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PENN CHEMICAL CO. WINS IN SUPERIOR COURT

LONG-STANDING CASE SETTLED THIS WEEK.

PLAINTIFF'S AWARD ABOUT \$700

Another Case Argued Before Superior Court Was That of the Sebring Sign Post—No Opinion Yet Handed Down.

Two cases of considerable importance and interest in Bellefonte were argued before the Superior Court at Philadelphia this week. The first was that of the long-standing Penn Chemical Co.—Ammerman suit, which began in 1908, when the above named company became insolvent. The other case involves the action of Dr. John Sebring, Jr., in placing a signpost and sign at the curb on Allegheny street in front of the residence of Dr. J. L. Selbert. Argument for this case was made before the State court on Wednesday, but up to Wednesday evening no decision had been rendered.

The suit of the Penn Chemical Company vs. Mary C. Ammerman, which has been dragging through the courts of Centre county for the past five years, was settled Tuesday by the defendant paying the debt, interest and costs to the plaintiff and handing plaintiff's attorney a check for same.

The Penn Chemical Company with a corporation organized by local parties engaged in the manufacture of a patent medicine known as "Vintona" which was widely advertised and upon which quite a trade was built. Among those interested in the company were Sidney Krumrine, Amrose Sioleman, C. C. Shuer, the late T. J. Sexton and others. They rented the store room in the Ammerman block on Bishop street where they manufactured their goods and conducted their business. Everything moved along smoothly until sometime in 1908, when a dispute arose with regard to the amount of rent due Miss Ammerman. The latter finally issued a landlord's warrant and placed it in the hands of Sheriff Henry Kline who took possession of the store, thus it is alleged unjustly depriving the plaintiffs from their business and selling their personal property without proper legal proceedings. Suit was brought by the plaintiff and was tried about three years ago, resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff. An appeal was taken and a new trial granted and the case was retried at the February term, 1912, resulting in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$460. The case was again argued and judgment entered on the verdict, from which an appeal was taken to the Superior Court, returnable on Monday of this week, when settlement was arranged. The check handed the plaintiff's attorney is said to be in the neighborhood of \$700.

Quite a number of attorneys have been interested in the case. It was originally brought on the part of the plaintiff, by the late Thomas J. Sexton but after his death and through the greater part of the proceedings the plaintiffs were represented by W. Gettig, Bower & Zerby, who fought it to a successful issue. The defendant has changed counsel frequently, being represented by the following attorneys in the order named, Clement Dale and the late J. E. Weaver, of Bellefonte; the late Charles F. McCormick, of Lock Haven; Hinkley & Ammerman, of Danville; and finally Porter, Foulkrode & McCullough, of Philadelphia.

The settlement of the case is no doubt a relief to all parties concerned. The history of the Sebring-Selbert controversy began shortly after Dr. Sebring completed his automobile garage on Burrows alley, between Allegheny and Spring streets. He wished to place a small sign-post at the intersection of Allegheny street and Burrows alley, calling attention to his garage. This was in the spring of 1911, and at one of the May meetings of borough council, he was granted permission to erect the sign. The privilege was rescinded, which was ordered to be done. Dr. Sebring then carried the question to the Centre county court, the case coming up in September term of Common Pleas, 1911, where a decision was rendered against him. The case in the Superior court is an appeal from the decree of the lower court, and the outcome will be watched with interest. Gettig, Bower & Zerby are the attorneys for Dr. Sebring, while Dr. Selbert's interests are being looked after by W. Harrison Walker and Blanchard & Blanchard.

Wm. McMullen Injured at Johnstown.
The Bellefonte friends of William McMullen, who has been a resident of Johnstown for a number of years past, will be sorry to learn that he met with a serious accident last Thursday while at work in the Cambria Steel plant. The details could not be learned, but we are informed that Mr. McMullen was caught between a crane and a ladder and was seriously injured. He was removed to a hospital, where an examination of his injuries revealed no broken bones. Later Mr. McMullen was taken to his home. The doctors again advised his removal to the hospital, but the painful nature of his injuries would not permit it. His rapid recovery is expected if no complications develop.

