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### COURTS ALONE HAVE POWER

OPINION RENDERED BY JUDGE M. W. ACHESON.

In the Case of Dickson Manufacturing Company Against the American Locomotive Company He Overrules the Latter's Defense and Declares That Courts Alone and Not Arbitration Boards Have Power to Interpret Contracts—Case Will Be Tried Again.

An opinion was yesterday filed by Judge M. W. Acheson, of the United States Circuit court, in which he overrules the defense set up by the American Locomotive company in the suit brought against it by the Dickson Manufacturing company of this city.

It will be remembered that the Dickson Manufacturing company sold its locomotive works to the American company and that a dispute arose over the payment of \$57,000 by the latter corporation. The amount in question was claimed by the Dickson company as the cost to the vendor of the locomotives in process of construction at the time the transfer was made. All items of general shop expenses, such as light, heat, fuel, insurance, etc., were included.

Suit was brought in the Circuit court to recover the amount, and the defendant company in its defense did not go at all into the merits of the claim, but contended that under the contract between the two companies all disputes arising as to interpretation or carrying out of the contract were to be referred to a board of arbitration. The plaintiff should have sought to have such a board appointed, it was contended, instead of having recourse to the court.

Judge Acheson, in his opinion, takes an entirely contrary view and holds the arbitration clause of the contract to be illegal.

"Plainly," he writes, "the stipulation for arbitration relied on to defeat this action is an attempt to oust the jurisdiction of the courts to determine the rights of the parties. . . . The stipulation for arbitration follows after an express promise to pay and is therefore distinct and independent."

The defense based on the arbitration clause is overruled, and the case will now go to trial again so as to give both sides an opportunity to argue as to the merits or demerits of the claim for the amount in question.

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court for the year 1903, shall be as follows, to wit:

Jan. 15, 1903, continuing three weeks; March 15, 1903, continuing three weeks; May 15, 1903, continuing three weeks; Sept. 15, 1903, continuing three weeks; Nov. 5, 1903, continuing three weeks.

Also the Saturday of each month, except July and August, which shall be return days. Also a special session on Aug. 3, 1903.

Audits are also heard the first week of each regular term of court, and at such other times as the court may designate.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

Attorney Fred C. Hanven was yesterday appointed to audit the accounts of the officials of Lackawanna county for the year 1902.

A rule for a new trial was granted yesterday in the case of Harry Williams, who was convicted a week ago of receiving stolen goods.

Today court will adjourn until Monday, January 6.

Why he refused to do so. The rule is returnable on Monday, January 13.

Arguments on a rule for a new trial were made yesterday before Judge Dunham in the case of John S. Miller.

The case was tried before Judge Dunham at the last term of common pleas court and a verdict returned in favor of the plaintiff. The case was argued by Attorney M. J. Martin for the plaintiff and Attorney I. H. Burns and H. D. Carey for the defendant.

### Musical Gossip.

Manager Rudolph Aronson has arranged for Jaroslav Kocian's appearance at Mr. Bagby's musical morning at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Monday, Dec. 22, at 10 o'clock.

Mme. Roger-Michols, the French pianist, has lately played at the Colonne concerts. This was her last public appearance in Paris preparatory for her departure to this country. She is to be heard first with the Damrosch orchestra in February, in New York, then at several recitals at the principal cities, extending to the coast.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

Deny the Truth of Mr. Duggan's Statement.

Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Father Whitty society of North Scranton desires to correct the statement made by Joseph H. Duggan before the anthracite commission today to the effect that he was a member of the society for twelve years and was expelled therefrom because he worked during the recent strike.

The facts are as follows: Mr. Duggan was a member but six weeks and was expelled from the society because he violated his pledge of total abstinence. We desire to state that no member was expelled from this society for the reason given by Mr. Duggan.

(Signed) P. J. Muhrer, president; George J. Loftus, M. J. Coleman, secretaries.  
Scranton, Dec. 19, 1902.

### CLARK'S SUMMIT.

The fair which has been in progress at the Baptist church during the past week, has proved to be successful beyond the expectations of those who so ably planned and conducted it. The basement of the church was transformed into a veritable fairyland, where one could return to anything desired for the holidays.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings an entertainment was also held, in which the choir from the Methodist Episcopal church, of this place, Messrs. Moore and Harrison, of Scranton, Misses Saxe of Hyde Park, several from the Baptist church at Waverly and Mr. Brickle, of Kingston, assisted.

The pond is again frozen over sufficient for skating but too rough for much enjoyment.

The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal church will render a Christmas service next week, the exact date of which has not as yet been decided on account of the unavoidable delay in securing the programme.

Mrs. S. Rice and daughter, Frances, will spend the holiday season in the east; visiting relatives in Connecticut, Massachusetts and other locations.

### PECKVILLE.

The condition of Mrs. William Warfield was slightly better yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Guest, of Worcester, N. Y., are in town.

Presbyterian church, Rev. S. H. Moon, D. D., pastor, Christmas sermons next Sunday. Subject in morning, "A Man with Many Titles;" evening subject, "Who Was Jesus of Nazareth?" Everybody welcome. The Baptist Sabbath school will hold its Christmas entertainment on Christmas night. An interesting programme will be rendered.

