Of Murder in the Second Degree for the Killing of His Wife.

THE JUDGE DISMISSES THE JURY

And Tries the Case Himself by the Right of

an Ancient Act.

OTHER NEWS FROM AMONG THE COURTS

Wife murderers are not having an easy time in court. John Tierney yesterday pleaded guilty to the murder of his wife, Bridget, and was given a second degree verdict. Judge Ewing, who presided, dismissed the jury and determined the verdict himself. This procedure is a very unusual one, and is seldom resorted to in court. It is authorized by the act of April 22, 1794, a section of which reads:

But if such person shall be convicted by confessing, the Court shall proceed by the examination of witnesses to determine the degree of the crime and to give sentence accordingly." This section has never been repealed or altered. No case has been tried under it in Allegheny county since 10 years

The murder of which Tierney has been convicted occurred July 21, at his home, No. 7 Denny court, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets. He threw a lamp at his wife, who was burned so severely that on the following day she died at the West Penn Hospital. The defendant, it is said, was somewhat under the influence of liquor at the time and quarreled with his wife and threw the lamp. The morning session was chiefly occupied in securing a jury. A little testimony was taken. District Attorney Burleigh conducted the prosecution and Thomas M. Marshall, Jr., the defense.

THE DEAD WOMAN'S STORY. In the afternoon Detective Sol Coulson tified to having had the dying deposition of Mrs. Tierney taken. The statement re-lates that at 11 o'clock at night, July 21 the defendant came home. Nothing oc-curred to anger him. He picked up a lamp from the mantelpiece and threw it at his wife while she was going down stairs. This was placed in evidence, and witnesses were was placed in evidence, and witnesses were called to testify to the arrest of Tierney and of the broken lamp glass being found in the room and on the stairway of the Tierney house; of the smell of oil and of the burning clothing. Michael Sweidersky, Mrs. Julia Considine, Mrs. Mary Flaherty and Officers J. B. Thompson, G. G. Mc-Aleese and Dodson were called. The officers was an account of the arrest and the others gave an account of the arrest and the others old of Mrs. Tierney running from the conse with her clothes on fire and telling that her husband had thrown a lamp at her. The Commonwealth then rested.

Attorney Marshall then announced that there was no particular defense and that the defense would withdraw its plea of "not guilty" and enter a plea of "guilty."

Judge Ewing then discharged the jury and proceeded with the case, hearing himself some of the testimony over again and then that of the two children of Tierney. They had not seen the lamp thrown. After short speeches by each attorney Judge

FIRST DEGREE IMPOSSIBLE. "I would hesitate in this case to hold that

there was any intent to take life, and therefore cannot find a verdict of murder in the first degree, but the act of throwing the lamp being done wilfully it has all the nature of second degree, and I therefore issue this order.

'And now October 7, 1891, the defendant having withdrawn his plea of not guilty and having pleaded guilty, and the Court inving proceeded to hear the testimony of the Commonwealth and the defense in order to find and determine the degree of the crime, and having so heard the testimony and arguments of counsel there in and havnsidered the same, do find and determine the degree of the crime of which the defendant has been indicted and to which he has pleaded guilty to be murder of the sec

The defendant will be given a chance to roduce character witnesses on Saturday, and then be sentenced.

WORKED ON THE SHORT LIST.

A Number of Small Cases Handled by the Supreme Court.

In the Supreme Court yesterday the short list was taken up, only such cases being heard as would not occupy more than 15 minutes. An argument was heard in the cases of Charles L. Secarde et al, embracing appeals by Manufacturers' Gas Company, Imperial Refining Company, Oil City Sayings Bank and L. R. Kerstetter, from the Common Pleas of Venango counsy. The suit is a controversy as to the distribution among the mortgagees of a tract of land owned by the Keystone Oil Company,

An argument was heard in the case of J.

