Mary A. Davidson et al vs. Orvis Peters; William D. Rider vs. The Bellefonte Glass Company; Charles Guisewite vs. The Bellefonte Window Glass Company and J. D. Hunter, admr. of, etc., of Oscar W. Hunter, of Bellefonte Window Glass Company.

NO COURT SECOND WEEK.

At this point the Court directed the sheriff to notify the jurors summoned as such for the second week of November court, beginning December 5th, not to come, as all of the cases for trial had been disposed of.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Hardy, prosecutor Thomas Gilson, indicted for larceny. This case is from Philipsburg, and it appears that both the prosecutor and the defendant had been drinking in Philipsburg on the evening of July 20th, and it is alleged that the prosecutor had two ten dollar bills and a gold watch, which the defendant had taken for the purpose of keeping for the prosecutor but failed to return. The verdict of the jury is guilty but recommend to the mercy of the Court.

Commonwealth vs. Zwingli Weaver, prosecutrix Lizzie Evert, charge betrayal. This case is from Penn township. Defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence in similar cases was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. John Miller, colored, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Mary E. Fry. Defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence was imposed. This case was from Bellefonte.

Commonwealth vs. Earle Freeman indicted for larceny from Montgomery's store in Bellefonte, prosecutor C. W.

Smith. Defendant plead guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Newton Cameron, indicted for betrayal. Prosecutor A. D. Adams in behalf of his daughter. Defendant plead guilty. The case is from Philipsburg and the usual sentence imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Morris Shutt indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Mary Coble. This case is from Harris township. Defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Craig Crossmire, prosecutrix Annie Crossmire. This case is from Milesburg, and the defendant is indicted for desertion, the alleged desertion taking place about the 5th day of July last. It appears that some of the personal property of the defendant was sold on that day for taxes, and Mrs. Crossmire and two of her children stayed on the other side of a double house with the lady occupying same until the next day, when she and two of her children went to her mother's at Curtin. The children were afterwards provided for by the father, but no support given to the wife, and this prosecution was instituted. Verdict not guilty but the defendant to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. William Switzer, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Nannie Meyer. This case is from Spring township. Defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Mitchell Young, indicted for adultery, prosecutrix Isaac Sager. This case is from Spring township, and the defendant is a married man with a large family of children, and the prosecutor alleges that he has alienated the affections of his wife and caused her to leave him. The nature and character of this case is not for publication. Verdict on Wednesday morning of guilty and recommended to the mercy of the Court.

Commonwealth vs. Mary A. Reed, prosecutrix John Hartsock, indicted for assault and battery. This case is from Patton township, and it appears that on or about the construction of the Bellefonte Central Railroad it was necessary to have the water station at Waddle. An agreement was entered into between the former Company constructing this particular railroad and one E. F. Matis, to convey water from his premises near the foot of the mountain to this water station at Waddle. The agreement was in writing, but appears to have been lost. The Matis property has since become vested in this defendant, and during last October the Company sent some of its employes there to fix up the dam so as to keep the pipes filled with water to be conveyed to the station, and they were interfered with by this defendant. A day or two later the prosecutor went there, the dam having been torn open, to repair the damages, when he was met by the defendant with a revolver, she pointing the same towards him, the defendant alleging that the Company had no right on these premises. Wednesday morning before argument defendant plead guilty to the several indictments against her under an agreement that the defendant do certain things and sentence suspended.

F. O. Hosterman and L. E. Stover, trading as Hosterman & Stover vs. Jonathan Harter. This case is an appeal from the decision of a justice of the peace and is a dispute on a book account and the roofing of a shed on the farm of the defendant in Penn township. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for forty-eight dollars and forty-one cents.

Commonwealth vs. Annie Lobash, indicted for malicious mischief, prosecutrix Joseph Mercon. This case is from Snow Shoe township. Verdict not guilty and costs divided one half each.

Mitchell Young convicted for adultery was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, one hundred dollars fine and imprisonment in county jail for four months.

Charles Hardy convicted for larceny, sentenced to pay costs and to the Reformatory at Huntingdon.

William Gilliland, John Gilliland and Jacob Jackson, convicted for larceny, sentenced to pay costs, one dollar fine and to county jail for twelve months.