### FIVE WOMEN WERE ON TRIAL

THEY ARE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

It is Alleged That They Threw Stones and Bad Eggs at John F. Butler in Village of Simpson—Men Charged with Rioting at Holden Mine Were Acquitted—Other Cases Heard Yesterday—Doings of Orphans' Court—Suit Against Erie and Wyoming Valley.

Before Judge Newcomb, Mary Thomas, Mary McAvoy, Nellie Moran, Sarah Moran and Mary Gilmore were tried yesterday for committing an assault and battery on John F. Butler, on July 23 last. Butler was employed as a night watchman at the Northwest colliery, near the village of Simpson above Carbondale, during the strike.

On the morning of July 23, as he was returning home from work, he was attacked by a crowd, who threw stones and bad eggs at him. They promised him more in the evening, and though he drove through the village that evening at a good pace he was overtaken and stopped, and after being assaulted and jeered was sent back to his home. He alleges that even threats to lynch him were made and a rope produced. The defendants, most of whom are married, denied having participated in the assault on Butler, but admitted they were in the crowd. The jury went out just before adjourning hour.

Verdicts of not guilty were returned yesterday in the cases charging John Coombs, John Basham, Jacob Reese, Benjamin Jones, David Harris and Seth Griffiths, charged with riot, and Seth Griffiths, charged with discharging firearms. The cases were tried Thursday, Joseph Curl, a foreman at the Holden mine, being the prosecutor.

The trial of Michael Kearney, charged with the theft of milk bottles, was concluded yesterday afternoon. The defense was a denial of the entire charge. A verdict had not been returned at adjournment.

John Zaleski and Joseph Zaleski were tried together, the former for assault and battery and the latter for aiding a prisoner to escape. Special Officer Thomas Kranek was the prosecutor. Judge Newcomb directed a verdict of not guilty as to Joseph, and at adjournment a jury was out wrestling with the question of John's guilt.

A nol pro, on payment of the costs, was entered in the case of Patrick O'Malley, charged by Michael Corrigan with assault and battery.

### Orphans' Court Matters.

Judge A. A. Vosburg handed down an order fixing terms of court for 1903 as follows: Now, Dec. 19, 1902, it is ordered, that the terms of the orphans'

### In and About The City

A Beautiful Calendar.

Fred K. Stevens, manager of the Scranton Ice company, is distributing an exceptionally beautiful calendar for 1903.

Meeting Night Changed.

St. Peter's branch, 619, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association, will hold their next regular meeting Tuesday evening, December 23, instead of Thursday evening.

Election of Officers.

At a recent meeting of the Consumers' Ice company the following officers were elected: President, Griffith T. Davis; manager, Charles H. Schmidt; secretary and treasurer, A. D. Blackinton.

D., L. & W. Pay Days.

The employees of all the local Delaware, Lackawanna and Western collieries, with the exception of the Diamond, Mainville and Storr, will be paid today. The employees at the three places named will be paid on Monday, and the remainder down the valley on Tuesday next. This will complete the pays for 1902.

For False Pretense.

Michael Devine yesterday caused the arrest of Thomas Connel on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He claims that Connel accepted money for a certain number of tons of coal and delivered short weight. Connel waived a hearing and entered bail in the sum of \$500 before Alderman Ruddy.

Sermon on "His Holy Mother."

"His Holy Mother" will be the topic Rev. James McLeod, D. D., will discuss in the First Presbyterian church tomorrow night. He announces that this will be a sermon of interest to non-Protestants in view of the lectures to non-Catholics delivered during the week. It is a subject seldom discussed in the pulpits of Evangelical churches.

An Important Witness.

Andrew Conlin, superintendent of lines of the Scranton Railway company, left yesterday for Boston, where he will testify in the suit brought by the Westinghouse Electrical company against another electrical company for an alleged infringement by the latter corporation of a Westinghouse patent. The patent is for an invention known as a sectional insulator which permits the power being shut off on one line and not on others. It was invented by Earl P. Wetmore, who superintended the construction of the first electrical lines built in this city and was first installed here. The question of time enters largely into the case and Mr. Conlin's testimony will be particularly valuable for that reason.

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- Itching
- Headaches
- Dizzy feeling
- Eyepain at night
- Things look double
- Sight dim or cloudy
- Winking a great deal
- Desire to rub the eyes
- Drooping of the eyelids
- Eyes water when at work
- Watering when in the wind
- Eyes smart when using them
- One eye sees better than the other.

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- Neck Ruches, Silk and Chiffon, \$1.25 to \$10.00
- New Gun Metal Belt Pins and Brooches, 10c, 15c, 25c, Rings, Brooches, Belt Pins, Bracelets, Chains, etc. 25c to \$5.00
- Beads, Coral, Pearl, Jet, Boxwood, etc. .50c
- Elegant Cut Glass Pieces, \$1.00 to \$7.50
- Pretty Separate China pieces, .50c to \$3.00
- Bisque Figures, Heads, and Statuettes, \$1.00 to \$5.00
- Gold or China Clocks, .50c to \$5.00
- Ebony, Silver and Gold Ink Wells, .25c to \$2.00
- Pictures, new frames and subjects, .25c to \$5.00
- Gift, Silver, Burntwood and Leather Photo frames 25c to \$2.00
- Burnt Leather Novelties.
- Golf and Den Calendars.
- Shaving, Smoking and Toilet Sets, .50c to \$10.00
- High Art printed or embroidered Cushions, 25c to \$10.00
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