M. Ogden vs A. G. Hartry and the Hazlewood Oil Company, appealed by the de-tendants from the Common Pleas of Ve-nango county. The case is an action on an

The case of C. A. Hill vs Tionesta township, a road case, appealed from the Com-mon Pleas of Forest county was heard. An argument was heard in the case of the len Steel Company Limited vs The Imperial Refining Company Limited et al., appealed by the defendants from the Common Pleas, of Venango county. It is a suit

on a mechanics lien An argument was heard on the retition of W. F. Black et al. for annexation of their land to Elk township for school pur-poses, appealed from the Quarter Sessions of Clarion county.

The suit of the executors of William Wray vs H. P. Spence and D. Steiner, an action on an account, appealed by Steiner from the Common Pleas of Clarion county,

was argued. An argument was heard in the case of E. Ritchey vs the administrators of J. W. Hathaway, appealed by the plaintiff from

the Common Pleas of Greene county. The suit was an action on a book account. An argument was heard in the case of S. H. Whitman and wife vs Martin O'Conner, a suit for the portion of real estate, ap-Pleas of Venango county.

WANTS A NEW TRUSTEE.

Mrs. Adelberta Killmeyer Says Her Property

Has Been Mismanaged. Mrs. Adelberta Killmeyer yesterday filed a petition in the Orphans' Court for the removal of Jacob Mangold as trustee of the estate left by her father, Adam Mangold. Under her father's will Mrs. Killmeyer was given a life interest in one-half of a piece of property on O'Hara street, Allegheny. At her death it is to go to her children. Jacob Mangold was appointed trustee and directed to collect the rents and pay them over to her. She alleges that the trustee has been collecting the rents, but has never rendered an account, and that he is mismanaging the

estate and using it for his own purposes. He has put a stable and carpenter shop the place for his own use, denying her right to object and her title. He has neglected to pay the taxes for two years, is addicted to drink and has done no work for two years, and is likely to become insolvent. She believes he is using the rents for his own purposes. She asks that he be compelled to file an account, pay over what is due and that he be removed from his trust.

The suit of Stephen Sintay against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is on trial before Judge Stowe. Sintay was a | Phone 1186. passenger on a train going from Hazlewood to Marion station. He had a dispute with the conductor about the fare and was ejected

from the train. He claims that the train was running rapidly and he was severely injured. The conductor claimed that Sintay only paid his fare to Laughlin station, and refused to pay the extra nickel to go to

SUIT CLUB MEN ON TRIAL

Some Interesting Suits On In the Criminal Branch of Court.

In the Criminal Court, yesterday, the case of the American Suit Company, the members of which are charged with violating the Lottery Act, was taken up before Judges McClung and Porter. The defendants were B. T. Hatton, H. V. Hatton, D. C. Porter, J. K. Dixson, T. M. Knight and A. A. Bottomfield. No witnesses were called and the facts in the case were agreed upon by the attorneys on both sides and submitted to the court. Mr. Patterson attorney for the prosecution read the lottery act of 1860. He then recited the Suit Company's method of doing business. A club of 38 persons was formed. The first week each paid in \$1 and there was a drawing. One men drew a suit and dropped out of the club. The next week those remaining had a drawing and so on for 38 weeks and all had suits. The name of each one taking a risk was written on a slip and all were shaken up in a basket. The name drawn was the suit that week. Attorney Carpenter and Hay for the defense admitted the facts as stated by the common-wealth. The case was continued until to-

Patrick Rooney and Hugh McDermott, of Centerville, were tried for malicious mischief and assault and battery on informa-tion of Mr. Shields. They were acquitted of assault and battery, but convicted of malicious mischief. They were sentenced 10 days to jail.

John Kelly was convicted of a serious charge on information of Ann Garrity. insel moved for a new trial. A nolle pros was allowed in the case of Thomas Elwood, charged with assault and battery on his sister-in-law, Mary E. El-

PLEADS FOR HER BOY.

