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## A LONG LIST OF CASES FOR TRIAL

August Term of Quarter Sessions now in Progress

## NO CIVIL CASES FOR THIS TERM

A Large Attendance at Court this week --Philipsburg Furnishes a Number of Cases--Resisting a Police Officer --Other Cases Tried

Reported by S. D. Gettig.

August Session of court opened on Monday and the entire forenoon session was taken up in hearing motions and petitions as presented by the several members of the bar. The grand jury was called and sworn, and W. H. Bartholomew of Centre Hall chosen foreman, after which the constables made their quarterly return to the court. The first case called in the afternoon was that of Commonwealth vs. Jerome Dale and Henry Gordon, prosecutors W. G. Morrison and Jerre Glenn. The young men plead guilty and were sentenced to the Reformatory at Huntingdon. This case grows out of the breaking into the store of Morrison & Glenn at Roland, on the 13th of June 1906, and robbing the postoffice, of which a full account was given in this paper at that time.

Commonwealth vs. John C. Fisher, indicted for betrayal, prosecutrix Fannie M. Aikay. Defendant plead guilty and the usual sentence was imposed.

Commonwealth vs. Barney Mendleman and Mary Mendleman, prosecutrix Nellie Zeigler; indicted first count assault, second count indecent exposure. This case grows out of trouble between two families in Philipsburg, on May 22, 1905. Verdict of not guilty and prosecutrix, Nellie Zeigler, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Duck and Andrew Basallas, prosecutrix Lizzie Rusnak; indicted for malicious mischief. This case is from Snow Shoe township, and it appears that the prosecutrix who was selling vegetables throughout the neighborhood, had driven to a house, hitched her horse, and after selling some vegetables had gone into the house for the purpose of making change and payment, and according to the Commonwealth's allegation the two defendants who were there had gone, taking the horse and buggy and driven off, the prosecutrix being informed by two smaller boys. The horse was returned to the home of the prosecutrix the next day but the buggy and harness were not, they having been broken. The defendants allege that the prosecutrix had asked them to return the horse and buggy and they had asked her whether she would permit them to take a short drive, which they had done, and while so doing had an accident while turning around and the buggy and harness were broken, and when they returned to the house where the horse and buggy had been taken the prosecutrix had left and that they returned the horse to her residence the next day. Verdict on Tuesday morning of not guilty, but the defendant to pay all the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Hillery Viard, indicted on three counts; first count, assault; second count, assault and battery; and third count, resisting arrest by police officer. Prosecutor, Robert Pearson, policeman. This case is from South Philipsburg and according to the Commonwealth's allegations the prosecutor who had been in the borough of Philipsburg in company with his wife to attend an opera, and on returning from Philipsburg to South Philipsburg heard very loud noise and the use of profane and vulgar language, so much as to disturb the peace of the community; that he found a crowd of boys on Vaughn's corner and asked them to disperse and go home, they then and there knowing that he was a policeman; that some of them went home and after the defendant and some others had gone some distance they again became very noisy and abusive, when he again requested them to disperse and go home and that the defendant refused to go, and he then told him that he was under arrest when a friend of the defendant asked the policeman to allow him to take the defendant home, which was granted. That the prosecutor and his wife, along with another lady, then started to the home of the prosecutor and were being followed by the defendant and a few other boys opposite the corner of his own house, the defendant calling the prosecutor vile names and smiling him out of the house; that he went out with his revolver and mace, and that the defendant then bantered them to cross the creek to fight, or that he would fight him on the public street, or when he came out of the office; that he went to arrest the defendant when some other boys were there, and while watching the boys the defendant struck him; that immediately after being struck he demanded they disperse and go home, when the father of the defendant was there and dared him to arrest any of

his boys, and if he did so he would brain him. The defendant alleges they started home after being told to go by the policeman, and that they were peaceably going home when the prosecutor appeared at a place known as Fullington's corner and used vile and abusive language to them, threatening to shoot. Defendants further allege that the prosecutor was drunk, which was denied by the Commonwealth by producing some of the boys in the crowd as witnesses. Verdict on Tuesday evening of guilty in manner and form as he stands indicted. Commonwealth vs. Charles Viard, indicted on three counts similar to the preceding case. Prosecutor, Robert Pearson, policeman.

Wednesday afternoon the register offered his accounts for confirmation in si, and the county treasurer acknowledged his deeds to the several purchasers of land at the unseated land sales held in June and August.

Com. vs Herbert Goss, prosecutor Thos. Nevling; indictment—first count, larceny; second count, receiving stolen goods. The defendant is charged with the taking on July 23, 1906, of a lady's open-faced gold watch, worth about \$7. The District Attorney not prosed the second count and the defendant plead guilty to the second count.

