

IN THE JURY'S HANDS.

Awaiting a Verdict in the Trial of George Strasser for THE MURDER OF JOSEPH BRANDL.

Filing a National Plan to Recover a Life Insurance Policy.

THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY COURTS

The jury is out in the case of George Strasser, on trial for the murder of Joseph Brandl. The first witness called yesterday was Joseph Strasser, brother of the prisoner. He corroborated the testimony of the other witnesses for the defense, and said that he had heard his mother call: "Help! help! George, for God's sake, this man is murdering us."

The prisoner's sweetheart, Elvina Brandl, testified that she saw the fight, and heard Mrs. Strasser call for help, and when Strasser came up she heard Brandl say: "Come on, d—n you; I've been anxious to lick you for many a day."

George Strasser, the defendant, was then called. He said he had heard his mother call for help and ran to her assistance; that he had no knife nor any other weapon, and when he came up to where they were Brandl swore at him, and said he had wanted to whip him for a long time, and struck him in the breast.

Killed in the Scuffle. He struck back and Brandl caught him around the neck. They scuffled on the boardwalk while Brandl tripped over a step and fell off the boardwalk, and in falling the knife which Brandl had in his left hand ran into his (Brandl's) side.

Many witnesses testified to the good character of the defendant, and the testimony being concluded, the counsel began their addresses to the jury. J. M. Friedman addressed the jury for the defense. He said that Strasser had simply done his duty by his mother and sister; that Brandl was a dangerous character and might have killed both women had not Strasser protected them. He claimed that Brandl had fallen on his own knife and killed himself, and therefore the defendant should go free.

District Attorney Burleigh dwelt at length on the testimony of Drs. Rosenman and Thomas, who testified that Brandl had many wounds on the head and body, and although none but the stab in the abdomen was fatal, it clearly proved Strasser had a knife and had used it with murderous intent.

The dying statement of Brandl was dwelt upon considerably. Brandl, knowing he was going to die, had sent for a priest, and no man who believed in a God and a hereafter would make such a statement in the face of death.

Judge Kennedy's charge was the ordinary one delivered to juries in murder cases, and the case was given to the jury at 3 o'clock. Five o'clock in the evening was the time set by the judge to receive the verdict, as no agreement had been reached at that hour, 8 o'clock was appointed.

EATEN UP BY MARGINS.

A Speculator on the Chicago Board of Trade Wants His Money Back—Suits to Recover an Oil Lease Royalty—Supreme Court Arguments.

Five cases were argued before the Supreme Court yesterday. The appeal of William E. Smith against F. G. Kammerer & Co., and the Bank of Montreal of the city of Chicago was argued. It is an action on a note for \$2,500. In 1889 the plaintiff employed F. G. Kammerer & Co. to buy and sell for him on the Chicago Board of Trade and deposited with them \$26,000 to cover margins. At the same time he assigned to them as security for the \$26,000 which was deposited in the shape of a 60-day note, a mortgage on 523 acres of land valued at \$5,000. The speculations proved fatal, and the plaintiff instead of realizing from them suffered loss after loss in the shape of credits on his note until the whole amount was wiped out. He filed a bill in the Green county court asking that the note and assignment be set aside, claiming that the Chicago firm cheated him.

An argument was heard in the case of Rulandah Walsh against the London Assurance Association from Venango county. It is an action to recover fire insurance. The appeal of George Kramer against E. C. Wilson a certiorari to the Court of Common Pleas in Jefferson county was argued. It is an action to recover some \$2,000 claimed to be unaccounted for on the sale of land.

An argument was heard in the case of the Janestown and Franklin Railway Company against G. E. Egbert and others. It is an action to recover \$1,300 royalty on an oil lease. The appeal of J. Sweeney against John Baran, Jr., of Venango county, was argued. It is a suit for \$1,000 damages.

The Fence Fell Down. Miss Maggie Johnston entered a suit for \$2,000 damages yesterday against Mrs. A. A. Aldrich, owner of a house on Cliff street, Allegheny, in which the plaintiff resides. On May 13 Miss Johnston and her brother were fencing against a fence along the brow of the cliff, surrounding the property, when it gave way, throwing the plaintiff over the hill a distance of 20 feet. She had one ankle dislocated and was otherwise injured.