Mrs. Salmon Wants Possession of Her Nine

Year-Old Son. A hearing was had before Judge Kennedy vesterday in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Mrs. Susan Salmon to obtain possession of her 9-year-old son. Mrs. Salmon and her husband. John B. Salmon. have separated, and a divorce suit is pending. He is a resident of the Southside and is employed in Jones & Laughlin's mill, She asserts that some time ago he took the boy away from her and put him in the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum. Another son, older than this one, is in Morganza. She claimed that the father got drunk and abused and neglected his family, and that she provided for the boy until his father took him away. The boy has now been in the asylum nine months.

Salmon denied his wife's charges, and as-

serted that she was not a fit person to have charge of a child. He claimed she was not faithful, and produced several witnesses. They, however, could not testify as to any acts of wrongdoing on the part of Mrs. Salmon. Judge Kennedy held the case under advisement.

Says He Was Falsely Arrested.

The jury is out in the case of M. W. Watson against Joseph Overy. The case is an action for damages for alleged false arrest. Overy had Watson arrested on a charge of receiving stolen goods. The articles claimed to have been st-lan were pieces of oil well pipe. Watson was discharged and sued for damages.

Tardy Jurymen Lectured.

Three of the four jurors who were absent from Common Pleas No. 1 Tuesday appeared in court yesterday. They were leeured by Judge Stone and resumed their duties as jurors. The officer with the at-tachment for Jacob Friday returned the writ, with the statement that Mr. Friday had gone South,

To-Day's Trial Lists.

Lake vs Haywood et al.; Fisher vs Monongabela Connecting Railway Company: gabela Connecting Railway Company; Hunter & Son vs Dias: Clemenger et al vs Baden Gas Company; Maloy vs Richard-son; Kannofsky vs Carroll; McKay vs Trainor: Kammerer vs Hanna; Shepard vs Heselbarth; Tilson vs Gotly; Reilly vs. Sullivan; Clay vs Carroll Porter Boiler and Tank Company; Miller et al vs Miller & Sons; Jagecluski vs Citizen's Traction Com-pany.

Common Pleas No. 2-Kane vs Faulkner; Hammer vs Shomaker; Douthett vs Nesbitt; Miller vs Boehm; Wehner vs Heck; Walter & Miller vs Boehm; Wehner vs Heck; Walter & Rowlands vs Greissel; Mursch et al vs Moorhend, McCleane & Co.: Finley vs West; Dolan vs Wiley; Cooper vs Hastings; Dane et ux vs Borough of Etna: Bailey vs Fownes et al. Criminal Court—Commouwealth vs Joseph Dawson. Chade Coyle, Hugh Parker, W. H. Lovell, George Wilson, alias Anderson, John Brown, Peter Barnhart, Isaac Friedman, Dudley Malia, Hugh Canfield, Charles Kestner, Molie Lyons, Annie Schatchwright, Mike Dickson, Bertram Eppa et al., Charles Bushman, alias Lindsay, John Koffscoff, Andrew Trainor, William Roedler, Thomas Lee, Val Lee, Thomas Pearl, Mike Pearl, E. W. Finn, P. Brunioz, Joseph Denmo, Tony Vevell, D. Silvage, William Pritchard, Chris Biers, Lena Biers, J. H. Snousier, William Gook, H. Crytzer, F. Traska, Thomas Keegan, George Westorn.

Minor Court Matters.

In the suit of Morris Baer against S. A. Cosgrave an action on a note, a verdict was given for \$3,221.87 for the plaintiff.

THE suit of W. C. Prosser against Fred Herrold, to recover for an ice machine sold to the defendant, is on trial before Judge In the suit of Diana James against Verona

grough, to recover damages for injury to property, caused by grading, a verdict was given for the defendant. THE suit of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurnce Company against L. R. Stayton, to re-

cover for alleged violation of contract, is still on trial before Judge Magee. In the suit of Mrs. Julia Post against the West Penn Railroad Company for damages for injury to her property in Sharpsburg, caused by water running into the cellar, a verdict was given for the defendant.

