

GOT HIS GOOD MONEY.

An Erie County Man Insists He Was Robbed by the Old Style

GREEN GOODS CONFIDENCE GAME.

Sudden End to a Suit for Damages Against a Lunatic's Estate.

THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY COURTS

The trial of U. B. Lowe, charged with devising a scheme and artifice to defraud C. Sweetland by opening a correspondence with him through the postoffice, took up the greater part of yesterday in the United States District Court.

The witnesses in the case and the principals are mostly from Erie county and in and about the vicinity of Corry. Clark Sweetland is a farmer living near Lake Pleasant, and in March, 1891, was swindled to the extent of \$530 by the alleged U. B. Lowe. This transaction is said to have been accomplished at Jamestown, N. Y. The testimony of Sweetland tells the tale of his trouble better than the allegations in the indictment, and it occupied almost the entire day.

The preliminaries of the trial were arranged in the morning. The defendant had as his counsel ex-Senator O. G. Allen, of Warren, and ex-Congressman S. M. Brainard, of Erie. District Attorney Lyon and his assistant, Mr. Williams, conducted the prosecution.

Sweetland's Tale of Troubles.

Sweetland was called to the stand in the afternoon. He lives near Lake Pleasant, and, as his testimony relates, he met Lowe on the road to Corry during the early part of March, 1891. Lowe pulled a \$5 bill from his pocket and told him that he was "in that kind of business." Lowe said: "How does that suit you? If you want anything to do with it come to my house."

"I met him in Corry at the depot," said Sweetland, "and we had a conversation. He gave me a \$10 bill as a sample of his money, and said that there was an over-issue of certain money by Government clerks, and that it could easily be had and as easily disposed of. I took the bill and was told by Lowe to take it to any bank and see if it would not be accepted. He then told me he would furnish me with \$500 in the same way, but he gave me as a sample, and at three different banks I was told that it was good and that I could get \$100 for it if I wished. I kept the bill and marked it. After I had gone home I showed it to Frank Avery, a friend of mine, received prior to this a letter which I knew was from Lowe. I got the letter at the postoffice. The letter is as follows:

"Corry, March 17, 1891. "Wilson writes me that he was called home by telegram and he will be here in a few days. I think I can help you buy \$500 of goods if you will come to my house Sunday next. I will get you a bill for \$500. I will be home at 10 o'clock. L. B. Lowe."

Sweetland Lost His Money.

"This letter I got after I had been to the banks with the bill. I met Lowe before I received it and he said he had written a letter to me. I told him I had not gotten it. I then went to the postoffice and it was there. After other arrangements I started to Jamestown, where I was to meet Lowe and get the money he spoke of. I had \$20 when I left home. At Corry I met him and we proceeded to Jamestown. At a hotel where we stopped he registered and told me to say my name was S. S. Smith. When we got to the clerk's desk he asked, 'What is your name?' I replied as he directed and he then signed my name. He took me to a room and locked the door. Early in the evening he admitted a man whom I had never seen. He said the man and Lowe told me to give him my money and Giggins would go out and get the money for me. I went to work to get my money. We went out and I commenced to drink a little. I had not taken much and returned with them to my room. I laid down on the lounge and fell into a doze. When I got up, Lowe was in the room with me, but Giggins had gone. I felt in my pocket for my money, but it was gone. I said, 'Mr. Lowe, you have robbed me.' He said, 'No, your money is all right and I told me that when I got straightened up the money would be returned. We started home together, catching the morning train. He left me at Corry, and I went out to Lake Pleasant. I didn't get my money back. Mr. Lathrop and I were together to get the \$2,000; \$500 of the \$500 we borrowed from Mr. Bilsby."

Wouldn't Know a Counterfeit Bill.

On cross-examination Sweetland denied that he had ever been in the green goods business himself. He admitted that Lowe had told him the bill he gave him was not counterfeit. This bill had been shown at the Corry National Bank, the Citizens' Bank and the Union Bank at Union, Pa. The way he marked the bill was by writing the number 100 on the back of it. He said he frequently marking it with red ink. He left it then with Mr. Spruill. He denied that he gave it to Spruill. He said he was in the present proceedings to secure a large sum of money from him. The witness denied this, and also denied that he had ever told Mrs. Griffiths, a boarding house keeper, that he would make money out of Mr. Lowe and that a letter he had was worth \$1,000. He was also asked: "Didn't you accuse Wilson with being in conspiracy with Lowe to do you out of money?" "I did," replied Sweetland. "The witness did not know whether or not Lathrop's name was mentioned by Lowe. The last admission was given by the witness before he was permitted to retire. He said that he proposed to pass the money he was to get from Lowe. Thomas Markle testified that in March, 1891, he was clerk in the hotel at Jamestown, where Sweetland says he was residing. The witness remembered the occurrence of a man telling another man his name was S. S. Smith as they were about to register. The witness could not positively identify yesterday either Lowe or Sweetland, but was almost certain they were the men."