To-Day's Trial Lists. Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Stephen Holman, Henry Block, John Dipoll (2), Michael Danks, Edward Humphreys, Joseph Kraus, Patrick Noonan, John Suber, John F. Sweeney, Eugene Scater, John Howard.

The Home of the Courts. CRIMINAL COURT has disposed of 275 cases so far this term. DAVID GOODMAN, secured a verdict for \$11,200 in his case against the Pittsburgh Safe and Lock Company.

A VERDICT FOR \$57.75 was rendered for the plaintiff in the case of Daniel Hill against T. W. and Mary C. Haus, an action on a woman's lien.

Judge Kennedy reconvened court at 8 o'clock last night to receive the verdict if one had been agreed upon. The jury, however, had not reached an agreement and after waiting while court was adjourned until 9:30 this morning.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Remember that President Pena, of Argentina, died yesterday.

—The remains of Ernest Renan were buried yesterday.

—Hot Springs, S. D., reports a shock of earthquake Tuesday evening.

—An Oxford student committed suicide because he failed at examination.

—Five carloads of ore from the Seven Stars Mine have been sold for \$250,000.

—The new guano protocol between Chile and Peru seems to be mutually satisfactory.

—The cruiser Charleston struck bottom in the San Diego harbor, but escaped uninjured.

—Ground has been broken at Edinburg, Ill., for the Chicago and St. Louis Electric Railway.

—The Dead Horn mine in the Cripple Creek district in Colorado has been sold for \$400,000 cash.

—Preparations have been redoubled in Buenos Aires against a possible revolutionary outbreak.

GOOD NEWS FOR MINERS.

A Supreme Court Decision That Will Allow Hydraulic Companies to Start Up Again—The Rich Companies Get the Benefit of the Decision, Though.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—[Special.]—Judge Gilbert, of the United States Supreme Court, to-day rendered a decision which permits the rich hydraulic companies in this State to carry on their mines after lying idle for ten years. The decision is in the case of the United States against the North Bloomfield Gravel Mining Company.

The suit was brought to restrain the company from dumping debris into the Sacramento river, and although it had recently expended \$500,000 in building dams for impounding the debris, the Judge made a personal inspection of the workings of the mine, and in his decision he shows clearly that the methods adopted allow the greater part of the fine soil and gravel in the water to sink to the bottom of the dams.

The water that passes off holds a certain amount of finely pulverized soil in suspension, but this will not be deposited where a river has any current. In the Sacramento this will be carried down to the bay and out into the ocean.

In another case, that of Alfred Laurence, who petitions to have the injunction against his mine modified, the Judge denies his plea on the ground that the wooden dams he has constructed do not do their work. The North Bloomfield Company has built concrete dams with brush tops. This mine is the largest hydraulic mine in the world. Over \$5,000,000 in pipes and machinery have lain idle for ten years, and it will be good news for miners that it will once more start up.

Judge Gilbert's decision practically amounts to this: The rich hydraulic companies can resume work, but the small, poor companies won't be able to construct the proper dams.

A RACE ON THE SOUND. The Relative Merits of Sidewheelers and Twin Screws Tested. NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—A slight rarely witnessed on the waters of Long Island Sound was seen this morning in a race between two of the mammoth steamboats that come to this city. The race was between the Puritan, of the Fall River Line, and the Richard Peck, of the New Haven Line. It was a test between different systems of propulsion, and to determine the relative qualities of the compound engine that goes with the sidewheeler and the modern triple expansion engine that drives the twin screw propeller.

The Puritan is a sidewheeler and the Richard Peck is the first screw steamer to go on service on the Sound. The agents of the Fall River Line sent a challenge to the people of the New Haven Line to test the speed of the fast boats. The challenge was accepted, and it was decided the race should be between a point near Stratford shoals to Fort Schuyler, a distance of 50 miles.

Side by side for many miles the two boats went on gliding up the miles. At length, however, the Peck began to forge ahead. She did not gain rapidly, but steadily the distance between the two boats increased, until, in the gray of the early morning, the white hull of the Puritan was a mile astern. The race was to end at Sands Point, and when the Peck passed that point she was a mile and a half ahead of the Puritan. It was said on board the Peck this morning that during the last hour of the race the Peck ran 25 miles.

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