Com. vs James Yardley, prosecutor David Adamson; indicted—first count, felonious assault; second count, larceny from person. The defendant was indicted as above stated for the taking of \$75 from the person of the prosecutor on June 11, 1906. Defendant plead guilty.

Com. vs Harry Stine, prosecutor John Peace, indicted for cruelty to animals. This case is from Milesburg and according to the Commonwealth's allegations the defendant hired a horse and buggy from the prosecutor on May 30th, 1906, about 12 o'clock, noon, to drive to Curtin in the afternoon and Howard in the evening, the rig to be returned to the stable about 12 o'clock of that night. That the rig was not returned by the defendant, but was returned by another man at some time after four o'clock on the morning of May 31st. That the horse was wetted and over driven. Also that the defendant had gone to other places than stated by him when the horse and rig were hired. The defendant admits the driving, but that he did not whip the horse only when he scared at an automobile, when he had hit him four or five times with the whip after the horse had kicked, but that he did not cruelly beat him, and that he had used a cheap whip, which was not broken. The court held that the defendant could not be convicted for over driving on the indictment as it stood, but submitted the case to the jury as to whether or not the horse had been cruelly treated. Verdict on Wednesday afternoon, as he stands indicted.

Commonwealth vs. Nestor Sirgey, prosecutor William Miller; indicted—first count, horse stealing; second count, larceny; third count, receiving stolen goods. This is the young man of whom a full account was given sometime ago in this paper of stealing a horse from Mr. Miller, and the record shows that he stole one mare of the value of \$100, and harness at the value of \$10.00 on June 11, 1906. Defendant plead guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Gottlieb Kerstein, prosecutrix Augusta Geiser; indicted—first count, statutory rape; second count, adultery and bastardy. Case on trial.

## Death Stroke Gives Sight.

While paralysis in repeated strokes was forcing blind Jacob Wrentzler of Chester, York county, into his grave, it was tempered with mercy, for the second stroke restored his sight, which had been lost years before. Thus before dying he had the unhoped for privilege of seeing once more the faces of his wife and six children. For several days he lived in full possession of his sight, when a final stroke killed him last week. Wrentzler was 69 years old.

## Fly Destroys Eyesight.

A common house fly has caused Miss Mary Ryan of Renovo, to lose the complete sight of one eye, and only with extreme care can the sight of the other be saved.

On last Fourth of July a fly flew into her eye, and caused the most excruciating pain. She consulted a physician, who applied proper remedies, but the optic continued to inflame from the poison.

## School Board Ousted.

Judge Savidge at Monday's court, at Sunbury, dismissed the Watsonstown school board and declared their offices vacant, and that a new one should be appointed. The six directors have been deadlocked over the election of a school teacher for the primary school, and the citizens petitioned the court to oust them from office. It was the only solution of the difficulty, and the court acted promptly.

Some people are so busy looking for four-leaved clover that they haven't time to go to work.

## HEAVY FINES FOR STANDARD OIL CO.

6428 Counts for Receiving Rebates Returned Against Them.

## FINES AGGREGATE MILLIONS

Can Not be Less Than Six Millions or More Than 128 Millions--An Old Thief Caught--Before U. S. Circuit Court--Ten True Bills Found.

Ten indictments, comprising in all 6428 counts, were returned against the Standard Oil company by the first and second Grand Juries in the United States Circuit Court of Chicago on Monday. Each count charges the Oil Trust with receiving a secret rebate from a railroad company, in violation of the Elkins law, and as the law provides a fine of not less than \$1000 and not more than \$20,000 for each offense, conviction on all counts would subject the great Trust to a fine of not less than \$6,428,000 and not more than \$128,560,000. Each of the 6428 counts in the ten indictments covers an alleged offense and is based on a tank car shipment of petroleum products from the refineries at Whiting, Ind. No railroad is mentioned as a co-defendant in any of the indictments, according to a statement issued from the office of the United States District Attorney the shipments were carried by the following roads:

SEVEN RAILROADS INVOLVED.  
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Alton, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Evansville & Terre Haute, Illinois Central Southern Iron and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. According to this statement the Burlington & Alton railroad "had published lawful rates of 18 cents per 100 pounds to East St. Louis from Whiting and 19 1/2 cents to St. Louis, but carried oil for the Standard Oil Company on a secret, unpublished rate at six and a half cents to these points respectively."

Let the severest penalty of the law be inflicted--these fellows have robbed the public of hundreds of millions.