In the suit of H. A. Weaver & Co. against T. A. Blackmore to recover commissions for the sale of real estate a verdict was given yesterday for \$993 75 for the plaintiff Executions to the amount of \$2,138 50 were sued yesterday against Fred Tress, a

Smithfield street saloon keeper. George H. Bennett & Bros. Issued a writ for \$1,072 and C. & F. H. Bruening a writ for \$1,965 50. THE suit of George E. Corbett against G. A. Cochrane, a contractor, is on trial before Judge White. Corbett is a messenger and on one his trips fell into an excavation made by Cochrane and was terribly injured. In the United States Circuit Court yesterday a suit in ejectment was entered by the Allegheny Valiey Railroad Company against J. F. Reed and E. A. R. Clark, to obtain pos-session of an acre of land in Clearfield

WILLIAM BOST and wife and Valentine Bost and wite, doing business as flost Bros., grocers and hardware dealers at No. 518 Eighth avenue, Homestead, yesterday made a voluntary assignment to William Sherwin, for the benefit of creditors.

THE testimony in the divorce case of John Kilpatrick against Vernia Kilpatrick was filed yesterday. They were married in 1884 and separated a year and a haif aro. He is a teamster and lives at Negley's Run. She lives on Fourth street, Homewood. The husband charges unfaithfulness, and there is no defense.

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THE M'DONALD FIELD.

Gartland & Hays Get Another Good Well on the Miller Farm.

THE ELLIOTT FARM WELL SHOT,

But Failed to Respond to the Action of the Nitro-Glycerine.

TWO WILDCAT WELLS REPORTED DRY

were several interesting occurrences in the McDonald field yesterday. The No. 1 well of Gartland & Havs, on the Miller farm, was agitated and increased its production from 80 to 160 barrels an hour. Their No. 3, on the same farm, reached the fifth sand early yesterday morning, and is putting out 75 barrels an hour. Greenlee & Forst's big well on the Mevey farm has increased to 400 barrels an honr from 350. Guffey, Murphy & Co. put a 120-quart shot into their No. 2 on the Elliott farm, but failed to improve it. It will be a small producer. W. P. Rend's well at the Laurel Hill coal mines, about which there have been so many conflicting which there have been so many conflicting reports, is making by actual guage 7 barrels

Records of the Wells.

McDonald—The drill is on top of the fifth sand in W. P. Black & Co.'s No. 1 on the McNall lot. It is showing for a fair well. Their well on the Crooks lot is making 15 barrels an hour, and their George lot well 200 barrels a day. The well on the Springer lot is doing 100 barrels a day from the Gordon sand. On the Santers lot, which is situated near the Nickel Plate coal dump, Jamison lot is pumping 150 barrels a day. They are drilling at 1,200 feet on the Chartier lot, and at 700 feet on the Thomasy four

acres.
The Devonian Oil Company's No. 2, on The Devonian Oil Company's No. 2, on the Fayall farm, at McDonald, is drilling in the Gordon sand, and will be in fifth sand early next week. Their No. 3 Fayall is drilling at 200 feet, and No. 4 is in the salt sand. They are still fishing at their No. 2 on the J. H. Roff farm. This well is located only 200 feet south of the big Mary Robb well. They are also fishing in their Robb well. Robb well. They are also fishing in their No. 1 on the Elliott farm, northeast of the Mary Robb. It is down to the Gordon Their No. 2 Elliott is drilling at

Liggett & Haymaker were in the Gordon sand on the Toward lot yesterday and had shut down to make connections. It is 1,500 feet north east of the Cook lot well. Thompson, Haymaker & Co. on the Tourney property are down 1,900 feet. Liggett & Haymaker are 1,850 feet deep on the Banpree lot. Their well on the Hoffman lot is 1,600 feet deep. It is in the eastern limits of Me-Donald borough. Their Bess lot well is 700 feet deep.