To-Day's Trial Lists.

Common Pleas No. 1—Fox et al vs Duquesne Traction Company; Lynn vs Jackson et al; Undercoff et al vs Weiland et al; Huff vs Helber; Genter vs Rea et al; Camp vs Brown; Toepfer vs Toepfer; Bell vs Pierce; Union Foundry and Machine Company vs George Nemino Crucible Company; Todd vs Second Avenue Passenger Railway Company; Thalmann vs Trustees vs Hirsch. Common Pleas No. 2—Ries et al vs Kiefer; Dickey vs Drake, Stratton & Co.; Wertheimer vs Froquet; Furman vs Company; Jones vs Murray et al; Fleming vs Baden Gas Company; Morzinsky vs Hempary; Lorenzini, administrator, vs Miraglia; Koonberger vs Schubert; Schott, for use, vs Woog; Harrison vs McKeesport borough; Schiote & Meyer vs Bosch.

Common Pleas No. 3—Argument list.

Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Della Cain; John Jenkins, Jr.; Robert Mellon; Lizzie Mellon; William Martin; J. J. Richards; Jacob Galloway; R. J. Schmitt; H. Jones; John Brown; August Danner (2); J. Walker; W. A. Lindsey; W. H. Walker (2); Charles Suter (2); Conrad Reinhardt (2); Richard Kroeson (2).

Work of the United States Grand Jury.

The United States grand jury returned two true bills yesterday. One was against William O. Bedell, who is charged with obstructing an officer of the United States in the execution of a legal warrant. The warrant was issued by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the sale of Bedell's property. R. O. Greener, a deputy collector, was commissioned to attend to it. It is charged that Bedell was prevented by Bedell. The other bill was against Louis Van Houten, of Susquehanna county, who is charged with making a false affidavit to a pension claim.

Acquitted of Moonshining.

The case of the United States vs John H. Miller charged with illicit distilling, was concluded yesterday in the District Court. Miller was acquitted. The testimony for the defense was very favorable and the jury was not long before returning a verdict. Miller's own testimony was that he had Fletcher to work for him, but that he had no interest in the still Fletcher had constructed.

Mollie Fralley Remanded to Mercy.

The jury in the case of Mollie Fralley, who

was tried Wednesday on the charge of infanticide, agreed on a verdict at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They found her guilty of concealing the death of her child and recommended her to the mercy of the Court. The jury was out 24 hours.

STOPPED HIS MOUTH.

Judge White Decides That a Plaintiff Cannot Testify If the Defendant is Unable to Give His Evidence—Peculiar End to a Suit Against a Lunatic.

A non-suit was entered against the plaintiff yesterday in the case of J. B. Poor against J. K. Buchanan, committee of John S. Patterson, a lunatic. The suit was an action for damages for alleged false arrest, Patterson having charged Poor with collecting money for him and not turning it over. Patterson afterward became insane and is now in Dixmore. When the case was on trial before Judge White yesterday, two interesting points which, it is stated, have never been passed upon in this State, were raised. Attorney John Marron represents the plaintiff and Attorneys Buchanan and Garrison the defendant.

South Against a Lunatic. A lunatic, was of course barred from testifying. Mr. Marron called the plaintiff to testify, but Judge White would not allow him to take the stand, as the defendant could not do so. Mr. Marron contended that, though this was the rule in actions on contracts, it did not apply in an action on tort, a suit for damages for injury, etc., and that the plaintiff was entitled to testify. Judge White, however, refused to admit this view of the case. As the plaintiff was the principal witness in evidence in the grand jury in the criminal case and the pleading of the case on Patterson. He contended that that was sufficient to show the falsity of the charges against the plaintiff. The defendant to disprove the plaintiff's claim. Judge White refused to entertain this, as the plaintiff was thus without a case. The non-suit was entered against him. A motion will be made to take off the non-suit, and if it is not allowed the case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

In regard to the matter of plaintiffs and defendants testifying, neither, at one time, under common law, were allowed to testify. An act of Assembly was then passed allowing both to testify. It was amended to provide that if one of the parties to a suit was dead the other could not testify. Another act was then passed providing that in actions on contracts, if one party could not testify, the other could not. The intention was to prevent the jury getting only one side of a story, or the trumping up of suits against dead men, etc.

