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Mrr. Arneld Zurflich, of Green Ridge Or. John Hunter, senior physician at the Lact wanna hospital, has returned home from Phila

Mrs. I. W. Swallow, of 124 Tenth sircei, tertained yesterday atternoon, at a 5 o'clock ten, the following: Mrs. Nathan Evans, Mrs. Elmer Hughes, Mrs. Charles Bertine, Mrs. Beggs. Mrs. Bert Gise, Mrs. George Jaroby, Mrs. M. E. Kellar, Mrs. Gillingham, the Misses Jennie Frenelle, Margaret Hughes, Louise Flynn, Marie Ackerly, Mae Enton.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Otto Fields, Waiter at Hotel Jermyn, Arrested on That Charge.

The first arrest of the election was ade early last evening, when Otto Fields, waiter at the Hotel Jermyn. was arrested on the charge of perjury, preferred by Joseph Kline, one of the andidates for alderman in the Sixcenth ward.

Kline claims that Fields swore at he polls yesterday that his taxes were paid, whereas Kilne alleges that they are not. Fields entered \$300 bail before Alderman Miliar for a hearing before Alderman Fuller this morning.

Ask for Kelly's union crackers. ..

SOCOCOCCO HOWELL CASE IS DROPPED

PROSECUTION ADMITS IT COULD NOT EXPECT A VERDICT.

Three Eminent Neurologists of Philadelphia Who Had Carefully Examined Miss Howell Declare Positively That There Is Not the Slightest Trace of Insanity in Her and Give It as Their Firm Opinion That She Is Fully Capable of Managing Her Person and Estate.

It is now legally established that Miss Jennie Howell is not of unsound mind, and that she is in every way capable of managing nerself and her

The proceedings instituted by her brother, Franklin Howell, to prove her o be mentally unbalanced and thereby prevent her from carrying out an aleged design to marry and share her quarter of a million dollar estate with Edward B. Dean, came to an abrupt ermination yesterday afternoon. Three celebrated specialists in men-

al and nervous disorders from Philadelphia, who had carefully examined Miss Howell and make a thorough study of her case, testified positively and without the slightest equivocation thta she is not only of perfectly sound mind but a woman of remarkably sharp intellect, and not affected with any physical disorder which might lead to a mental unbalancing.

This testimony being in, Mr. Torrey, attorney for Franklin Howell, announced that the relator did not wish o continue the case any further. This decision, he said, had been ar rived at earlier in the day, but he beeved it only fair to Miss Howell to illow the case to proceed until she had had full opportunity of presenting what testimony she might have gathered to rebut the evidence of the relator and establish as best she could the contention of the defense that she is not of unsound mind.

WOULD NOT ASK IT.

The testimony of the respondent's experts, coupled with Miss Howell's own testimony, was such as to make it unwarrantable on the part of the relator to ask a jury to accept the views of the relator's witnesses and declare Miss Howell insane. The fact that the testimony of the respondent's experts was based on examinations made subequent to the observations of the relator's witnesses, made it impracticable to ask the jury to accept the latter. The jury would likely feel constrained to say that, with all due deference to the witnesses for the relator, Miss Howell is now of perfectly sound mind.

As an evidence that Miss Howell's own testimony and her memory on the stand had much to do with the decision to drop the proceedings was evidenced by the fact that the witnesses who followed her, the three experts, were not cross-examined by Mr. Tor-

The announcement of the withdrawal of the proceedings caused a deep silence for a few moments to settle over the court room, and then came general advance by Miss Howell's friends to the table at which she sat with her hand resting on Dean's knee, her back leaving against his arm, which was stretched along the top of ner chair on which she reclined. She received a gentle caress from her iance, and then rising shook hands with her friends and kissed all the women folks, while tears rolled down her cheeks. Her brother had taken his hat and left the court room the moment Mr. Torrey finished speaking.

A MANLY COURSE.

Former District Attorney George D. Graham, of Philadelphia, who was consulting counsel in the case and who ment's conversation with his col-leagues, E. C. Newcomb and Clarence ried the following week. Balentine, and then in sincere and eeling tones acknowledged the action of Mr. Torrey as being a most manly ne, adding: "It is only in keeping with what we know of him in Philadelphia."

"We want a verdict," he went on to "that will completely exonerate Miss Howell from this terrible allegation that she is crazy. We want this cloud lifted from her life-lifted so high that not the shadow of a vestige of it shall remain. The testimony has established her sanity, and what is ilso a matter of great gratification, that her physical ailment has ceased its recurrence and that the words of the dead Di Costa, 'You will be ultimately cured,' will come true. It is marvelous how bravely and how without any ill-effects she has stood the ordeal of this trial."

Examiner Charles R. Pitcher and the jurors, John J. Loftus, Hon. John E. Roche, James Merrill, Alderman Fred Fuller, Michael Blickens and ex-County Commissioner Samuel W. Roberts signed a verdict that Miss Howell is now and always has been of perfectly sound mind, and that she is in every way capable to manage her person and estate.

WAS NO DOUBT.

There was no doubt as to what the verdict would be after the testimony of the Philadelphia experts, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, Dr. Thomas G. Norton and Dr. John D. Chapin, was heard.