One Year Old Yesterday. McCurdy—It was a year age yesterday that John M. Patterson struck the pay in his wildcat well on the old McCurdy farm, and gave to the oil producing world the field which bears the name of the property on which his venture was located. Within the year thousands of acres have been punctured by the drill and hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil have been brought to the surface. The pioneer well of the field, the old McCurdy No. 1, is yet making 110 barrels a day and altogether has produced in the neighborhood of 160,000 has produced in the neighborhood of 160,000 barrels and Patterson & Jones producing wells in this field are their Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, McCurdy, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Lloyd farm; No. 1 on the Finch; No. 1 on the Adams heirs, and No. 1 on the Harbison. They are drilling five wells at present. N. 1 on the Shaffer is 1,75) feet deep and in the 100-foot. No. 2 Shaffer will be eased through the salt sand to-day. No. 1, Kelso, is down 1,100 feet; No. 2, 1,300 feet, and No. 3, 1,000 feet. W. L. Mellon & Co. are down 1,500 feet in their No. 1 their No. 1, on the Mertz farm. Their No. 2, on the same farm, is down 1,100 feet and in the salt sand. No. 3, Mertz, was cased at 1,100 feet yesterday. No. 4 is down 1,000 feet, and they are rigging up at No. 5 on the Mertz. Mellon & Co.'s No. 2, on the Neeley farm, is 1,500 feet deep. No. 1, owing to bad luck, is down only 500 feet. They have a rig building for No. 3, and No. 4 has been cased through the salt sand at 1,100 feet.
No. 5 Neeley is on top of the salt sand, and
the rig is now being built for No. 6. Sparks, Carver & Co.'s No. 1, on the Hughes lot, will be cased through the salt sand to-day, and their well on the McHenry lot is down 1,200 feet. The latter is on the southwest corner of the John Moore farm, and the former on the sonth-west corner of the same property. The Devonian Oil Company is drilling two wells on the Boice farm. No. 1 is down

900 feet and No. 2 500 feet. The Forest Oil Company is doing an immense amount of work in the field. They are down 1,800 feet in their No. 1 on the J. W. Neeley farm. No. 2 Shaffer is 1,900 feet deep, No. 2 300 feet, No. 3 1,100 feet, No. 5 1,100 feet, No. 6 1,550 feet, No. 7 900 No. 5 1,100 feet, No. 6 1,550 feet, No. 7 900 feet, No. 8 400 feet, No. 4 has a fishing job and they are spudding in their Nos. 10 and 11 on the Neeley. Their No. 2, on the E. Wright, has reached a depth of 1,200 feet. They have abandoned their No. 1, on the J. N. Ewing, while No. 2 is still fishing on top of the fifth sand. No. 3 is down 1,000 feet. They are 1,850 feet deep in their No. 1, on the James Walker farm. No. 1 James McGregor is down 1,000 farm. No. 1 James McGregor is down 1,000 feet; No. 1 Margaret McGregor is drilling at 400 feet. James McGill No. 1 is 1,100 feet deep, and rigs were building for Nos. 2 and 3. The same is building a rig for No. 1 on the William McGill, and for No. 1 on

the Camp farm; also on the Joseph Sturgeon and the Robert McClelland farms. Back of Noblestown.

The Forest Oil Company reached the Gordon sand in their No. 2 Herron yester-day. It is half a mile southwest of the Mathews. Their No. 3 Herron is down 1,500 feet; No. 4, 1,200 feet, and No. 5, 200 feet. Their No. 1 P. W. Glenn is drilling at 1,450 feet and a rig is building for No. 2. No. 1, on the Etta Glenn, is 1,500 feet deep and No. 1 J. M. Glenn is down 1,100 feet.

They Found a Dust Pile. MANSFIELD-The wildcat venture of Calhoun, Patterson & Co. is dry. It is located on the Holmes farms, on Cabell's run, one mile west of Mansfield.

2 o'clock vesterday afternoon it was 16 feet in the last sand and had not a showing of

oil.

