

JUDGES HAND DOWN MAJOR OPINIONS

Joseph Jermyn's case Against the School Board. Missed.

PAUPER PARENT ACT PASSED UPON

Rules for New Trials Refused in the Two Big Traction Company Cases, the Marshall-Rice Ejectment Case and a Number of Others--Matters Affecting Many Parts of the County Are Passed Upon--Full List of the Big Rait of Decisions.

That the judges were not idle during the holiday vacation was attested by a cart-load of opinions and orders that came down from the bench on the resumption of court yesterday morning.

Joseph J. Jermyn's petition for a preliminary injunction restraining the board of control from levying taxes on the city assessment was refused by Judge Gunster.

The first local attempt to apply the law requiring children to support their parents was passed upon in an opinion by Judge Gunster.

The two big verdicts secured at the last term of civil court against the traction companies will stand as far as the local courts are concerned.

The rule to strike off appeal was discharged in the case of J. H. Rankin against William Chaffee, Judge Gunster writing the opinion.

The case of Muldoon & Rowe against the city of Scranton was, by agreement, referred to M. J. Martin for adjudication.

Judge Archbald refused the petition of E. K. Hanley for a receiver for the Traders and Bankers' Mutual Life Association.

The rule for a new trial was discharged, and a new trial refused.

The ground for a new trial was that court erred in forbidding the defendant's counsel, E. C. Newcomb, to comment on the fact that the deed which Marshall held was a quit claim deed.

The hearing of Constables' returns took up the remaining portion of the morning.

The following cases were continued: Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company against the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad company.

The case of Louise Lyman against Lewis Smith and others was set down for today.

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Cawley Shean, directing that the rule for a new trial inadvertently discharged Dec. 16 be set aside and the rule for a new trial granted.

The rule to strike off the appeal in the case of H. A. Deputy against Thomas and Ellen Monroe was discharged by Judge Edwards.

The rule for judgment in the case of Charles A. Tobias against Morris J. Davidson was made absolute by Judge Gunster.

Judge Edwards discharged the rule for judgment in the case of the First National bank, of Towanda, against John Quackenbush.

In the case of Arthur Frothingham against D. B. Replogle, the rule to strike off appeal was discharged and the rule to perfect the appeal made absolute by Judge Edwards.

For the reason that the evidence failed to establish a ground for equitable relief, Judge Gunster discharged the rule to quash the writ of attachment execution in the case of Thomas Henry against Thomas W. Thomas.

A rule was granted on J. A. Dolphin to show cause why he should not be removed from the position of committee in lunacy in the estate of Peter Garvey.

The case of C. H. Soper against James D. Eastman was continued until Jan. 10, on motion of the defendant's attorney, James Mahon.

Judge Gunster made absolute the rule for a new trial in the case of Enos Flynn against Annie Barrett.

In the case of Joseph W. Griffin against S. M. Aylsworth and others the rule to open judgment was made absolute by Judge Archbald.

The rule for a new trial in the case of John Regan against B. F. Killam and others, was made absolute by Judge Edwards.

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NEW CENTRAL CITY POLICE STATION

Old Centre Street Barrille Has Been Made Over Anew.

SOON BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY

It Has Been Renovated and Made Sanitary at a Cost of \$2,000--Only the Finishing Touches Needed to Make It a Model Lock-Up--City Station Will Continue to Be for Women and Prisoners from Off the Hill.

The remodeling of the old Centre street station house is fast nearing completion. By the time some minor legislation necessary to the utilization of the place as a barrille is passed, it will be ready for occupancy.

The whole interior, from cellar to roof, was torn out--bigs and all--and carted away. The basement, which formerly only extended under the rear half of the building, has been enlarged to the full dimensions of the building.

One stone cell was allowed to remain, but it was thoroughly overhauled and improved in a sanitary way and is virtually a new cell. The floor of the basement is concrete and the side walls cemented.

The ground and second floors are also of concrete, laid on tiles and steel beams, and the walls throughout are cemented. The roof ceiling, excepting in the center, where there is a large skylight, double-barred, is formed of hickory. The other ceilings are cemented.

Each floor drains to a center and at this central point is a trap opening to the sewer. The whole interior might be likened to a brick box with three apartments, all cement lined. To clean the place the janitor can start at the top with a hose and flush every inch of space in the building.

The furniture will be so arranged as to interfere in no way with the flushing process of cleaning. A space seven feet deep and the width of the building will be reserved at the front of the house for the desk sergeant's office.

The desk will be small and light, so that it can be carried outside in house-cleaning time, and the wall fixtures will have covers made for them that will protect them from the water.

The cell room, which will be supplied with iron cages, will be on the second floor, and is partitioned off by an iron grating extending to the ceiling. At the left of the cell room is an iron staircase leading to the second floor, and a flight of stone steps, underfoot, leading to the basement.

For the present the top floor will be used as a lodging house only. Lodgers will be required to furnish their own sheets, pillows and blankets; the city feeling that it did its share when it directed the contractor to turn out the sort of the concrete.

With the permission of councils, the four cages which now occupy the space along the inner wall of the cell room in the central station house will be taken down and removed to the new lockup. These, with the stone cell in the basement, it is thought, will suffice until provision is made for more in the appropriation ordinance.

Steam heat will be used and appliances put in for gas and electric lighting.

The new station house is to be regarded in the police regulations as a precinct headquarters, the same as a West Side or South Side police station. It will probably adopt the name of the central city station house.

All prisoners arrested in the central city wards, excepting on the "hill," will be taken to the Center street house. Prisoners taken in the "hill" district will be locked up in headquarters in city hall.

Women, of course, will be taken to headquarters, where there is a woman's ward. Arrangements will be made whereby there will be a desk sergeant on duty at both the headquarters and Center street station at all times.

The main purposes of the new station house are to supply a lockup nearer the "hill" district, so that patrolmen will not have to leave their beats unprotected half an hour or so until they are dragging a dead-drunk to a cell, and again to train and their accompaniments out of the city hall.

The Van Osten Company. Van Osten's three star comedy company began a week's engagement at the academy of music last night by presenting the musical comedy "The New Yorkers" to an audience that taxed the capacity of the house.

The comedy was given in a very pleasing manner, Miss Inez McCann appearing as the heroine. The eleven members of the company were Edmond Elton, R. S. Noline, Charles W. Meyer and the Boardman Elton.

Between the acts La Petite Lillie danced in a graceful manner and Miss Elton gave several cornet solos that were received with warm expressions of appreciation by the audience.

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THE FIRST FIRE ALARM. The Chemical company responded to the first alarm of the year yesterday afternoon and it was also the second alarm from one place within five days' time.

Investigation showed that the smoke came from the Valley House basement by way of a door leading to the store. Yesterday's alarm was almost as flat.

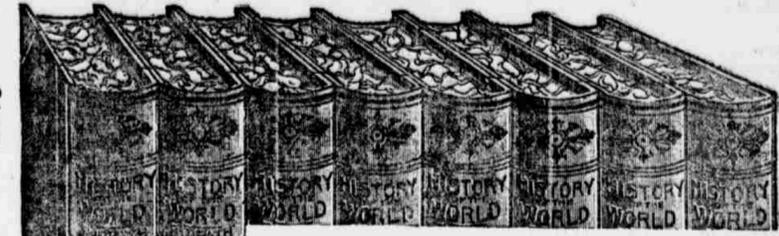
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