## A New Industry.

The Tyrone Herald says that a charter has been granted The Cupples Adjustable Tooth Co., of Tyrone, Pa., incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, and capitalized at \$25,000. This company are the originators and sole owners of valuable patents on a removable tooth for steam shovel and dredge, river and harbor work. During the past year the promoters of this enterprise have succeeded in placing their product with the largest railroad contractors in the United States, and now have them applied to steam shovels working on the Panama canal; also in Mexico, California, and other far off points where shipments have been made the results have been most gratifying. The promoters and only stockholders in the corporation are E. E. McClintock, M. C. Cupples and M. C. Musser, all of Tyrone. Musser and McClintock are both Centre county boys. Mr. Musser is a son of Samuel Musser, deceased, who was a brother of W. H. Musser, of Bellefonte; while Mr. McClintock hails from Potters Mills.

## Salvation Army Locked Up.

Twenty members of the Salvation Army including Capt. Bays were arrested in DuBois and locked up by the police Sunday evening. The arrests were made by direction of the town authorities, and after the army leaders had been notified they could no longer hold their evening meetings on the most thronged corner of the town.

The order was issued Saturday night by direction of the committee on grievances and public safety, after the small son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoys was run over and killed by a street car at the corner, owing to the press of people collected there to listen to the Salvationist speakers.

The army ignored the orders and last Sunday night marched with a band to the forbidden place and began their usual band nightly services. The arrests followed.

## Bee-Sting Cure.

George Cullen, who conducts a large apiary at Royersford, Pa., has entered the field as a competitor of J. K. Mosteller and offers the stings of his bees as a cure of rheumatism. Lewis Deegan, who has been compelled to use a cane to get about the house, was taken to Cullen's place and got eight stings on the left arm. He received so much relief that he is able to walk erect once more. J. K. Mosteller, who first began the bee-sting cure here, is being overrun with patients.

## Democrats, Are You Registered?

One thing above all others that every Democrat should remember is, that Wednesday, September 5th, is the last day to register in order to secure his vote in November.

It is hard to down an upright citizen.

## PITTSBURG TO ALTOONA.

Trolley Line is Planned to be Completed Inside of Three Years.

It was announced in Pittsburgh last week that within the next three years it will be possible for Pittsburgh people to board a car in the business district of the city and not get off again until the car arrives in the business section of Altoona. This is, by steam road, 116 miles, and a proposed electric line will be about the same distance.

Plans for the Trans-State electric road consists of the connecting up of a number of independent electric lines, some of which are already built. Others are building or have been surveyed and will be started during the coming year.

Ultimately the various systems all the way from Philadelphia will be tied together and form a completed trans-state system. With most of these systems passing over private rights of way speed will be possible that will probably cut down the local traffic of the Pennsylvania railroad or else force the fares down to a rate less than two cents a mile in order to save the Pennsylvania railroad from an enormous loss in business.

Because of well known opposition from the Pennsylvania interests, those working for the electric lines are unusually guarded about their plans.

In some cases the distance will be much shorter by the trolley line than by steam cars and will thus shorten the actual running time so much that no gain will be made by taking the steam roads, while fares will be about one-half.

## WAS TIRED OF LIFE.

Aged Woman Crawls in Front of Train and Ends her Life.

Mrs. Margaret Dorwart, an aged resident of Jersey Shore, tired of living, ended her life in a horrible manner on the Fall Brook division of the New York Central railroad, half a mile below the Jersey Shore station, by flinging herself in front of the locomotive of the regular passenger train, death being instantaneous. The old lady made her way to the railroad tracks and as the train came rolling along, she was seen by Harry M. Keller, the only eye witness of the shocking tragedy, to crawl on the tracks on her hands and knees and remain still when she got in front of the train.

Engineer Brewer saw the woman crawl in front of the engine, and he put on the emergency brakes, but could not stop the train in time to save the woman, as it ran its length beyond the body. The trainmen and passengers all got off and ran back to the spot, but the woman was beyond help, as her skull was frightfully crushed, causing instantaneous death.

## Prizes Awarded.

The following prizes were awarded at the firemen's convention on last Thursday:

The \$25 prize for the best uniformed company was awarded to the Rogers No. 1, of Juniata. The judges were Mrs. John N. Lane, Mrs. D. H. Hastings, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Callaway and Miss Mary Blanchard.

The \$25 for the largest company in line was awarded to the Hope (No. 2, of Philipsburg). The judges were W. D. Zerby and W. Harrison Walker.

The \$25 prize for the best band in the parade was awarded to the Fifth regiment band, of Clearfield. The judges were J. C. Meyer, Christy Smith and A. Lukenbach.

Hose race--1st prize \$100, Chester Hill Fire company; time 36 5/8 seconds. Second prize, \$25, the Lindsey Fire company.