BENDER ON TRIAL FOR PERJURY.

Ex-Alderman Doughty Leaves the Workhouse to Testify Against Him.

In the Criminal Court yesterday, Lowry Bender was placed on trial before Judge Collier on the charge of perjury. The case is an outgrowth of the famous Bender gang working under Bador, and turned Bender's evidence, testifying against his former associates, including ex-Alderman Doughty. The latter, who was convicted with the others of conspiracy, in November 1888, and sentenced to the workhouse, did not however, commence to serve his sentence until October, 1891, owing to alleged illness. In July, 1891, he made an information against Bender, and had also been sent to the workhouse, charging him with perjury. He alleged that during the hearing in the conspiracy case before Magistrate Hyndman, and in court Bender had testified falsely.

The Hum of the Courts.

J. M. WILLIAMS was acquitted of larceny yesterday.

An application was filed yesterday for the Ter-a-lie-a-Republican Club, of Bradock.

In the case of Mary Getty, who had been convicted of larceny, sentence was suspended on payment of costs.

A VERDICT OF \$300 FOR THE PLAINTIFF WAS GIVEN

in the suit of John Dunlop against H. E. Bateman, an action for rent.

MARY L. MALIA was convicted of obtaining \$400 from H. W. Juergen, a job printer, by representing he had some presses and type to sell.

RUDOLPH and John Detker, for defrauding their boarding house keeper, Mrs. E. A. Ainsworth, 309 Soho street, got three months apiece.

BENJAMIN HUGHES, of the Sixth ward, Pittsburgh, was fined \$500 and sent to the workhouse for four months for selling liquor without license.

The L. D. ROZINSKI and William Berwick, of McKeesport, are on trial on a charge of attempting a criminal operation upon 26-year-old Mary L. Wampler.

A VERDICT OF \$4,500 FOR THE PLAINTIFF WAS GIVEN in the suit of W. E. Pie, receiver of the William Tann Brewing Company, against T. D. Casey, an action on an account.

The jury is out in the case of George Schurz against the Citizens' Traction Company. The suit is for damages for the death of the plaintiff's child, who was run over and killed by a car on Penn avenue.

A ROS SUIT was entered against the plaintiff yesterday in the case of George I. Little against the borough of Sewickley. The suit was for damages for the death of a horse killed by falling into an excavation on a street.

The Tax Court Commissioners yesterday heard appeals from the assessments in Bradock township. The appeals, of which there were a number, were the result of the changes made by the Commissioners in consequence of the complaint of J. B. Corey.

A NON-SUIT was entered against the plaintiff yesterday in the case of Agnes Holzer against the Federal Street and Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway Company, an action for damages for the death of the plaintiff's child, who was run over and killed by a car on East street, Allegheny.

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21 cans pumpkin (2 1/2 cans)..... 1 00
12 cans good table peaches (2 1/2 cans)..... 1 15
12 cans Bartlett pears (2 1/2 cans)..... 1 20
12 cans green grape plums (2 1/2 cans)..... 1 00
3 lbs broken Java coffee..... 1 00
8 lbs broken Rio coffee..... 1 00
8 lbs evaporated blackberries..... 1 00
25 lbs English currants..... 1 00
25 lbs Valencia raisins..... 1 00
12 lbs fancy evaporated peaches..... 1 00
12 lbs fancy evaporated apricots..... 1 00
10 lbs desiccated cocoanut..... 1 00
40 lbs pulled oats..... 1 00
20 lbs pail home made jelly..... 90
20 lbs lima beans..... 1 00
8 cans condensed milk..... 1 00
10 packages best gelatine..... 1 00
10 lbs white sugar..... 1 00
1 wooden pail, two hoops..... 12
1 wooden pail, three hoops..... 14
50 bars best scouring soap..... 1 00
30 bars 5-cent wax soap..... 1 00
50 bars green grape plums..... 1 00
50 bars good scrubbing soap..... 1 00

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PHILADELPHIA, May 5.—(Special.)—The Swell Art Club, of this city, is stirred to its center by serious dissensions, which will, unless quieted by the report of the Committee on Revision of By-Laws, just appointed, cause it to lose all of its artists and be any kind of a club rather than an art club.

"The club has been plunged into extravagances, which its founders never dreamed," declared a prominent artist and club official this evening. "The artists who founded it are being allowed out now by the social element, who have little sympathy with art. Out of the \$50,000 annual income not even one-third, or anything like it, is devoted to the art gallery and art interests. The club has been steadily losing during

the last three years its art character, and the social feature is swallowing up everything."

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