Commonwealth vs. Willard Fisher, charge assault and battery, prosecutrix Alma P. White. Bill ignored and prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Edward K. Rhoads, charge assault and battery, prosecutrix Oscar Ostrander. Bill ignored.

Court adjourned till two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The grand inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring for the County of Centre in all matters relating to the same do respectfully report: That they have acted upon seventeen bills of indictment of which fourteen were found true bills and three ignored. And report further that they find the county buildings in good condition, except as to the following recommendations: We saw the same up briefly: First floor poor and steps leading from it to cells on the floor above, need repairing and new floor needed on the outside of the cells. Find the cells in good condition. Yard wall is in need of repastering with cement, on inside, all around the wall. In the residence part repairs needed on some of the papering. Treasurer's office no need of improvement. Commissioners' office needs additional steel sies in the vaults for storing documents. The ladies' waiting room in Court house is in need of repair. In registers and recorder's office the tiling needs replacing.

H. E. ZIMMERMAN, Foreman.

TWO FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENTS BY RAIL

Wm. Daley Crushed Under an Engine Last Friday.

JOS. L. NEFF BADLY INJURED

Struck By a Work train at Roland, While Driving Over Crossing--Daley's Legs Amputated--Neff's Shoulder Broken--Both at Hospital.

An unfortunate accident happened in the yard of the Nittany Furnace, near town, early on Friday morning. Wm. Daley is a conductor on the yard engine shifting crew. They were approaching the cinder pit when he jumped down to make a coupling. The engine was moving slowly and it seems that he slipped and the tender ran over his legs. The engineer saw Daley underneath the tender and quickly stopped. He was taken to the Bellefonte Hospital at once, as his injuries were serious. Friday morning the right leg was amputated above the knee. The other was badly crushed.

Conductor Daley is a man about 45 years of age has a wife and four children and lives on East Lamb street. He has been railroadng for many years. He had been employed by the Pennsylvania railroad, the Central railroad of Pennsylvania and now by the Nittany Furnace Co.

The train crew of which Mr. Daley was in charge at the time the accident happened is composed of Jas. Miller, Jr., engineer, Wm. Peters, fireman, and Bruce Peters, brakeman. The engine was No. 1, the tank of which passed over Mr. Daley's limbs.

Both of Mr. Daley's limbs were amputated, the final operation being performed on Sunday forenoon. His condition is favorable as no complications thus far have arisen.

INJURED AT ROLAND.

Auctioneer Joseph L. Neff Struck by a Train

Saturday morning Joseph L. Neff, one of the best known auctioneers in this part of the state, left his home near Roland to cry a sale at Runville. He was in a top buggy and driving one of his best horses. As he was crossing over the B. E. V. railroad track at Roland, a work train was coming eastward at a good speed. The engine struck the conveyance and hurled horse and buggy down the track about two hundred feet. The horse was mangled, the buggy was broken in fragments and Mr. Neff was thrown high in the air landing near the station platform on his head and right shoulder. The accident was witnessed by a number of persons. When they reached Mr. Neff he was unconscious and bleeding from the mouth, and other wounds. His family was notified of the accident and when they arrived at times he spoke to them in a bewildered manner. Saturday noon Mr. Neff was taken to the Bellefonte Hospital and on Sunday regained consciousness. His head is bruised, there is a severe wound below the knee and his shoulder blade is broken. While he is a man well advanced in years, there is favorable chance for a recovery.

The cause of the accident can not be ascertained.

Killed at Altoona.

"You have spoiled our Thanksgiving; so you have!" petulantly remarked Mrs. Shade, the bride of Locomotive Fireman L. C. Shade, to Christopher Yeager, the Pennsylvania railroad caller, when he summoned Shade to work Thursday morning. She had the turkey all ready to put in the oven when Yeager rapped on the door. "Guess I'll have to postpone the dinner until Sunday," she added. Shade kissed her good bye and went to the roundhouse at Altoona.

Ten hours later Yeager's knock again brought the bride to the door. "I'm sorry to tell you, but your husband has just been killed in a wreck at McGarvey's," he said. The young widow is prostrated. The body was taken Livonia, this county for interment last Monday.

Four Deer in Ten Minutes.