Hub race--prize \$25, The Lindsey company.

Best drilled company--prize \$25, the Rogers Fire company, of Juniata.

Company coming the greatest distance--prize \$25, Punxsutawney company.

Four new companies were added to membership in the association. They are the Friendship, of DuBois; the Winburne company and the Goodwill and Hope Hose company, of Lock Haven. Clearfield was selected as the place for holding next year's convention. The following officers were elected: President, H. G. Ogden, of Clearfield; first vice president, J. D. Weaver, of DuBois; second vice president, Chas. Dewey, of Philipsburg; secretary, W. C. Langdon, of Houtzdale; treasurer, F. W. Grebe, of Philipsburg; delegate to the State convention, John M. McCusley, Bellefonte; alternate, C. L. Ammerman, Philipsburg.

## Molasses a Dead Loss.

Practically all the molasses and syrup sold in Pennsylvania are made up of glucose, and grocers nearly all over the state have been notified not to sell the sweet stuff. Retailers are also said to be hiding their trust-made jams and jellies lest they be heavily fined for selling the glucose-laden stuffs. Grades of genuine New Orleans molasses, unadulterated, can be had at a few exclusive stores, but otherwise all the sticky stuff must go.

## ALL RAILROADS UNDER REGULATION

An Important New Law into Force Wednesday.

## IS A DEMOCRATIC MEASURE

An Effort to Check Corporate Greed and Long-Existing Abuses--Heavy Penalties Imposed for Rebating--Opposed by Leading Republicans.

RAILROADS REGULATED.

Wednesday a practically new Interstate Commerce Commission, clothed with a power which places under its jurisdiction every mile of railroad track, oil pipe line and water transportation in this country, went into office. No such vast industrial interests were ever placed under the control of any one body of men in the history of civilization. No such sweeping and drastic statute as the new rate law for the control of transportation corporations was ever known in this country. The seven members of the Interstate Commerce Commission will fix rates, arbitrate differences, issue orders, institute court proceedings and supervise the accounts of over 2100 separate railroads. The railroad interests of which they assume supervision represent a total of 277,071 miles of track, counting yards and siding; 46643 passengers, freight, switching and other locomotives, and 1,798,561 passenger, freight and other cars of 2104 railroads. In Europe the total number of locomotives and cars in use on all of its railroads is only 828,159.

## THIRTEEN BILLIONS OF CAPITAL.

The value of this property reached the enormous sum of \$13,218,124,679 in stock and bonds, of which \$6,339,899,329 is in common and preferred stocks and \$6,878,225,350 is in bonds and miscellaneous obligations. This represents an average capitalization of \$64,265 per mile.

Under the action of the rate bill rebates, discrimination, preferential rates, aids to favorite shippers and every other phase of corporate crookedness, unfairness and partiality comes to an end. Forcibly to end these impositions against the people, fines of a magnitude unheard of are imposed as a penalty in addition to which imprisonment in the penitentiary is at the discretion of the Court.

This is what can truly be termed a democratic measure. For years the democratic party in its national platforms and through its leaders in congress earnestly advocated such legislation for the protection of the public from spoliation. The bill was forced upon public attention by Senator Tillman, and later President Roosevelt gave it recognition when nearly all the leaders of his party, such as Spooner, Foraker, Aldrich fought the measure openly while the democratic senators stood like a solid phalanx with President Roosevelt and made its passage possible; and he even clinched on a critical point by allowing "Court Reviews" which will destroy the effectiveness of the measure.

## Walker-Johnston.

The wedding of Minnie M. Johnston and M. G. Walker, a very pretty event, was solemnized at six o'clock, on Thursday evening, Aug 23 at the home of the bride at Marengo, Pa. The bride was attended by Misses Cora Harshbarger, Nellie Kinsel and Mrs. John Johnston. The best man was John Johnston; Miss Sadie Goss played the wedding march. Rev. Ralph H. Bergstresser performed the ceremony. The bride wore a dainty gown of cream silk. The maids also wore cream dresses and carried flowers; wedding bells and flowers made charming house decorations. Many guests attended the wedding, which was followed by a reception and dinner. Gifts of much value were received by the bride. Among those present from a distance were: John Kinsel and wife, Bellwood; Benj. Boyer and wife, Tyrone; Isaac Walker and wife, Springs Mills; Miss Mackey, Philipsburg; Miss Harshbarger, Lewistown; J. M. Rider and wife, W. S. Walker and Miss Lula Way, Stormstown.