Rebersburg Man Undergoes Operation.
John W. Harter, one of Rebersburg's well known citizens, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis this week. Mr. Harter was suddenly ill on Saturday, and after this case had been diagnosed by Dr. Bright, it was pronounced appendicitis. An operation was decided upon, which was performed on Tuesday, by Dr. Hall of Lock Haven, assisted by Dr. Bright. The prospects are now bright for Mr. Harter's rapid recovery.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

\$25 Prize to be Given by the First National Bank of Bellefonte.
Through the efforts of Prof. R. U. Wasson, principal of the Penn township schools, an oratorical contest for male pupils of the public schools of Centre county has been arranged. The boy who is declared the winner will receive a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold, the gift of the First National Bank of Bellefonte.

The Millheim Banking Company, of Millheim, offers a prize of ten dollars in gold to the winner in District No. 1. The following tentative plan for the contest will be submitted to the teachers for their approval at the annual county institute:

In order to encourage public speaking among the male pupils of the public schools of Centre county the First National Bank of Bellefonte offers a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold to that male pupil of the public schools of Centre county who shall excel in an oratorical or declamatory contest.

The county shall be divided into four districts and each district shall be entitled to two contestants, who shall be declared to be the winners or honor pupils in the several districts contested.

No pupil who is a member of the third or fourth year classes of a first-grade high school shall be allowed to enter the contest.

The judges of the county contest shall consist of the Judge of the District court and the Professor of English of the Pennsylvania State College, or persons named by them, and one person named by the County Superintendent of schools.

The time and place of holding the contest shall be named by the Judge of the District court and the County Superintendent of schools. The Principal of the schools of the town in which the contest is held shall preside at the contest, or some person named by him.

(The time should be about one month after the district contest.)
The names of the contestants shall appear on the program in alphabetical order.

Each district contest shall be governed by the following conditions:
Each township and each borough high school shall be entitled to at least one pupil in the district contest. A township not maintaining a high school shall be entitled to have one pupil enter the contest.

The judges of the district contests shall consist of one person to be named by the Judge of the District court, and two persons to be named by the County Superintendent of schools. The County Superintendent shall name the time and place of holding the contest, and also name a person to preside at the contest. (The time should be about the latter part of February.)

The directors and teachers of the several townships and boroughs may determine in what manner pupils shall be selected to represent the township or borough in the district contest.

The County Superintendent should appoint one person in each district, and one for the county, to act as secretary; such person to arrange program of contest and keep a record of same.

District No. 1 shall consist of the following townships and all boroughs situated within them: Miles, Haines, Penn, Gregg, Potter and Harris.

No. 2.—Ferguson, College, Benner, Spring, Marion, Walker, Patton and Half Moon.

No. 3.—Liberty, Curtin, Howard, Boggs, Union, Huston, Worth and Taylor.

No. 4.—Rush, Snow Shoe and Burnside.

Brutal Attack on Young Lady.
On Monday evening about 7:30 o'clock, while coming down Centre street at the junction with Maple street in Phillipsburg, Miss Lizzie Lane, a domestic employed at the home of Hon. P. E. Womelsdorf, was brutally attacked by an unknown man, with robbery evidently as the intent. He had struck the young girl on the head twice with a club, and then grabbed her hand bag in which there was \$9.00. The girl struggled with him to retain her purse, and at the same time screamed for help. C. H. Rowland rushed out from his home and pursued the fellow, but he escaped. In the scuffle with the girl \$5.00 of the money dropped on the ground and was recovered. The culprit may have gotten the balance, as he could not be found. An arrest was made, and one or two other arrests are expected to be made, with the hope of locating the assailant.

Special Services Sunday.
Much interest has been aroused over the special services to be held in the Armory on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, one for women and one for men.

Bob Jones, the famous southern evangelist, will speak on Saturday afternoon to women only on "The Modern Woman." Ladies will act as ushers at this service and no men will be expected to attend.

