

A DECADE HEREIN

Gained at Meadville That May Upset the Case of the Prosecution.

AN INVENTORY RULED OUT

On Which the Lawyers Relied to Sustain Their Charge of Fraud.

HELPLESS AND ALONE IN A HUT.

The Pitiable Case of a Stranger Found Near Beaver Falls.

NEWSY NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

MEADVILLE, Feb. 12.—All the various powers of the prosecution are being brought to bear on the celebrated case of Murray versus Delamater & Co., as the fate of a score of suits hinges on this one.

The first witness called today was W. S. Murray, the ostensible prosecutor. His testimony dealt entirely with the different depositions he had made up to and including the day before the bank was closed.

The next name called was that of James E. McFarland, Jr., bookkeeper for the bank at the time of the failure. There was no answer to the call, which was twice repeated. He is badly wanted to answer certain vital questions regarding the finances of the bank at the time of the failure.

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MEADVILLE, Feb. 12.—The defense attorneys have followed the opposing counsel, the prosecution demanding emphatically that an attachment be issued by the court to compel the bookkeeper's attendance, and the defense strenuously insisting that this was not necessary.

Finally, on a promise by the defense that McFarland would be produced at the proper time the matter was dropped temporarily. Victor Delamater was then called by the prosecution to assist in proving depositions, the evident intention being to make out the prosecution's case that the bank was insolvent when depositions were taken.

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Placerville, Pa., by a broken rail, caused the instant death of Engineer Dave Griffith and Fireman John McNeary, and the fatal injury of Brakeman C. Bennelield. Twelve cars were wrecked and the engine was ditched.

MURPHY CHARGES REPEATED.

Gaut, the Alleged Incendiary, Tells His Story on the Stand.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 12.—The testimony for the prosecution closed in the Gaut case at noon with the evidence of Constable Over, of Irwin. He stated that Gaut had given him \$50 to give Hyatt, and if the latter accepted it he was to have a good case against Hyatt for blackmail.

The afternoon Senator Robbins opened the case for the defense, the first witness being the defendant, W. R. Gaut. He told a straightforward story, and every effort of the prosecution to rattle the young man failed.

Gaut emphatically denied that he had anything to do with the burning, and said that Constable Over came to him while he was in his room, and taking him into a private car in a hotel in Irwin, told him that Detective Murphy of Pittsburgh had employed him (Over) on the arson case, and that Murphy had told him he was after Gaut in order to make a case for insurance company.

Over told him, "I am sure," continued Gaut, "that he respected Hyatt of the burning, but that Detective Murphy said he didn't care who burned, but he would give me \$100,000, if I would give to Hyatt, because the constable had told him they wanted Hyatt to stay in Irwin, and they would have to pay him to do so, and I would have to give to Hyatt and the neighborhood, who testified as to the uniform good character of the defendant."

THREE DAYS IN A HUT.

A Man Lying Helpless With a Broken Leg With No One to Aid Him.

BEAVER FALLS, Feb. 12.—[Special.]—Late yesterday afternoon, a man was passing an old deserted stone quarry near Homewood, he heard moans issuing from an old hut. Inwood found a man lying in a corner on the ground, with his leg broken in two places. The unfortunate man was removed to Inwood's home nearby. When he was recovered somewhat he told a startling story.

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WE WON'T GET MIKE.

New York Magnates Now Desire to Buy the Only Kelly.

A BREAK IN THE ATHLETIC UNION.

Franklin Breeders Pay \$50,000 for Three Young Palo Alto Horses.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Pittsburgh's chances of getting Mike Kelly are very, very slim, as it is almost certain that he will be signed by the New York club. Pittsburgh has offered him a figure of \$100,000, but it is almost certain that he will be signed by the New York club.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York club was held last evening, and J. R. Day was re-elected President. Mr. Spalding did not retire, but his secretary, Mr. White, was made Secretary of the club. This is thought to be significant.

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If both horses do well, as seems almost certain, said he, "they will trot not one, but three matches next summer, meeting first at Independence, Allerton's home, in August; at Terre Haute, Axtell's home, in September; and at Lexington, neutral ground, in October. I think Allerton will win two or three of the races, because he is mine, and a great horse, but I don't expect to get them."

"But Axtell can trot faster than his record, makes a very good horse. I know that, but I shall train and drive Allerton."

Budd Doble, who owns an interest in the track, will train and drive him. The races will attract more attention than any trotting events of late years. Both horses are 6 years old, both great trotters, both were owned by Williams, and both are by sons of George Wilkes, owner of the famous Mambrino Boy. Williams sold Axtell for \$105,000 and Allerton is without price.

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Yesterday, at the head of a posse, the Sheriff started for a locality near the State line, where he was informed the gang had been located. Arriving at the place a lone member, William Turner, held the fort, and, overpowered by superior force, Turner surrendered without a struggle. Today he was brought here and lodged in jail, but through his attorney he secured a writ of habeas corpus and is now out on bail.

Samuel McGee, of this place, going on his mission, is a conspicuous member of the gang, and has figured prominently in several exploits during the past year.

Some of Turner's exploits. He, with a number of others, it is said, several months ago, beat and robbed old man Love near Haydentown. Love declared he could positively identify Turner, but the latter escaped arrest until today, although his name has been mentioned frequently in connection with depredations along the State line and in West Virginia. He is considered one of the most able-bodied men in the State, and has come off victorious in many a rough-and-tumble. Several years ago he had a fight with two blacksmiths in Greene county, and though six times in different places, he "dones up" his men.

The capture of Turner has brought out the fact that there is not a man in this district who has seen Frank Cooley, Jack Cooley or any prominent member of the Cooley gang for several days, and it is authoritatively stated to-night that the Cooleys have fled the county for good. It is not known where they have fled, but they are believed to have entered West Virginia again owing to the feeling there against them.

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