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SEPTEMBER COURT IN SESSION

THE NEW COURT HOUSE ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION.

NO IMPORTANT CASES TRIED

Better Accommodations for Grand Jury and Witnesses—List of Cases and Verdicts—Attendance Not Large—Short Session.

Court convened on Monday morning and nearly the entire forenoon was taken up in hearing motions and petitions. Albert Smeltzer, a retired farmer of Spring township, was selected as foreman of the grand jury, and after being charged by the court as to the rights and duties of grand jurors, they were placed in charge of two constables appointed by the court and taken to the new grand jury room on the first floor of the remodeled court house. H. K. Hoy, a retired farmer of Spring township, was appointed assistant constable to wait upon the grand jury, which now requires two constables on account of the location of the grand jury room away from the court room.

The several constables of the county then made their quadrennial reports to the court and court adjourned at 11:30.

Monday afternoon, W. H. Musser vs. Thomas Johnson, an appeal; continued on account of illness of the defendant.

The first trial taken up was W. H. Musser vs. Irvin Bennett, an appeal from the decision of the justice of the peace, to recover balance due on three several insurance policies issued by the plaintiff's agency on saw mill property of the defendant in March, 1909. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

Simon H. Sell, district attorney of Bedford county, and Walter Welch, a member of the Clearfield county bar, were in attendance at court. The Treasurer of Centre county also acknowledged treasurer's deeds to sundry persons for unseated land tracts sold at treasurer's sale.

Brit. Morgan, assault, etc.; prosecutor William T. Hayes, of Spring township. The defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty.

James Finkle, assault and battery; prosecutor J. J. Auman, of Penn township. The grand jury ignored the bill and put the costs on the prosecutor, excepting the four dollars due the county.

James Finley, larceny; prosecutor Harry Dukeman. Defendant waived the finding of the grand jury and plead guilty.

William McCloskey, prosecutor Thos. McCartney, of Snow Shoe. The defendant was indicted on three separate counts for furnishing medicine to one Catherine Watson, who was in delicate condition. At the close of the commonwealth's testimony counsel for the defendant moved the court to direct the jury to find a verdict of not guilty on the ground that the Com. had not made out a case. After argument the court quashed the indictment, and directed a verdict of not guilty on the third count, but submitted the case to the jury on the question of costs, which were equally divided.

Albert Kunes, larceny from the person; prosecutor Charles Winslow, Liberty township. At the close of the commonwealth's testimony the defendant pleaded the statute of limitations, the indictment not having been found within two years from the date of the alleged wrongful act. Motion was sustained by the court.

Frederick Rocky, of Spring Twp.; indicted on several counts. On account of the serious illness of witness of the defendant; case continued.

John W. Weaver, forcible entry and detainer; prosecutor Samuel Weaver, Taylor township. At the close of the commonwealth's testimony the court held that the Com. had failed to make out a case. The case was then submitted to the jury on the question of costs without argument. Verdict on Wednesday morning—costs equally divided.

James Johnson, indicted for desertion and non-support of wife, and desertion and non-support of children; prosecutors, B. F. Vonada and Jerre Lucas, overseers of the poor of Marion township. Defendant plead guilty and sentence was suspended on condition that the defendant support his children.

Mary Reix, indicted for assault and battery; prosecutor Esther M. Hinds. This case is from Phillipsburg, and grows out of an altercation on Second street in said borough, between these two women, the defendant being colored. Verdict of guilty, but the jury add that they are sorry that they have no power to punish the prosecutrix, as they believe she provoked the assault.

Harry Otto, indicted for assault and battery; prosecutor Harry Dukeman. Defendant plead guilty.

Morris Yeager, indicted for larceny; prosecutor Abe Baum. This case is from Belleville, and grows out of a circumstance occurring at the Haag Hotel on the evening of June 29, 1910, where the defendant picked up a \$29 bill in the room back of the barroom and at or near the chair upon which the prosecutor had sat a short time before. The defendant admits picking up of the \$29 bill and that he is perfectly willing to give it to whomsoever proved to be the owner thereof, but that he had not thought that the prosecutor had sufficiently proven the property up to the time of his arrest within a few days afterwards. The court submitted the case to the jury on the question whether or not there was any criminal intent on the part of the defendant. Verdict on Thursday morning.

Mary Reix was then called before the court and sentenced under the verdict to costs of prosecution and a fine of \$5.

The Register offered his accounts as filed in sundry estates and the same were approved nisi.

At this point the grand jury made their report: Had passed upon fourteen bills, thirteen of which they found to be true bills and one ignored, and further that they had examined

SPECIAL NOTICE.