## Attempt to Remove Rattlesnake's Fangs.

Pulling the teeth of a rattlesnake was bad work for David Myers at Tivoli, Lycoming county. He lies at Hughesville in the care of Dr. G. W. Metzgar, his body so swollen and so mottled that it looks similar to that of the snake that bit him.

He had the assistance of a man named Ziegler, whose hold on the snake was too far from his head, allowing it to strike Myers, in whose hand the fangs sank. Myers is strong, and there is hope of his recovery.

Myers sought to pull the snake's teeth to make it harmless, he and his companion then intended to show the serpent to their friends and pose as being fearless in handling venomous reptiles, expecting thus to have considerable fun.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

A POINTER.  
Sing and the world will greet you.  
Kick and you're left alone.  
And from noon to noon  
You're out of tune  
And trouble has found a home.  
(Grumble and sorrow commences.  
Be cheerful and life is sweet;  
There's success in piles  
For the man who smiles,  
And life is one gay song.

Tedie changed our spelling wa.  
As Andie told him to;  
Words ar going to be al ga.  
Everything so nu;  
Se the fun that we will hav.  
No win can be long--  
Writing will be easy stuff,  
And not so very long.

Silence is sometimes the best argument.

People who are at odds naturally try to get even.

Thick tongues are responsible for a lot of thin ideas.

Use your mind as a storehouse, but not as a junk shop.

A fool and his money make the rest of the world rejoice.

Ignorance of the law excuses no one, not even a lawyer.

It is much easier to skip a board bill than to walk the plank.

The wise man is wrong more frequently than the fool is right.

Many a man finds it harder work to borrow a dollar than to earn one.

The average letter of congratulation is about as sincere as a tombstone inscription.

It takes half one's life to learn who your friends are and the other half to keep them.

The bridegroom doesn't cut much of a figure at a wedding. In fact, he's a mere ringer.

Love makes the world go round, but the trouble is there doesn't seem enough men to go round.

Of course, a woman is unchangeable. The principal object of her life is to change her name.

Texas Woman declares the theory that wives love their husbands less in summer time is nonsense. Nevertheless, Aunt Lucindy must admit that wives, as a rule, are more distant in summer than at other times.

Dr. Sanderson, an old Scotch physician, was a queer character, but a clever doctor. So roughly did he handle his patients that the ignorant were chiefly anxious to escape him. The story goes that as he was passing along the street one day a sweep rolled from the top to the bottom of a staircase, outside one of the houses. "Are you hurt?" called the doctor, running forward. "Not a bit doctor not a bit!" replied the man in haste. "Indeed, I feel a better."

One distillery company in Kentucky turns out every seven days 1,208 barrels of sweet mash whiskey. The output for a year would be 62,400 barrels. The cost of all this to the manufacturer may be fairly estimated at \$374,000 and they receive from the wholesalers a profit of from \$1 to \$2 per barrel. The government comes in for a nice little rakeoff, but the fellow who pays it all, including transportation charges, government and local license fees, salary of keepers, and rent of building is the man before the bar, and for 62,400 barrels of booze he lets go \$24,761.670 and then goes home and beats his wife because supper isn't ready.

## Heaton-Watson.

Orin N. Heaton and Sarah J. Watson, both of Milesburg, were united in the bonds of matrimony, by Rev. A. C. Lathrop, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 22, 1906, at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the nicely furnished home, provided by the groom and where they at once begin housekeeping. The best man was Homer Noll and the bridesmaid was Miss Lizzie Swartz. The bride was beautifully gowned in a suit of steel mohair. After the ceremony the company proceeded to the dining room and joined in the festivities of the sumptuous wedding feast. Many beautiful and useful presents were brought in expression of the regard in which the young couple are held. Both groom and bride are well known and highly esteemed for their personal integrity, amiable social qualities, and many other excellencies. Among the guests present at the wedding was the great-grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Rachael Walker.

## Auman-Jones.

Herbert Auman, assistant in the job department of the Keystone Gazette, Bellefonte, was married Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, to Miss Viola Jones. The ceremony took place at the Episcopal parsonage, by Rev. Buttler. "Herbie" had the matrimonial bee buzzing in his ear for a year but he heard so much about a wife snatching a man bald headed that he was afraid to make the leap. He, however, got up courage and now he is the husband of one of the neatest and prettiest young ladies in the town. His many friends offer congratulations.

## Former Lock Havenite Suicides.

William L. Carskadden killed himself Wednesday night, 22, at his home in Williamsport, blowing out his brains while standing before a mirror in his room. Illness and mental trouble caused the suicide, the second to occur in that city in the last few days. The members of the family, who were on the front porch, on hearing the shot, rushed up stairs only to find Carskadden dead. Deceased years ago lived in Lock Haven.