Shooting and killing four fine deer in less than 10 minutes is the record of a party of hunters now camped on Panther run, along the Beech Creek railroad. A portion of the party were relegated to the ridges to drive in the deer, while the remainder were stationed at the run-aways as "watchers." The "drivers" succeeded in scaring up a herd of five deer and they started toward the watchers on a dead run. Bang! bang! bang! bang! and four of the five lay dead in their tracks.—Express.

The postmaster at Salona has received the order to establish the new rural mail route starting from that point. The carrier has not yet been announced.

LATEST--STILL FIGHTING.

Japanese Continue the Assault on Port Arthur Fortifications.

The Japanese Imperial headquarters summarize the Port Arthur situation as follows: "With regard to the enemy's forts at Sungshu mountain and eastward we have firmly captured the Galscs and Courter scarp and their environments, but the time to charge has not yet come. At present we are destroying the casemates and other caponiers. "At Meter Hill by several charges, we succeeded in capturing the enemy's shelter trenches near the summit. At present our force is holding its position and endeavoring to capture the whole fort."

A large force has been withdrawn to assist in storming Port Arthur. This information is to the effect that not much more than 150,000 men are now confronting General Kuropatkin, but the Japanese lines are heavily fortified in order to check any aggressive movement which Kuropatkin might undertake long enough to enable Japanese to hurry reinforcements by rail from the peninsula. The present activity of the Japanese along the front, these reports indicate, is only feigning to convince Kuropatkin that the offense is imminent. Should this important intelligence be absolutely confirmed, it is possible that the Russian commander-in-chief may himself attempt to strike a quick blow. Kuropatkin is now supposed to have nearly 300,000 men.

The fight of the Japanese with General Rennenkampf's Cossacks, which began November 24, ended on November 25. The Japanese, who were repulsed, never approached nearer than 500 yards. During a snow storm at midday, on the 25th, the Russian right, but the rifles and four guns forced them to retire. The Russian losses were small.

On November 27, Russian scouts captured Nangentze village and held it twenty minutes while sappers blew up a large stone house, which had served as a fortress from which the Japanese sniped Russian outposts.

ANOTHER FATAL WRECK.

Two Centre County Young Men Killed Near Altoona.

A wreck occurred at McGarvey station, just west of Altoona, shortly after 7 o'clock last Thursday evening, resulting in the instant death of L. C. Shade, a fireman, and J. W. Coxy, a clerk at the station. John Clark, engineer, and George Clapper, aged 15 years, were injured. Clark was severely cut and bruised about the face and body, and Clapper's left foot was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary, and he was badly burned about the legs and trunk and his skull possibly fractured. Three engines were involved in the wreck, two of them coming together on the same track with a crash, and the third pushing into the mass of wreckage. The four men were all on the one engine. Clark and Clapper were thrown to one side, but Shade and Coxy were buried under the wreckage.

Coxy was a native of Centre county and was 22 years old. He lived near McGarvey and leaves a wife and a 3-month-old baby. The young man is a son of John Coxy, of Altoona, a native of Boalsburg, where the body was taken for burial in the family plot on Tuesday. Young Clapper is a brother of Mrs. Coxy. Fireman Shade was aged about 27 years and was married only last May. His body was taken to Livonia, Miles township, his former home, for interment.

Freezes Out a Tavern Keeper.

The ways of John D. Rockefeller are many when he wants to accomplish anything. For three years he has vainly endeavored to buy John J. Melin's property in Briggsville, a village near Melin keeps a tavern on the road to the Standard Oil King's home. It is obnoxious to Rockefeller, and he has frequently tried to get possession of the land. He has even attempted to get Melin's license revoked, but Melin has beaten him.

When Rockefeller realized he had failed to budge Melin, he decided to take the tavern keeper's business away from him. He proceeded to buy up Briggsville.

If Mr. Rockefeller purchases the whole village and ousts the tenants there will be nobody to patronize Melin, who must then close out at Rockefeller's price.

Rockefeller's many purchases have had their effect on Melin, whose business has dwindled until he is losing money. Melin is willing to sell now, but Rockefeller has withdrawn all offers.

Among the most successful deer hunters this season is a party made up of Clyde M. Flack and O. G. Bruner, of Lock Haven and Robert and George Huff of Westport. They were out for a week and succeeded in killing four deer and a black bear. They hunted near Keating.