After October 1st, 1910, the names of about 300 delinquent subscribers will be dropped from our mailing list, in compliance with the recent postal regulations. If you are in arrears, better give this matter immediate attention, if you don't want to miss the paper.

After that date delinquents will be reported to the publishers' association of Centre county, and all accounts left for collection.

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and inspected the county buildings, also the court house, and as far as finished found the same in splendid shape, etc.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Young Boy Dies From an Attack of Lockjaw.

Theodore Haupt, aged 15 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Haupt, residing along the road between Bush's Addition and Roopsburg, died Sunday night about 10 o'clock, of lockjaw, after suffering excruciating pain. Several physicians were almost constantly at his bedside on Sunday trying everything possible to save the life of the boy, but of no avail. Antitoxine was administered freely but the dreaded disease had gotten so deeply fixed that there was nothing that could stay the hand of death.

The incident connected with this death is rather sad and peculiar. About ten days ago young Haupt and a companion, named George Tate, were taking out potatoes from a lot near the Haupt home. Getting a little tired of work they began playing and during the innocent scuffle a prong of the potato fork was run into the knee of the deceased. The wound was of such a trifling character that it soon healed up and was practically forgotten. About Thursday his parents noticed something was wrong with his speech but supposed it was only but a cold. Instead of it getting better he grew worse and on Friday evening he went across the street to a neighbor who detected something radically wrong as he was unable to open his mouth very wide. He went home that night and his jaws began to tighten up until he was finally unable to open them. He continued to grow worse until death relieved him from his terrible agony. The lad was never very strong and when the letus germ had gotten into his blood from the fork it became impossible to eradicate it. The accident and death has caused much sorrow in the family who have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends. The funeral took place Wednesday morning. Interment in Union cemetery.

MOTHER BURNED.

Home Destroyed, Husband and Two Children Injured.

Mrs. Frederick Snyder, who lives about a mile north of Vail, was fatally burned at her home on Sunday afternoon while attempting to build the kitchen fire by means of kerosene. After preparing the wood in her usual manner she procured the oil can and started to pour some on the kindling. Immediately there was a flash and explosion and flaming oil was thrown over the kitchen almost completely covering the unfortunate woman and badly burning her about the head and chest. Her husband hurried to her assistance and carried her from the house, to the home of his father next door, where a physician was summoned and everything done to alleviate her intense sufferings. The house became a seething furnace and was totally destroyed with the contents. Badly burned about the face and arms, Mr. Snyder hurried to Tyrone for medical assistance and Dr. Thomas Tobin was soon on the scene.

It was found that two of the sons, Edward, aged 7, and Harry, aged 21, were also painfully burned about the arms. On Monday afternoon death ended the terrible suffering of Mrs. Snyder. Besides her husband she leaves nine children.

The Italian Stung Them.

For several years Petro Neroni, an Italian, had been conducting a shoe-repairing shop in the basement of the Bush Arcade, facing on Water street. He ran bills at many of the stores in Belleville and the merchants thought he was a pretty square foreigner, as he always met his obligations promptly until recently he began to meet them with promises, instead of cash. However, his creditors were not uneasy, but recently they waked up to the fact that on the 18th of this month he left Belleville for parts unknown, leaving behind him debts to the amount of probably \$1000, \$500 of which were made in Belleville. Among those whom it is said he fled here are Potter-Hoy Hardware Co., J. Finkeltine, Lew Gettig, Philip Beezer, C. C. Shuey, R. S. Brouse, Montgomery & Co., E. Torsell and Jas. Sticker, the tailor. It is also stated that he sold whiskey and beer and left unpaid whiskey bills in Renovo and Lock Haven, some of which amounted to \$300. On Thursday his wife left Belleville to join her husband, but as she purchased a mileage book nobody could tell where she had gone, although the inference is that she met him in New York City and they left for sunny Italy. It is also claimed he took with him \$2700 in cold cash which when turned into Italian money would permit him to live like a prince the balance of his life. This is the rumor that is afloat in Belleville, and it looks as if it is true.

The Vestibule of Hell.

"Newport is the vestibule of hell," was the startling utterance of Rev. Dr. Cortland Myers at his anniversary sermon in the fashionable Tremont Temple on Sunday and the discourse is causing a sensation in Boston. In the course of his sermon he said:

"At one of the carousels on Saturday night and all day Sunday jewels worth \$50,000,000 were worn. One freak woman wore a necklace worth \$200,000. Yet they call these people high society, but they are not. They are a low grade of society."