What the Wells Are Doing. The production of the McDonald field The production of the McDonald field has dropped off at least 1,000 barrels in the last 24 hours. The following is a correct hourly guage of the big wells: Forst & Greenlee's No. 1 Mevey, 250; Guffey, Jennings, Murphy & Co's. No. 1 Mathews, 225; their Bell No. 1, 95; Herron No. 1, 40; Baldwin No. 1, 125; Guffey, Murphy & Co.'s No. 1 Elliott, 125; Woodland Oil Company's No. 1 Gamble, 45; Guickert & Steele's No. 1 Meyey, 75; Gartland & Hay's No. 1 o. 1 Mevey, 75; Gartland & Hay's No. 1 Miller, 160; No. 2, 20; Royal Gas Com-pany's No. 1 Mary Robb: Sauters & Co., 35; Lecompe & Vallilee's Short lot, 35; and the Wheeling Gas Company's Cook lot well, 20

barrels an hour. Another Wildcat Well

The Haymakers are ready to start to drill on the McConagley farm, two-and-half miles southwest of McDonald. This well is on a 45 degree line from the northeast to the southwest which commences at the old Ebenezer well in McCurdy, the largest in that field, and passes through the Gamble, that field, and passes through the Gamble, Mathews and Baldwin wells to the southwest and Mellon, Wilson and Sparks well on the McCarty farm, a mile cast of Primrose, which is making 80 barrels a day from the Gordon sand, is just 75 rods west of this line by actual measurement. No fifth sand was found in the McCarty well.

Work in an Old Field. TURKEYFOOT-This little field is not yet dead by any means. It might be said to be

unwilling to drill at the present price of oil. The Devonian Oil Company is drilling a well on the Freshwater farm. It is only down a few hundred feet. The same company has one drilling on the Warwick farm at 200 feet. The last well which they completed on the Warwick farm produces 20 barrels of oil every day.

Drilled a Dry Wildcat. STEUBENVILLE—The Haymaker Bros. have just completed a well seven miles southwest of this place and 2½ miles southwest of Brilliant. It is dry. They got 38 feet of a very inferior sand, which was struck at a depth of 1,564 feet. They were induced to drill this well by the knowledge gained from the record of the well which was drilled on Rush run a couple of years ago by Underwood, Vande grift & Co. In the latter well they got 50 feet of fine Berea grit and just a showing of oil. The Haymaker well was located 13/2 miles west of a northeast line from the Rush run well.

The Markets Yesterday. The price opened off I cent from the close

of the previous day on information that the Murphy well at McDonald had come in with 45 barrels an hour. It was subsequently shut down. The market rallied afterward shut down. The market rallied afterward on a moderate buy ng pressure, November ciosing \(\frac{3}{2} \) better than the opening, with considerable trading. Cash was 61\(\frac{3}{2} \) 608-608. November opened at 62\(\frac{3}{2} \), highest 63\(\frac{3}{2} \) 608-63. Refined at New York advanced to 6.3\(\frac{3}{2} \) 63, and was steady and unchanged elsewhere. Daily average runs, 10.88\(\frac{3}{2} \) dily average shipments, 94,93\(\frac{3}{2} \).

OIL CITY, Oct. 7.—National Transit certificates opened at 62\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; sales, 145,000 barrels; shipments, 108,855 ourrels; runs, 112,88\(\frac{3}{2} \) barrels; clearances, 600,000 barrels.

BRADFORD, Oct. 7.—National Transit certificates opened at 62\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; clearances, 184,000 barrels; clearances, 600,000 barrels.

BRADFORD, Oct. 7.—Petroleum quiet: S. W., 110\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; clearances, 184,000 barrels.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 7.—Petroleum quiet: S. W., 110\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; clearanced \(\frac{3}{2} \) c; cicaranced \(\frac{3}{2} \) c; cicaranced \(\frac{3}{2} \) c; and closed stendy. Pennsylvania oil, spot, opened at 20\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; lowest, 62\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; closenting, 62\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; lowest, 62\(\frac{3}{2} \) c; lowes on a moderate buying pressure, November

PLENTY OF NATURAL GAS.

The Companies all Feel Confident of a Good Supply.

