



EXPERT PENMANSHIP TAUGHT JUDGE AND JURY IN WILL CASE

Big Blackboard, Crayon and Photographs Are Used in the Course

WRITING LIKE HUMAN FACE

Though Expression May Be Changing Constantly, Features Are the Same

President Judge Kunkel and a Dauphin county common pleas jury got more than an hour's lesson in expert penmanship this morning. A big blackboard, crayon and a dozen or more photographs were used in the course.

And David M. Carvallo, New York, one of the country's leading penmanship and handwriting experts, was the instructor.

The testimony of Carvallo was the first step of the defense in the Margaret Durkes will contest. The purpose is to shatter the contention of Mrs. Minnie Moore, the plaintiff, that she is the sole beneficiary of Mrs. Durkes.

Some time after Mrs. Durkes' death Mrs. Moore offered to probate what purported to be the last will and testament of the dead woman. This was a little slip of yellow paper, which Mrs. Moore contended, was found in the corner of an old picture frame taken from Mrs. Durkes' home.

It was found in the hem of my black silk dress. Mrs. Moore searched and in the hem found another slip of paper which she said was the will of the woman bequeathed everything to Mrs. Moore because she knew Mrs. Moore loved her.

A codicil substantiating all this was found in an old photograph album. The estate is said to be worth between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Allege Will Forgery Sarah Kirchner, Edna Collier and Harriet Briggs Hamilton, relatives of Mrs. Durkes, contend that the will and codicil are forgeries and contested the probating of the instruments.

The action now pending is the proceeding to compel the admission of the papers. The letter was the character Carvallo used to illustrate the differences in the handwriting of people and he demonstrated with crayon and the blackboard just how the training of the writer would permit him to omit the essential characteristics even though the writing is disguised.

Handwriting is like the human face, said the expert, "even though the expression changes constantly, the features never change."

HUCKSTER LOSES WAY IN SNOW; IS FROZEN SO BADLY HE DIES

Found Huddled Over Dashboard With Sleigh Half Buried in Drifts

UNCONSCIOUS WHEN FOUND

All Efforts to Revive Old Man Fail; Horse Trots Home

Huddled over the dashboard of his sleigh on the Shellsville-Palmira road, Benjamin Humer, aged 73, Shellsville, was found so badly frozen early yesterday morning that he died of exposure about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Humer's horse hitched to the sleigh stood nearly shoulder deep in a snow drift, unable to proceed farther. The old man, who was known all over the lower end of the county as a huckster, left Palmira about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. Until he was discovered half buried in the snow yesterday morning two miles below Grantville, his whereabouts were unknown.

It is believed he lost his way in the dark, floundered into the drift and couldn't get out. And there, it is believed, he sat until morning.

Oliver Hetrick, a farmer living a short distance from the road, discovered the stranded sleigh and unconscious occupant about 8 o'clock. A passing deliveryman helped Hetrick carry the old man to the Hetrick farm. The horse was cut loose from the sleigh and, following its usual custom, it plodded out of the drift and trotted home.

Every possible effort was made to revive the frozen old huckster, but he never regained consciousness. Humer is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Young, Ephrata, and a son, Grant, proprietor of the Shellsville Hotel. Funeral services will be held Tuesday.

Mrs. Cynthia Buffum May Know Fate Tonight

Little Valley, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum, on trial for the murder of her husband, Willis Buffum, may know her fate tonight. Her attorney, Patrick S. Collins, began his summing up when court opened today.

It was generally conceded that the jury's verdict would be largely determined by its acceptance or rejection of the "confession" made by Mrs. Buffum at a Buffalo hotel December 10. Attorney Collins in his closing address held that the confession was wrung from a woman hounded by private detectives and that it would refuse to sanction a bill for maintenance of the manual training course after March 1.

Attorneys for the school committee will file a motion in the Supreme Court asking for a writ of mandamus to compel the Mayor to furnish quarters for the school.

MRS. KATE EDWARDS IS QUIETLY RELEASED FROM READING JAIL

Woman's Counsel Takes Pardoned Murderess Away From Prison in Taxicab

SHE GOES TO PHILADELPHIA

After Serving Almost 13 Years in Dark Cell, Governor's Pen Gives Her Freedom

Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Kate Edwards, who has been in the shadow of the gallows for nearly thirteen years for the killing of her husband, was released from the Berks county jail to-day under a pardon granted by Governor Tener and secretly taken from the city to begin life over again. She was convicted of first degree murder in 1901 and sentenced to be hanged, but four Governors declined to fix a day for her execution.

After her conviction petitions were circulated in many parts of the county and were signed by thousands of women protesting against the execution of one of their sex. William A. Stone, who is now trying to prevent Harry K. Thaw from being returned to New York State from New Hampshire, when Governor, refused to fix a date and passed her case along to Governor Pennypacker, who let her death warrant repose in a pigeonhole, as did also Governors Stuart and Tener.

Pardon Recommended Mrs. Edwards' case was several times taken to the Board of Pardons, but commutation of sentence was always refused. Last month, however, the board recommended that she be pardoned provided she would not be made a victim of further notoriety.

Much secrecy was maintained as to her release. The horse, according to law, will have to be sold at public sale, after advertisements are inserted in the county papers.