AN ADDRESS.

To the Voters of Centre County:

The unfaithful leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties in Pennsylvania, by united and unscrupulous methods, have placed in nomination candidates for State offices that do not represent the choice, or the interests, or the will of the people; and therefore, if elected, will be used for further usurping the sovereign rights of the people. The list of this arrogant association of leaders, that outshamed in effrontery all that was ever previously committed, was when the one party went into convention and obediently nominated for governor of this State a candidate unsupported by his party, solely for the purpose that the nominee of the other party might be elected with as little opposition as possible. Good men, worthy men, and tried men were ignored and driven off on the eve of the convention. Was this done for the purpose that certain "special interests" might control our State government? Was it because the machine expected to secure pardons for certain of its disgraced henchmen who had stumbled at the wrong time and have since gone into enforced retirement? We have been electing to office in Pennsylvania men to manage our public affairs who have felt under no obligation to the people and whose sole aim was to serve another master. They acted as trustees not for us, but for him. The arrogant hand that controlled the Allentown convention disclosed the truth. We have long seen evidence, but its significance escaped us. With that fact we have prof concluded, and the Keystone Party sprang into existence. We have wiped the dust and smoke and sweat of partisan conflict out of our eyes and turned on our real enemies, those who have kept us fighting each other, while they plotted together, and plundered the people.

The Keystone Party was neither organized to promote the selfish interest of any candidate, nor to gratify the ambition of any one who, out of self-respect, has voluntarily enlisted in the cause of popular government; but it was organized for the purpose of filing a protest against our political bosses and purging both parties of their present despicable "leadership," which has dragged the rank of Pennsylvanians down to such a depth of degradation that her once fair name is now only a synonym for graft. These are plain and undisputed facts and cannot be successfully denied. There will be efforts made to divert attention from them and to belittle their vital importance. Efforts will be made to weaken the influence of those who are trying to correct these evils. Efforts will be made, if need be, to wreck personal character, but this is no time to inflame passion by intemperate words. It is a time for sober thought and calm, collected reasoning. It is a time to state facts as they are known to all men and for each voter in Centre county to take counsel with himself, and at the fireside and in his family circle, mark out his line of action for his own civic welfare and those to come after him. By voting the Keystone Ticket this year you will not in any way be stultifying yourself, or repudiating your democratic or republican principles; but it will be an emphatic expression of your determination to rid both the old parties of the corrupting influences that are now controlling them.

We, therefore, call upon each of you, as good citizens who are interested in the welfare of the State, to do what you can, in your own way, to help restore the government of the Grand Old Keystone State to the hands of the people where it rightfully belongs.

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KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

A terrific rain and electrical storm passed over portions of Nittany and Sugar Valleys on Sunday evening between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock. The rain did much damage to the fields, destroying the newly planted potatoes. In the vicinity of Mackeyville the rainfall was the heaviest of the season, and much of the surface was washed from some of the fields.

At the home of John Yarrison, midway between Carroll and Rauchtown, a bolt of lightning which followed the telephone line into the house, struck and instantly killed Mrs. Mary Yarrison, wife of Luther Yarrison of near Carroll. Mrs. Yarrison had gone to the home of her sister-in-law to accompany her to church. The ladies were standing on the front porch during the progress of the storm when the bolt of lightning came in along the telephone wire leading into the house under the porch roof near where the ladies were standing. Mrs. Luther Yarrison was struck and instantly killed, but her sister-in-law who was standing near her, was not injured other than being stunned. Mrs. Yarrison's body was burned in blisters from her head to her feet. Her hair was singed and a hole was burned in her dress by the lightning. Deceased was aged 58 years and leaves her husband and several children.—Clinton Democrat.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Bertha Rider, of Belleville, operation Tuesday.
Mrs. Mary Gray, of Belleville, operation.
John G. Miller, book-keeper with Potter-Hoy Co., admitted with typhoid fever.
Jon Janyac, Austrian, injured at the furnace by fall down the elevator shaft; body badly bruised.

Special Trains.

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week the Belleville Central R. R. will run special return trains to leave Belleville at 6 p. m. The fares will be as follows for round trip from the following stations:
Pine Grove Mills.....60c
State College and Krumrine.....60c
Waddle and Briarly.....40c
Fillmore.....35c

Sunday Night's Storm.

The thunderstorm last Sunday night was accompanied by hail in some sections of the county. Down by Snydertown in Nittany valley, a hail storm crossed the valley having a path about one mile in width. The hail was heavy and did much damage to the standing corn, cutting down some of the stocks and shredding all in its path.