"The Sins of Men" will be the subject of Mr. Jones' address at the men's meeting on Sunday afternoon. This address, which has been given in over 100 cities in America has sent many a man home to be a better father and husband and has turned hundreds from the ways of sin.

Clair Stemm in the Hospital.
Clair Stemm, of Centre Furnace, was admitted to the Bellefonte hospital on Saturday for surgical treatment. Mr. Stemm has been troubled with a heaving effecting his throat, and an operation was decided upon as the most effectual method of affording him relief. Mr. Stemm is a son-in-law of the late James B. Horner, whose death occurred in Lewistown this week.

Free Methodist Church.
The annual Sunday School Convention of the Tyrone district will be held in connection with the district quarterly meeting at Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 6-9. Convention in session on Nov. 6, 9:30 a. m. and 2 p. m. Session Sunday 11 a. m. by Rev. J. J. Zahniser, District Elder. Everybody welcome. Mrs. E. A. Holbrook, pastor.

—International Opera Company opens Star Course this year. Five numbers, \$1. 37-tf.

CREASY TELLS WHY GRANGE FIGHTS \$50,000,000 ROAD LOAN

Says State Can Raise All It Can Properly Spend From Taxes. Attacks Wasteful Department.

The Pennsylvania State Grange, in a communication to the Centre Democrat, expresses its opposition to the \$50,000,000 road loan, with twelve reasons. Although the Grange has been the pioneer of the Good Roads movement, it does not favor the proposed loan because:

First—It is not a good business proposition for any business to borrow money when it is not necessary. The State has abundant resources to construct roads without borrowing a dollar. We can now raise from current revenues over \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000 annually.

Second—Should more money be needed, the State Grange proposed a plan many years ago providing for a tax of one mill on corporate property. The Tax Commission reported to the last Legislature to the effect that the bond corporation taxes were taxed in the hands of corporations in place of the hands of the holder, \$10,000,000 more could be added. Ex-Auditor General Young and Sisson said that even under present laws, with the necessary levy, several millions could be added.

Third—Every cent of the tax on anthracite coal should go on the roads—that was the understanding. The Legislature appropriated for road purposes for 1913-14, \$3,385,000 per year. Add to this the automobile licenses and we have \$4,500,000 for roads annually. This answers the argument of our automobile friends who say \$5,000,000 is all any Highway Department can spend intelligently and economically. Why borrow?

Fourth—The interest and sinking fund charges on the \$50,000,000 loan will require from \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 annually. On 50 year bonds the interest charges and principal would cost us \$150,000,000 until paid. Why not pay as you go instead of working for a dead horse?

Fifth—Years ago the State borrowed at various times sums amounting to about \$50,000,000 for our public works, canals, etc. The interest and sinking fund charges plus the cost of repairing and maintaining them became so burdensome to the people that they were finally sold at a profit. Shall we repeat that experiment?

Sixth—Before submitting this question to the people some plan should have been worked out by the Highway Department so that the voters could vote intelligently. As the law stands this money, if the bond issue is carried, can all be spent in one county or used to build a national boulevard across the State. This may be a part of the plan of those who are so anxious to borrow.

Seventh—The Highway Department has proved itself inefficient and wasteful.

Eighth—The big corporations are for the bond issue in order to head off any change in the tax laws. The argument that the farmer pays no State tax is true as a direct proposition, but indirectly he pays not only his local taxes but is charged up with his taxes on corporations, either in added freight rates or increased appropriations for schools and dirt roads. But if corporations pay for the good roads let them pay as we go. It will be cheaper and save a lot of book-keeping.

Ninth—New York has borrowed \$100,000,000 for its road program, and Ohio has borrowed no money and has three times as many miles of good roads as has New York. Ohio has equalization of taxation. All kinds of property pays the same mill rate and the maximum mill rate is fixed at 10 1/2 mills. It is on a farm. The average mill rate on Pennsylvania farms is 18 and on corporate property 3 mills.