Shortages of gas were reported in one of two places yesterday, but the cause must have been of local origin, as officials of the companies declared the supply was up to the average. At this period of the year householders begin to grow anxious as to the winter's supply and need but little provocation, such as for instance, a disarrangement of the pipes. to set up a cry about failure. There are two ends to every story, as there are to this; it is a matter of paying as there are to this; it is a matter of paying your money and taking your choice. Gas officials say the supply is up to the average of former years, and that the supply of gas this winter will be ample. A Philadelphia Company official said that they were quite satisfied when the pressure of gas down town measured six ounces as it did yesterday. He said there was no question of the amount of gas in the McGahey field, and he considered the prospects for a winter's supconsidered the prospects for a winter's sup-ply were, if anything, better than last years' Joseph N. Pew, President of the Peoples. Natural Gas Company, said that there was a slight shortage in their supply due to an accident to one of the pumps. This would be soon remedied. Two new pumps were being added, and altogether he reported the prospective supply for the winter as being up to that of last year.

A MONUMENT TO SHERMAN.

The Society of the Army of the Tennessee Takes the Initial Steps.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7 .- The Society of the Army of the Tennessee, of which the late General Sherman was so long president, met here to-day. In calling the meeting to order Colonel James A. Sexton, Vice President of the Society, referred feelingly to the death of the old hero.

Subsequently, on motion of General Granville M. Dodge, of New York, who is generally spoken of as General Sherman's successor, the following committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for a month ment to the memory of their distinguished comrade: General G. M. Dodge, Colonel J. F. Howe, Colonel N. D. Leggett, G. B. Raum and General A. Hickenlooper. The place at which the monument is to be erected is left undecided. The society as a body subscribed \$500 toward the memorial.

Kissed by a Bit of Cold Lead. A flobert rifle in the hands of Miss Alice Morehead, of 125 Denniston avenue, was accidentally discharged yesterday, and a young man named McCollough was shot in

the upper lip, but not seriously injured. Grand Autumn Excursion to Lloydsville via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On Saturday, October 10, 1891, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces a se-lect excursion to Rhododendron Park at Lloydsville, Pa., which will afford a rare chance to see the mountains in all the glory of autumn foliage. This will also create an opportunity for a teachers' holiday.

Excursion tickets will be sold from points mentioned below, and special train will run

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Returning, special will leave Lloydsville P. M., making same stops. Tickets will be good to return until 11th inclusive, and good to stop off at Altoona on return trip.

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HE WANTS THE TAXES EQUALIZED.

tions Should Differ. SOME OF THE INEQUALITIES SHOWN

sioner Mercer and Chief Clerk Siebert and enunciated at the late convention of County Commissioners from all over the State were given the benefit of a practical test there is no doubt that county debts would soon be wiped out, and that many whose taxes are now a burden would find them lowered by equalization. It will require the hardest kind of work to secure men of sufficient standing, as well as honesty, to effect the reform, not that Assessors are essentially dishonest and sinners beyond all other men; but simply that they are human and like office even though it may not pay more than \$2 a day, and the assessed are not any more honest than they ought to be, and as long as their ox is not gored they will sit calmly and see injustice done. The triennial assessment will be made in a few weeks and it is pertinent to call attention at this time to some glaring abuses that ought not to be allowed to be perpetrated. As Mr. Mercer said at the convention, it is not only necessary that County Commissioners should be honest, but also that they know their business and know when to send an assessor walking and force him

to do honest work. It is also necessary that

the Commissioners have the courage to

force a sycophantic or dishonest assessor

to do his work.