THE LAST COPY.

This is the last copy of The Centre Democrat that will be sent to about 350 delinquent subscribers. As after this date the names will be removed from the mailing list, and each delinquent name and account will then be reported to the other publishers of Centre county for their information and mutual protection.

After a brief time has elapsed and the account is not paid, or some satisfactory effort is made, or honest disposition shown, to adjust the amount due, it will be turned over to our attorney with instructions to collect—regardless of expense or consequences.

After several years of constant appeals by special letter, through the columns of this paper and by frequent personal solicitation, we feel we have done more for the other publishers of Centre county than we should have done sooner we sever relations with people who will not pay an honest bill, all the better for us.

In our effort to comply with the postal law we find that the large percentage of the 350 we are dropping are the friends of the community, the professional dead beats who eke out an existence by hook and crook, cheat the "butcher, baker and candlestick maker," for anything and everything; some are the "rum soakers" who only pour and shows a disposition that should be used to pay the most honest bills; and among them are a few "pillars" in churches, as well as some ministers of the Gospel who are not as good as some of the "beats" because they don't practice what they preach. Then we might go on—but but for the us. Although we are not dishonest, many have been unfortunate through long illness and bereavements; some have limited incomes and under the high cost of living can scarcely make ends meet—keep body and soul together—and never may close up the store at the usual hour. This paper has knowingly dealt harshly with any such, less fortunate of God's creatures.

Any party owing the Centre Democrat for subscription can settle on reasonable terms; and if he can't pay all or only part and shows a disposition to deal honestly and fairly, we will have the whole matter satisfactorily adjusted by calling at the office.

But to the professional "Dead Beats" of Centre county who practically steal their reading and everything else for the sake of saying "Good Bye." If you "beat" us again, you are welcome to it.

THIEF SECURED \$30.

Broke in Doll's Bakery and Opened the Cash Register.

Sometime late Thursday night some one gained an entrance into William Doll's bakery, in Bush's Arcade, Belleville, and took from the money register about \$30 in cash. The entrance was made through the ice house and then down a long pair of stairs to the cellar where they broke open the door into the store room, and found where they went up into the store where they had no trouble in getting into the register. Nothing else was touched. Mr. Doll was in Williamsport and early in the evening Mrs. Doll left the store in charge of the young lady clerk who closed up the store at the usual hour, having the money in the register. It is very evident that the fellow or fellows who took the money knew it was there and how to get it. Parties are suspected, but there is no evidence yet to convict. For the last six months the bakery and stores have been robbed in Belleville, but the policemen have a mighty poor encouragement to round up these burglars because when they do get them and put them behind the bars, some one gives them their freedom. It isn't right and doesn't establish a precedent. That is only a hatchery for more criminals. The only way to put an end to this kind of work is to send one or two of these fellows over the mountain; but you will never get rid of these fellows when our officials allow them to escape after they have been caught with the goods on them. Pinch 'em; that is the way to do it.

FAIR REMINDERS.

Next week the great Centre County Fair will be held. For the information of the public the following reminders are made at this time:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5.
All children under 16 years of age admitted free.
2:14 Trot and Pace.
2:20 Trot and Pace.
Shedman's Dog Circus. LePrince Acrobatic Troupe. King Kelly in his wonderful aerial flights. Band concerts all day.

THURSDAY, OCT. 6.
2:18 Trot and Pace.
2:25 Trot and Pace.
Shedman's Dog Circus. LePrince Acrobatic Troupe. King Kelly in his wonderful aerial flights. Band concerts.

Special return train on the Lewisburg, leaving Belleville for Coburn and intermediate points at 7 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7.
2:20 Trot and Pace.
Free for All Race.
County Race—Thus far Mart Cooney, Christ Beener and George Sunday, of Belleville; Thomas Williams, of Pleasant Gap, and Mr. Shuey, of Houserville, have entered their horses for the County Race, and there will probably be several others so that it bids fair to be an exciting event.

Shedman's Dog Circus. LePrince Acrobatic Troupe. King Kelly in his thrilling aerial flights. Band concerts. The stock, poultry, agricultural and domestic science exhibits will be larger than ever before.

The fair will be worth seeing this year.

Fatally Scalded.
Flossie Haines the 9 years' old daughter of William Haines, of Blanchard, who was so badly scalded a few days ago, is in a serious condition, and but little hope is entertained for her recovery. The little girl was at the stove pouring coffee, while an older sister was endeavoring to remove a wash boiler, containing scalding water from the stove. The boiler was upset and the scalding water was dashed on little Flossie, whose entire body was scalded to such an extent that much of the skin came off when her steaming clothing was removed.