OUR HISTORICAL REVIEW

A Few Events During 1835-6 Reputed.

A FAMOUS PORTAGE RAILROAD

Letting of the Canal Through Bald Eagle Valley--Political Events and Nominations--Other Information of General Interest.

Events in Centre county, in 1835-36 letting of the lower division of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company Canal and political, are of interest to the reader; also a description of travel to Pittsburg over the once famous inclined planes at Hollidaysburg by a writer in the Philipsburg Journal:

A unique feature in the history of Cambria county was the old Portage railroad, which has recently been reconstructed by the Pennsylvania railroad. This old road was completed in 1830. It was about 39 miles long, and crossed the Allegheny mountains at Blair's Gap Summit. It was built for the purpose of connecting the Pennsylvania canal with the waters of the Mississippi. Canal boats, on reaching Hollidaysburg, were separated into three or four parts, and, together with their passengers, baggage and freight, were loaded upon the cars and carried over the mountain. After reaching Johnstown the boats were again put together and proceeded over the Conemaugh canal to Pittsburg. The cost of building the Portage road and canal was defrayed out of the Pennsylvania state treasury and amounted to \$40,000,000. In the course of time this led to charges of political corruption, and subsequently the Pennsylvania Railroad company purchased the property from the state for \$17,000,000. Some noted men received their first lessons in railroadng on the old Portage road, among them being Andrew Carnegie, Thomas A. Scott, Edgar T. Atkinson and Robert Pitcairn.

September 10th, a great crowd gathered in Bellefonte to the letting of the lower division of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company Canal. The Howard dam was allotted to Joseph Harris, the Marsh Creek dam to Jeddings, Moore & Malone, and the Beech Creek dam to Herring & Morehead; locks 21 and 27 to George S. Armstrong; section 22 to Saul & Hugh McCormick; section 24 to Irvin, Herring & Tomb, etc.

In 1835 occurred the division of the Democratic party between the adherents of Governor Wolf and Henry A. Muhlenberg, which resulted in the election of Joseph Ritner. The regular Democratic ticket in Centre was headed by George Wolf for Governor; William F. Packer, of Wyoming, for senator; John Hasson, of Centre, and David Ferguson, of Clearfield, for Assembly; Philip B. Musser for commissioner; Joseph D. Shugert for auditor.

The ticket at the mast-head of the Bellefonte Patriot and Farmers' Journal, printed and published by J. T. McCracken, was for Governor, Joseph Ritner; for Senator, Alexander Irvin, of Clearfield; for Assembly, George Buchanan, of Gregg; for Commissioner, David Dale, of Harris; Auditor, Gen. James Irvin, of Boggs. A reform meeting was held in Miles township at Philip Reitzel's.—Philip Wolfart, chairman; Sam'l Hockenbury, secretary,—which passed resolutions favorable to Joseph Ritner's election.

Rev. Dr. William J. Gibson, superintendent of common schools for the county, in his report of Aug. 10 1855, puts on record the names of some of the exemplary school-teachers of the year, as follows: John Bell, in Half-Moon District; John H. Stover, in Spring; M. A. Reber; Howard District, having charge of the school at Mechanicsville; Milton Campbell and Samuel S. McCartney, of Ferguson District, and J. B. Ellis and Charles Hill, of the same district; Sam'l Gramly, of Miles; Orin T. Noble, of Liberty; Samuel Kline, of Marion; John S. Bathurst, of Harris; C. P. W. Fisher, of Potter; James S. Hall, of Milesburg.

August 8th, the Centre Dragoons, a cavalry company raised in Bellefonte, was inspected by Maj. J. B. Fisher, and the following officers elected: Captain, R. D. Cummings; first lieutenant, Isaac Lose; second lieutenant, Joseph Sourbeck; corporal, Silas Reech.

"The Americans" held their convention in Bellefonte, September 12th, and nominated for Assembly, Jacob Struble, of Walker; for Treasurer, George Livingston, of Bellefonte; Commissioner, Henry Keller, of Harris; Auditor, Dan'l Hess, of Gregg, and instructed conferees for Col. Andrew Gregg, for State senator. This elected its complete county ticket in October. Nicholson, candidate for canal commissioner, had 180 majority over Plumer. The evenness of the vote

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

NOTHING MORE.