Tenth—The permanent road has not yet been discovered. Our expensive roads are lasting from two to ten years. This is wrong principle. Issue long time bonds for improvements that will be gone long before the bonds are due.

Eleventh—The farmers of the State have been deceived, ignored and bullied in this whole road business. State aid for township roads provided for by law has been refused, the township roads stolen, and now under the new Township Road law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, the local road taxes are to be spent under the orders of the Highway Department, which is unable to carry out the roads now in their possession, and seems to know nothing about our dirt roads. Has no plan. It has now about 125 office holders and clerks at Harrisburg plus about 4,000 scattered over the State.

Twelfth—The Grange believes that by defeating the bond issue the confusion and chaos in our road affairs will be systematized and all our roads improved in the course of 10 or 12 years. The confusion can be kept in place to protect our roads and keep them in repair at the lowest possible cost.

RECENT DEATHS.

EMMINGER—Freda Mary, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Emminger, of Coleville, died on Friday morning of last week, aged seven days and one brother, Theodore, and a sister, Lucretia, survive. Funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. C. Shuey. Burial was made in Trechlyville cemetery, at Milesburg. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Emminger has been doubly bereaved during the past year, as just seven months ago the death angel took hence the spirit of their two-year-old daughter, Beulah Elizabeth. They have the sympathy of the community in their hour of trial.

KIRK—Mrs. Margaret Kirk, of Phillipsburg, widow of the late Harrison Kirk, died at the home of her son, John, at Sandy Ridge, on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Her maiden name was Calhoun and she was born in Unionville, this county, on February 15, 1844, making her age at time of death 69 years, 8 months and 11 days. She was a kind and devoted mother and a faithful friend and neighbor. She leaves to mourn her loss two children—one daughter, Alice, of Phillipsburg, and one son, John, of Sandy Ridge. She also leaves six grand-children, together with one great-grandchild. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her son's home at Sandy Ridge.

GRAY—The death of J. Green Gray, of Stormstown, which occurred at his home on Friday of last week, removed one of Centre county's oldest and best known citizens. Mr. Gray was a native of Half Moon valley where his whole life was spent. He was a retired farmer and for many years had been a devoted member of the M. E. church. Although 75 years of age, Mr. Gray had enjoyed fairly good health until Saturday previous to his death, when he was stricken with paralysis. Surviving are two sons and one daughter: Paul, of Phillipsburg; Edward, of Newcomer, and Miss Nannie at home. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Sallie B. Wilson, of Williamsport. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

FRANKLIN—After an illness of only a few days duration, Charles Franklin, of State College, passed away at his home in that place Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. His death was due to an attack of pleurisy. The deceased was born in Lewistown, Pa., July 8th, 1878, and was therefore aged 35 years, 3 months and 22 days. He was the son of Hiram Franklin, of Lewistown. He was married to Miss Mary Critten and about four years ago, they moved to State College, where they have resided ever since, and where Mr. Franklin was employed, hauling with a team. He leaves a wife but no children, and a brother and sister, John Franklin, of Lewistown, and Mrs. Phillips, of Johnstown. The funeral will take place today. Interment will likely be made at State College.

