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ARE NOW DECIDING KOEHLER'S FATE

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THE DEFENDANT TELLS HIS STORY

He Did Not Intend to Kill Keryk, He Says, but Only to Wound Him in the Legs—Strong Closing Pleas by Judge Ward for Defense and District Attorney Jones for Prosecution—Judge Edwards Takes an Hour and a Quarter to Charge Jury.

At 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the fate of Max Koehler was placed in the hands of the jury. The defendant occupied the stand nearly the whole of the morning and the afternoon was taken up by the closing addresses of Judge Ward for the defense and District Attorney Jones, and the charge of Judge Edwards.

Koehler's story was materially the same as that of the preceding witnesses for the defense, the only important variance being his avowal that he did not intend to kill Keryk, but only to shoot him in the legs.

On cross-examination Mr. Jones attempted to show that Koehler has been before the court on several occasions for irregularities in which reckless use of arms, chopping down a door and the like were numbered.

Evidence on the part of the defense was however allowed to show that Keryk had been convicted at the February term, 1896, of aggravated assault and battery.

With this the defense rested. The Commonwealth called a number of Priceburg citizens, including several members of the brass band to which Keryk belonged to show that he was a good, quiet, law-abiding man and that while he might have had an occasional quarrel, which is the rule rather than the exception with those people, this circumstance was not to be taken as an indication of his general character.

NO BACKS TO THE CHAIRS. Mrs. Oponowicz, County Detective Leshon and others were called to prove there were no backs to the three chairs in the room in which the killing took place, which evidence was adduced for the purpose of contradicting the witness for the defense who swore particularly and positively that Keryk, when assaulting Koehler, had hold of the chair by its closing plea at 1.45 and spoke for over an hour, making one of the most eloquent and powerful addresses that a Lackawanna county jury has ever listened to.

It is also set forth that without the defendants charged the plaintiff and his attorney, Cornelius Smith, with libel and caused Mr. Smith to be discharged from practicing in the courts of Lackawanna county.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY. Will Be Celebrated at the Green Ridge Library Tonight.

Tonight there will be an entertainment in honor of Shakespeare at the Green Ridge library. A silver offering will be received at the door for the benefit of the library.

MAJOR OAKFORD IMPROVING. Much Better Last Night, and His Speedy Recovery Expected.

Major James W. Oakford was much improved last night. That everything is favorable to his speedy recovery was indicated by the attending physician, Dr. C. W. Roberts.

Notice. We are still doing business at the same old stand where we have been for twenty-two years past and most respectfully solicit the patronage of the public as heretofore in awnings, tents, flags and all kinds of society goods.

PROF. GILLAN ON WHERE ARE WE AT

Thoughtful Discourse Before Teachers at the City Institute.

WORK DONE DURING THE DAY

Superintendent Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre Schools, Talked About Character Building, and Dr. Bigsby Spoke of Louis the Well-Beloved, of France—There Was Grade Work in the Afternoon and Then Came Prof. Gillan's Lecture.

The institute yesterday was somewhat wearisome but the talks of Deputy State Superintendent Houck brightened things up a bit and Professor S. Y. Gillan's lecture in the afternoon was exceedingly thoughtful.

MR. HOUCK'S REMARKS. When Henry A. Houck, the deputy state superintendent, arose to speak he was greeted with hearty hand-clapping.

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INVESTED WITH A GOLD CROWN. The Celebrated Downis Choir Wins a Great Victory.

News have just been received from Wales that the Downis choir has just won a great victory in an ecclesiastical contest of supreme importance over the Llanelly choir, which is equally as famous in the realms of music.

AND STILL THEY COME. John G. Jennings Brings an Action in Trespass to Recover One Hundred Thousand Dollars Damages.

John G. Jennings yesterday brought another action in trespass. This time he wants to recover \$100,000 damages and names the following as defendants: Lehigh Valley Railroad company, Attorney General Henry C. McCormick, Judge R. W. Archibald, Judge F. V. Gunster, Judge H. M. Edwards, Judge P. P. Smith, ex-Sheriff Charles E. Robinson, ex-Sheriff John J. Ryan, Deputy Prothonotary E. Pryor, Deputy Prothonotary M. Kasson, District Attorney John R. Jones, County Detective Thomas Leshon, ex-County Detective Thomas E. Reynolds, and Attorneys Ira H. Burns, Lemuel Amerman, John G. McCaskie, Everett Warren, Joseph O'Brien, John P. Kelly, Fred W. Fleitz, George M. Watson, Milton W. Lowry, Frank T. O'Neil, J. Alton Davis, H. M. Hannah, William H. Jessup, ex. William H. Jessup, Jr., Alfred Hand, and Horace E. Hand.

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THE OLD SONGS.

Superintendent Houck then spoke. He was sentimental at first, sneaking of the blessedness of old songs in an affecting way, but his natural humor would burst out just at the right time.

THAT TRIP TO NEW YORK. Regimental Order with Reference to It Issued by Colonel Corsean.

The following regimental order with reference to the Thirtieth's trip to New York city has been issued by Colonel Henry A. Courson:

REGIMENTAL ORDER, No. 11. I. As heretofore announced in Regimental Order No. 3, current series, this regiment will participate in the Grand monument inaugural parade in New York city on April 27, 1897.

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WINDOW SHADES—Felt, any color, in 3x4 size, spring rollers, worth 15c, now 10c.

LINEN SHADES—Same size, fast colors, worth 35c, our price 24c.

HOLLAND SHADES—Glazed Olive, same size, in one color, worth anywhere 50c, our price 25c.

POLES AND POLE TRIMMINGS, complete. 19c up.

LINEN SHADES—With fringes. 34c up.

SHELF OIL CLOTH—100 assorted patterns, was 8c yard, our price 4c.

STAIR OIL CLOTH—Many new patterns, 16 inches wide, was 12c yard, our price now 9c.

POTTERS' BEST TABLE OIL CLOTH—14 yards wide, 45 inches, many new patterns, heavy goods, worth everywhere 20c yard, our price now 14c.

FLOOR OIL CLOTH—Good quality, in all widths, new spring rollers, terms now open. Worth 50c yard, our price 29c.

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