For the Centre Democrat:
Once upon a night so dreary,
I was standing weak and weary—
(And perhaps a little heery)—
Just inside the bar room door;
Suddenly I heard a tapping,
Tapping, tapping, o'er and o'er.
Then I asked in accents broken,
"Are you a bird of evil token,
Or a ghost that ne'er has spoken,
That you keep a tapping, tapping,
Just outside the bar room door?"
Then a voice from out the darkness
And the stillness seemed to roar:
"I was tabling beer, some more;
Tabling beer, and nodding more."
Then I said, "Big imp of satan,
If you keep yourself in fatin,
I can almost tell the date on
Which you'll bust if nothing more—
Bust yourself, if nothing more.
Now if you are through a tapping,
Or your spiritual rapping,
Let me try your fire water,
And some microbes I will slaughter.
Slaughter them, yes by the score—
Fire water, nothing more."
Then he said, (this great big dufer
As, no doubt, he'd said before),
"You can't have here, nodding more."
"Quoth this wind bag, "a nodding more."
Then I took off coat and waistcoat,
For his language made me sore,
Coat and waistcoat, nothing more.
Now I said, "you imp of darkness!
If you'll come out from your breastwork,
I will with you wipe the floor—
Wipe the floor and nothing more."
Then he came from out his kennel
Saying, "Get you out dat bar-room door!"
Now, I often heard discretion
Was the better part of valor,
And of that, I've oft been told.
I had afore—
Just discretion, nothing more.
So I turned to do his bidding,
And he fairly seemed to fawn,
As he kept a tapping, tapping,
With his feet against my pants,
"Gains't my pants and nothing more."
"Now go way!" he fairly shouted,
As he stood outside the door.
"Go you way, and also stay dare;
Come not back here any more!"
Said I to myself "don't worry"
I will come back neevmore
GOLIATH LITTLEMORE.

Every man has lots of friends—until he really needs one.
As a rule a girl who is self-possessed can be induced to transfer the title.

It is better for a girl to have too many strings to her bow than to have no beaux at all.

An Indiana physician tells this story on himself: After writing a prescription for a patient, the physician told him that the druggist would probably charge him 60 cents for filling it. Then the patient asked the physician to lend him the 60 cents. Thereupon the physician carefully scratched out a part of the prescription, and handed it back with 10 cents, remarking: "You can get that filled for a dime. What I scratched out was for your nerves, but you need nothing for them."

NEW LAW FIRM.

The announcement was made this week of the organization of a new law firm in Bellefonte, under the name of "Gettig, Bower & Zerby," to be successors, after January 1st, of Orvis, Bower & Orvis, as the surviving member of the latter firm, Ellis L. Orvis, Esq., was chosen president judge of our courts at the recent election. The new firm is composed of the following gentlemen, all of whom formerly were students in the office Orvis, Bower & Orvis:

S. D. Gettig was admitted to the bar in 1893 and since then has been continuously connected with this firm as an assistant attorney. This has given him a wide field of practice; and especially since the death of C. M. Bower, a large portion of the practice and business was under his direction. He is a thorough, painstaking and reliable attorney who is well grounded in the profession and is one of the prominent attorneys at the bar.

John C. Bower is the only son of the late C. M. Bower, who for years was one of the best attorneys at this bar. Under his father's direction he read law and took up the practice at once, upon his admission to the bar four years ago. He has had the benefit of good tutelage and ample experience and therefore is well equipped as an attorney.

W. D. Zerby is a son of A. P. Zerby, of Penn township, a graduate of Bucknell College, and passed a very creditable examination about a year ago as an attorney. He is one of those studious, upright Pennsylvania boys who by diligent effort forge gradually to the front, and of him we have only the highest praise.

The new firm will occupy the same suite of rooms in the Eagle Block, for years held by Orvis, Bower & Orvis. They also will hold most of the unfinished business, books, etc., of the other firm and we are satisfied that all clients will receive from them efficient service.

John C. Zeigler, who lives on the Jackson farm near Lewistown Junction, slaughtered a hog that cleaned 616 pounds. Can't Centre beat Mifflin?