HORNER—James B. Horner, a native of this county, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Harry Haaz, of Bellefonte, died very suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Bottorff, at Burnham, on Monday night about 12 o'clock, aged 56 years and 5 months. Mr. Horner had been in poor health for some time past, but up until an hour before his death his condition had not been considered serious. The cause of his demise was pronounced heart failure, due to complications. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Horner, who have long since passed away. His wife who was formerly Miss Mary Noll, preceded him to the grave last April. He is survived by the following children: W. C. Horner, of Altoona; Harvey Horner, a serious during the past two weeks. Death was due to heart trouble and other complications. The deceased whose maiden name was Katherine Larimer, was the daughter of James and Mary Mooney Larimer, and was born in Pennsylvania, Centre county. She was aged at time of death 77 years, 10 months and 14 days. In 1877 she was united in marriage to former County Treasurer William T. Speer, who preceded her to the grave about three years ago. They were the parents of five children, but she leaves the following step-children by a previous marriage of Mr. Speer, namely, Edward, of Hoxie, Kansas; Irvin C., of St. Louis; Mrs. Harris Mann, of Lewistown; William of Pittsburgh, and W. Francis, of Bellefonte. She leaves no brothers or sisters as she was the last of the Larimer family belonging to her generation. "Aunt Kate," as she was familiarly known to her family and friends, was a lovely christian woman, a faithful wife and a kind mother to the orphan children who came under her care. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. A member of the Presbyterian church from childhood she was ever faithful to its teachings and precepts. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house and was largely attended. Services were conducted by Dr. George E. Hawes of the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MILTON HUNTER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.
Norman Smith, aged 19 years, of Milton, was shot by an unknown hunter near New Berlin, on Saturday. Smith started out early in the morning on a hunting trip. He was seated on a log when two other hunters came over a ridge and, not seeing Smith, one of the men shot a squirrel in line with him. Smith was shot in the face and neck.

SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS.

Telephone Bears News of Burglar.
Elsie Miller, a 17-year-old maid in the home of W. U. Musina, an automobile dealer, who lives in Vallianton, a suburb of Williamsport, fought a burglar Saturday evening, and prevented him from getting beyond the hall. The noise of the fight was heard by a telephone exchange girl, when the desk phone on a table was upset, and the burglar, unable to inform neighbors because of the line being open. When the door bell rang the maid was in the house alone. She opened the door, and a strange man pushed her aside. The girl grappled with him, and the two tussled for 15 minutes over the floor, the girl hanging gamely to her stronger opponent. Furniture was knocked over and smashed. The robber was gradually overpowering the maid, when she sank her teeth into his hand and screamed. Finally she pulled the burglar down to the floor, rendering her unconscious, and escaped. When she revived she crawled to the buzzing phone and summoned help.

"He" Was a Woman.
While Harold K. Jones, of Scranton, an athletic telephone cable splicer now residing in Stormstown, was walking along a dark street at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, returning from a visit to his sweetheart, he was accosted by a stranger, who asked him for a match. Jones said "sure," dropped his head and was getting it when the stranger said "Hand it up." Jones looked up and into the barrel of a small revolver. Like a flash the splicer's foot and fist flew out at the same time, and the highwayman was on the ground, with Jones astride his back. The fellow's hat was knocked off and a heavy coil of hair was presented bringing the confession that "he" was a woman. She begged off, saying that her husband had deserted her and that she was without funds. Believing her story Jones gave her two dollars and did not call the police.

Look Well to Your Ballot.
Great care should be exercised by voters at the coming election as the ballot is different from the one usually used and there will be either three or four party tickets—Democratic, Washington, Republican and possibly Socialist. In the county ballots the non-partisan ticket will be the candidate for judge of the superior court. As this is the first time that a non-partisan ticket has appeared on the ballots voters should study it carefully before marking the sheet. The instructions should be read with care.

The safest and surest way is to place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite the name of every candidate you desire to vote for, and then there will be no misunderstanding as to your intentions when the election officers come to count the votes.

Entertainment at Stormstown.
The Epworth League of the M. E. church at Stormstown will give an entertainment entitled "The Little Girl in Red," by the Sniggle family, on Friday evening, Nov. 7th, in the town hall at that place. Proceeds for benefit of the church. All are invited to attend.

Tempest Dramatic Co. Next Week.
The people's favorites, the J. L. Tempest Stock Company, will be the next attraction at the opera house all next week, with a change of program each night. One of the plays to be presented will be "Why Girls Leave Home," one of the most sensational dramas before the public today. There is a good moral lesson to learn from it and a play that everyone should see.

Remember this company will be at the opera house all week, playing at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

PREST. WILSON DEFINES AMERICAN POLICY

NO CONQUESTS U. S. SAYS MUST ASSIST LATIN AMERICA

The President Attacks "Material Interests" That Influence Attitude of Some Governments Toward Latin America.