INTERESTING DATA ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

THE ADDRESS OF D. F. FORTNEY AT THE DEDICATION.

PROGRESS OF OUR SCHOOLS

New Departments Suggested for Domestic and Vocational Instruction—Some of the Early Instructors and Their Wages.

(At the recent dedication of the Belleville High school building, Director D. F. Fortney made an interesting address that merits careful reading by not only our people, but all those who are interested in educational work. We give Mr. Fortney's address entire.)

Friends and Fellow citizens: The day and the occasion are certainly some cause for gratification and congratulation. Gratification because, after a year and more of labor and worry, care and thought, this building which we may not be all that we desired, is completed. Congratulations, because the children of the Borough will, by reason of this house having been built, have school facilities at least equal, perhaps superior, to those of other districts in the state.

While by actual measurement the distance from the school to yet from the two storied, four-roomed frame building, which stood about where the garden is located on what we now call jail hill, to this building and the opportunities it affords, the distance is quite near, and from it appears, in a fair measure, the progress which has been made in the Public Schools of this town only in the town but in the state since its adoption in 1834.

For a few brief minutes, I beg to review. The first meeting of the first School Board under the Act of Assembly of April 1, 1834, was held in the Court House on Sept. 27th, 1834, and on drawing for classes, John Rankin and Charles McBride drew the first class or short term, Dr. Constance Curtin and James Armor the second or two year term, and Samuel Harris and Samuel Pettit the long term. At the next election Mr. Hamilton Humes and James M. Pettrick became members of the Board. There is no record of any Public school being opened in the Borough until January 1, 1836, when four schools were opened for two months. A Mr. Hamilton was employed to teach the high grade (all branches of education) at \$33.00 per month "for finding his own room." George W. Wason at \$25.00 per month to teach reading, writing and arithmetic; A. P. Ralls at \$20.00 per month to teach same branches, the school to be closed in June, and Mrs. Dunlop at \$15.00 per month to teach at least 25 scholars, the three former to teach all sent to them, wood to be furnished by the teachers and paid for by the school men. I dare not consume more time on this. Let me say, however, that when the Board met on May 15th, 1841, it appeared that Rankin, Curtin and James McManus were the three year members, H. N. McAllister and John Toner the two-year members, and John Blanchard and James Burnside the one-year men, and on the 18th of June of that year, it was resolved that it is deemed expedient to build a house for the public schools of the Borough and Messrs. Toner, Curtin, and McAllister, were appointed to secure a lot, upon which to erect the same. By August 28th, they had gotten so far along that a contract for the construction of the building was awarded J. I. & G. Alexander for \$1075.00. The building was not completed nor school opened in it until the first Monday of May 1834.

Gov. Curtin was elected a member of the Board again in 1838 and continued a member until September 1841, when he resigned on account of inability to give the office the time and attention it demanded. Beside the men mentioned, Mr. Hamilton Humes and his sons, E. C. and William H., were also members of the Board during the period I have mentioned. It is interesting to know that the most able and eminent men who ever lived in the town were at one time or another members of the School Board. For at least two, perhaps three, years, some of the School members in the Academy, some in other buildings in the 50's.

The first meeting to consider the erection of a new school building, and which gave rise to the stone building, was held March 7, 1868, and, on the 14th of the same month, a movement was made to purchase what was at that time called the "room men," the lot where this building now stands. On April 6th the plan for the building was adopted; on May 2nd, 1868, the lot was purchased; on May 5th, the contract for the erection of the stone building was let to Morris W. Cowdrick for \$13,300, and we still have \$20,000 of that debt unpaid. This building was to be completed and ready for the opening of school in the fall of 1868. It was not completed nor school opened in it until September 1869.

The Bishop Street building was put in use at the opening of the schools in 1887. The debt for this building was all paid by the end of the school year 1903. When the debt was created, provision was made that this was to be done. The debt created for the building in which we are now assembled has been arranged the same way. Provision for this has been fully made and carefully set out in the obligations issued therefor, and all you need is a Board with a purpose to live up to the obligations made and the debt will gradually be paid.

I became a member of the Board in June 1882. From that time up to the time we laid hands on the stone building to demolish it, it was condemned by our citizens, or rather the patrons of the schools condemned it because the light was poor, because there was no ventilation, because it was improperly or poorly heated. Before the steam heat was put in the children were frozen, after the introduction of steam heat, they were cooked. I have known children who went to school in that building to have their eyesight injured because of the insufficient light.

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