ASSESSMENTS ARE MISLEADING. Mr. Mercer calls attention to a species of rascality in which there is at present no profit, and which seems to be maintained either through ignorance or apathy, and it is misleading to those who would like to form an approximate estimate of the land value of the State from assessment returns. Once the State laid a tax on real estate, and County Commissioners, in order to cheat the State, would direct the assessors to value land at one-third, one-half or two-thirds of its value. The cause of it was something like this: For instance, Alle-gheny County Commissioners would discover that Westmoreland county had been assessed at but one-third of its value, while Allegheny county had been assessed at one-half. They would call the attention of the assessors to the fact that Allegheny county had been gouged by being made to pay more than its share of State tax. Accordingly to get even, the next year Allegheny county valuations would be pulled down, and as the aggregate pull would be much greater than Westmoreland the latter would get the worst of it. In this unchristian-like way the counties clawed at each other's throats By and by, however, and a good many years ago, too, the State ceased to tax real estate, but still the partial valuation plan was followed and is still, and so many counties are assessed at one-third, one-half, two-thirds, three-fourths and at full rates. The old iniquitous system still exists in rudimentary form just as some unused parts of the human body do, though they have ceased to perform their functions for, perhaps, a thousand generations or more.

HOW THE OLD PLAN WORKED. The following table shows the work of the old system, while the cutthroat motive that

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| Indiana 15 | 5 | York full 3% |

Jefferson 1/2 10 This is not a survival of the fittest, but of what is not a survival of the fittest, but of what is now an absurdity, originally conceived in sin and born in iniquity.

"If you are skeptical on the subject," continued Mr. Mercer, "come with me and I will show you on the assessment books of the county better evidence to substantiate

the doctrines of original sin and total de-pravity than possessed by John Calvin and all others of his school combined. There is rascality practiced, not against the State. but by one borough against another, one township against another, and one neighbor against another. In the cities it is played in another way. Some people pay taxes and others do not, as they have a way of escaping, and there is also discrimination in valuation, but this phase is not so glaring as in the rural regions. In a borough not a dozen miles from the city live two property owners adjoining. One is a woman, and, like the locomotive, she cannot vote. The other is an astute politician, and can not only vote but can hustle politi-The woman owns four lots, worth probably at full value \$1,500. She also has two houses, one brick and the other frame. She has no occupation tax assessed against her, and her total valuation is \$1,325. This s probably one-third of the actual value of

her property.
"The reader will probably say or think that this woman has no reason to kick. But she has, and here is the proof of it, and if any doubting Thomas wants to bet a sum worth talking about that she has not he can be accommodated, and even get odds of 2

PROTECTED BY THE ASSESSORS

"Her neighbor, the political hustler, has 44 lots and one house and a stable. His improvements are probably worth half those of the lady, say \$1,000, which is far within the mark. He has several corner lots that are worth, according to the way property sells in the borough, \$1,000 each, and all his lots if sold under the hammer will bring at a low estimate \$200 apiece, or \$8,800, and the whole, with improvements, would be considered a gilt-edged bargain by any real estate dealer in this city at \$10,000. Thus Thus the woman who cannot vote and has no political influence has her property assessed at one-third of its actual value, and that of the man who can vote and has political influence has his assessed at less than venth of its value at a forced sale. eight acres are assessed as agricultural land. though it is for sale in lots and is not farmed save for a garden patch, and assessed at \$93 an acre, while hers is assessed at about \$750 an aere. In a township adjoining that is exclusively agricultural, land within a mile is assessed at \$225 and \$275 an aere. This system does not cheat the State, but it does cheat some citizens of the county.

"Such discrepancies may be found all over the country, and men who consider themselves not only good citizens, but good Christians as well, will cut the throat of any assessor who dares to do his sworn duty. Is it any wonder that some weak as-sessors are afraid to do their duty? As they will be confronted next year by the com-missioners with a record of sales in their respective localities, there is likely to be some conflict between conscience and

"If you extend your research among nonproperty holders, it will probably astonish you to find how many people are able to live in clegant leisure, and who, according THSU I to the sworn returns of the assessors, have

but \$2,000 to \$3,000 drawing interest, and have no real estate. In this matter it is impossible, of course, for assessors in many cases to be able to ascertain the truth, but that excuse will not hold in the case of lands and houses. You cannot always locate a dog, and so the killed sheep and school fund may invariably suffer, but you can locate houses and lands."

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