Speaking before the Southern Commercial Congress at Mobile, Alabama, on Tuesday, President Wilson announced to the world that his governing motive of the United States in its relationships with the countries on this hemisphere would be "morality and not expediency."

"I want to take this occasion to say," he declared, "the United States will not again seek to secure one additional foot of territory by conquest."

Though he did not mention Mexico he devoted his speech to a description of the degrading influences which foreign concessionaries had upon internal affairs of Latin-American countries. With the Mexican situation uppermost now in the president's mind his address was interpreted as an arraignment of financial influences, which, it has been charged, have obtained, in some cases, recognition for the Huerta government.

He declared it would be the duty of the United States to assist the nations of this hemisphere in an "emancipation" from "the material interests of other nations," so that they might enjoy constitutional liberty unrestrained.

"I came here," the president said, "not to speak for the south, because the south has the gift of speaking for herself. I came here because I would speak of our present and prospective relations with our neighbors to the south. The future is going to be very different for this hemisphere from the past. Those states lying to the south, which have always been our neighbors, will be drawn closer to each other by common ties of understanding. Interests do not tie nations together; they sometimes separate them. But sympathy and understanding do bind them together. You hear of concessions to foreign capital in Latin America, but you don't hear of concessions of foreign capital in the United States. They are not granted concessions. They are invited to make investments. It is an invitation, not a privilege. Their self-respect, their achievement in spite of their difficulties deserve nothing but the admiration and respect of the world. I rejoice in nothing so much as that they will be emancipated and we ought to be the first in taking part in assisting in that emancipation."

The president digressed to point out that the department of state recently had "tried to serve in that wise," but mentioned no specific instances. "In the future," he continued, "the nations to the south of us will draw closer and closer to us because of the circumstances of which I am speaking. We must prove ourselves their friends and champions on terms of equality and honor. We can't be fast friends on any other terms than those of equality. And we must show ourselves friends by comprehending their interests whether they square with our interests or not. It is a very perilous thing to determine a foreign policy in terms of material interests. It is indeed a degrading thing. The development of constitutional liberty and world human rights, the maintenance of national integrity as against material interests—that is our creed. I want to take this occasion to say, too, that the United States will not again seek to secure one additional foot of territory by conquest. It will devote herself to showing an honest and fruitful use of the territory she has and she must regard it as one of the duties of friendship to see that from no quarter are material interests made superior to human liberty and national comity. I say this merely to fix what our real relationship should be. It is a relationship of a family of mankind devoted to the relations from which human liberty springs. We have seen material interests threaten constitutional liberty in America, so we know how to sympathize. I would rather belong to a poor nation that is free than a rich nation which has ceased to love freedom. Morality and expediency is the thing that must guide us and we must never condone iniquity."

The president's speech was constantly interrupted by applause. He rode through the crowded streets before and nodding to cheering throngs.

More Smallpox at Mill Hall.
Four new cases of smallpox developed in Mill Hall on Saturday and were promptly reported by the physicians of that borough, says the Lock Haven Express. Two of these men, it is stated, frequented stores and other business places until the disease actually developed, but they were not aware of having an attack. Those reported by Dr. A. B. Painter, Harry Stevenson and Harvey White, the latter having recently resigned as health officer. Dr. S. J. McGhee reported that Richard Stevenson and Ralph Myers are also victims of the dread malady.

Practically every place that any of these victims has recently visited has been thoroughly fumigated and all the necessary precautions have been taken.

Clinton County Man Killed.
The body of Charles Mincer, a former resident of Castanea, but who for the past year has lived on the Joseph Habershon place, near the old stone quarry, east of Castanea, was found lying along the P. and E. railroad tracks near Lock Haven, Sunday night at 10 o'clock by a track walker. The head was severed from the body and one hand was badly mangled. The young man had been on a lock Haven in the evening and boarded an east bound freight train to go to a point near his home, and it is supposed he was either jolted off the bumper or was thrown under the wheels in jumping off.