Dr. Sinkler stated, in response to Attorney Graham's questions, that he was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1868, is now specialist in nervous and mental disases, and holds official positions in three of the largest institutions in and about Philadelphia, where these diseases are specially treated, including the Colony Farm for Epileptics at Chester. He is also the author of two

ext books on neurology. He examined Miss Howell on four different occasions, the first time being Jan. 29, of this year, at his office in Philadelphia. This was soon after the proceedings were instituted, but he had no knowledge of them and was not informed until after he had completed his examinations of the particuar purpose his patient had in con-

sufting him. He found her to be of absolutely sound mind, good memory and more han average intelligence. Everything developed by his examination war-ranted him in saying she was fully apable of taking care of herself and her estate.

There are only two forms of corea he went on to say, which have a continuing tendency to insanity, Chorea insaniens causes insanity and in a very short time results in death. Huntingdon's chorea runs a definite and ; absolutely constant course from bad

however, nover contracted before the thirtieth year. No other form of chorea has any tendency to insanity. There is no symptom of corea insaniens or Huntingdon's chorea in Miss Howell, and just at present she is not afflicted

with any form of chorea DR. MORTON'S TESTIMONY.

Dr. Morton testified that he amunicated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1856 and since 1857 has sylvania in 1856 and since 1857 has hospital in Philadelphia. He is also consulting physician in Wills' Eye hospital; for thirteen years was medical member of the state board of charities, and for eleven years chairman of its committee on lunacy. During his connection with the state board It was his duty to visit all the insane asylums in the state and he thereby came in contact with from seven to nine thousand lungities annually. He is also frequently called in by the Philadelphia courts as an expert on insanity.

Dr. Morton went on to say he examined Miss Howell Jan. 29 last, and on two subsequent occasions and had familiarized himself with the pending ease by reading over the testimony, "I have been unable," he declared, "to find any evidence of insanity in Miss Howell. On the contrary, she is quite remarkable for acuteness of intellect, and possesses a rather greater average of business capacity than the women I am accustomed to meet."

Dr. Chapin, in telling of his quali ications as an expert, related he graduated from the Jefferson Medial college in 1853 and has ever sine been connected with hospitals for the insane, being at present in charge of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, in Philadelphia, an institution with 450 patients.

MADE A STUDY OF CASE. He made a study of the case of Miss Howell when she presented herself at the hospital Jan. 29 last, and has seen her several times since. He believe she is perfectly sound in mind, and presents not the slightest symptom of insanity. He gave it as his firm opinion that she is fully competent to care

for herself and her property. Miss Howell was on the stand at the opening of the afternoon session fer over an bour and did not seem to be the least wearied or wormel by the ordeal. Her cool manner, quick responses and general display of vigorous intellect would have won the case for her, very likely, even without the testimony of the physicians.

She went over in detail her dealings with her brother and, then, coming down to the events of the early part of the present year, said she did not know why her relations with Mr. Dean should have entered into the present proceedings. She knew that an allegation had been made that she proposed to turn over half her property to Mr. Dean, but such a thing was never considered by her. She denied that she went to consult Judge Edwards about this matter. She visited Judge Edwards and during their conversation the judge asked her if it was true she intended to marry Mr. Dean and make him half-sharer in her property. She told the judge there was nothing in

the report. Mr. Dean came back here Jan. 8, she went on to say. Her brother was preparing to bring these proceedings, and as soon as she heard of it she determined to give Mr. Dean power of attorney to look after her property. She and Mr. Dean went to Attorney Price's office and she told Mr. Price what she wanted. Mr. Price drew up the form conferring power of attorney and she went over it carefully and amended ferring power to transfer stock, make notes and draw checks. This left only such power as would be required to look after the collection of rents, royalties and the like

NOT TO BE USED.

It was understood between her and Mr. Dean that the paper was not to Alb be used until after they were married. The paper was never delivered to Mr. Dean. She kept it in her desk until about two weeks ago and then tore it Ra came up yesterday to conduct the ex-amination of the experts, held a mo-it, so I tore it up," Miss Howell explained. They had expected to be mar-

"Did the power of attorney confer the right to transfer stocks?" Mr. Torrev asked on cross-examination.

'No." Miss Howell answered. "Do you know of Dean having attempted to exercise the power of at-torney to transfer stocks the day after the power of attorney paper was drawn

"I do not know of his having done this, and do not believe that he did

it." declared Miss Howell in emphatic, deliberate tones. At the morning session the respondent put in the testimony of Dr. W. G. Fulton, Dr. Reed Burns, Dr. Lud-

wig Wehlau and Dr. S. P. Longstreet, all of whom declared positively that there was no indication of insanity in Ha Miss Howell, Franklin Howell was called for further cross-examination by Mr. Torrey, and upon taking the stand told that

his sister was wont to come to his room in the morning and say: "I hope you'll come home in an ice box.' and "Why don't you get a revolver and shoot yourself."

He further said that his conception of his sister's insanity was partly founded on her contemplated marriage.

Rev. Keller Improving.

York, Feb. 29.- The physicians attend he Rev. John Keller, at Arlington, N. J., said today that their patient was steadily improving He had a good night and was resting quiet! this morning. The condition of the left eye is about the same. No step has yet been taken scoure the release on bail of Thomas G. Barker, Mr. Keller's assailant.

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supply the material for some exceedingly interesting fiction. The task of passing upon the merits of the manuscripts submitted will be assigned to a disinterested judge, whose name will soon be announced, and who will read the manuscripts but have no knowledge of the identity of the authors. The envelopes containing the real names of the authors will be preserved unopened until after the awards have been made.

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One further condition must be understood. Contributions intended for this contest will be accepted only from present subscribers to The Tribune or from those who may, during the contest, become subscribers by payment of at least one month's subscription in advance.

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