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Stay at Home, Yet See the World in Niblo Travel Talks

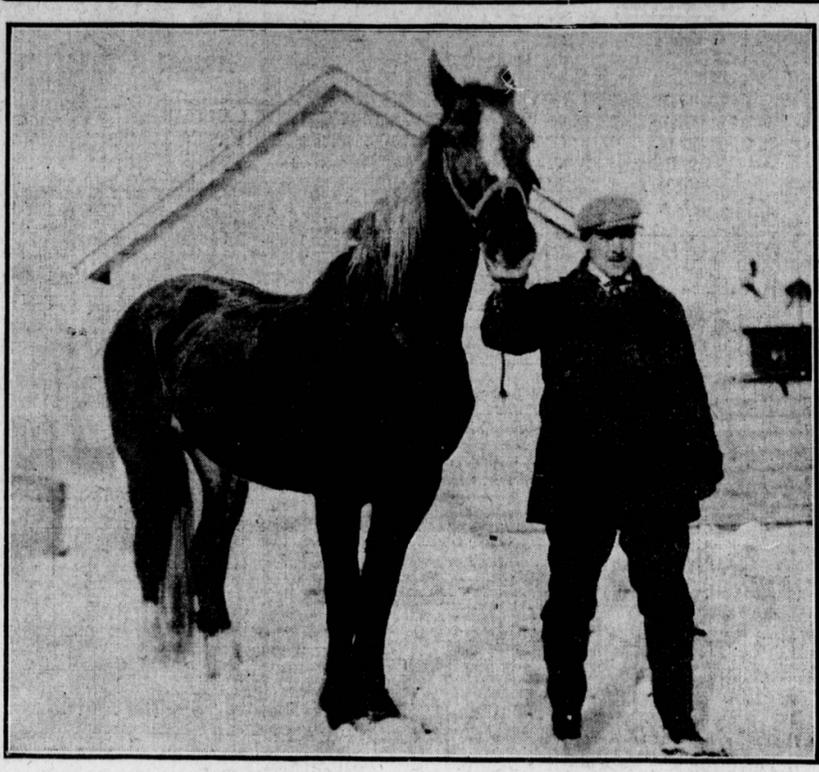
Telegraph Brings Series Here For Benefit of Those Who Are Unable to Travel

The Telegraph has hit upon a popular idea and one that has created a wide interest of talk is shown by the number of inquiries that have been coming into the business office asking for the announcements of the various programs that will be presented in the Niblo Travel Talks.

This series containing hundreds of the very finest of colored views, many of which were colored in Paris and in addition to the colored views, 25,000 feet of the finest of motion pictures make up a set of programs that should have a wide appeal to the people of this city and one that they will remember with considerable interest. The Telegraph, in the field to offer its readers only the best, has made special arrangements whereby it can offer an opportunity for the stay-at-home traveler to enjoy all the pleasures of foreign travel at a cost that would be less than the average tip given for a small favor.

The Niblo Travel Talks opened this season for an engagement of two weeks at Tremont Temple, Boston, one of the largest and finest halls in the country and the same place where the Burton Holmes and other Travelogues are given. The success of the series was such that the original engagement was extended twice and the run was for seven consecutive weeks at prices that were 25 cents to \$1.00.

Bruce Taylor and Horse Whose Owner Will Be Arrested If He Claims It



New Cumberland Pa., Feb. 27.—When Bruce Taylor, a milk dealer, who resides at Sixth and Bridge streets, found a horse and a wagon load of chickens back of his house on the morning of February 2, he didn't figure out that he would have to feed the animal for over two months. The owner is undoubtedly a chicken thief. The chickens which occupied the wagon were stolen from a farm near White Hill. The supposition is that before the driver had a chance to get into the wagon after stealing the fowls, the horse started to run, outdistancing its owner and stopping where Mr. Taylor caught it. The owner of the chickens recovered his property a few days after the theft but the owner of the horse and wagon is afraid to put in his appearance for fear of being arrested. The horse, according to law, will have to be sold at public sale, after advertisements are inserted in the county papers.

FIX TAX RATE AT NINE AND A HALF MILLS DURING 1914

9-Month Year and Changes of Government Materially Lessen Expenditures

Harrisburg's present tax rate of nine and a half mills will likely remain unchanged during the ensuing year, according to the City Commissioners who held the first conference this afternoon on the new budget ordinance for 1914.

Amendments to the license ordinance were discussed too, and it is probable that some of the mercantile rates will be changed Tuesday. The year of 1914 so far as the city's expenditures in concerned, begins the first Monday in April and ends December 31, 1914. Thereafter the city year will extend from the first of one year to the first day of the next.

The budget ordinance was introduced in skeleton form at Tuesday's meeting of Council and 3 o'clock this afternoon was fixed for the first meeting. Only the salaries and such other expenditures that are already fixed by law, were included in the measure. The various commissioners have been busy for the last week or so putting finishing touches to their departmental estimates. These will likely require a little paring down at that.

Expenses Reduced The appropriation last year totaled \$229,129.22. Nine months' expenditures ordinarily would mean \$396,846.84. In addition to this the changes in the government will cut down the expenses to the extent of more than \$8,000. This will include the salary of the clerk to Select Council, contingent, cleaning office, and telephone rent expenses, the \$1,800 in salaries of two assessors and the \$1,250 in salaries of five members of the board of tax revision, and approximately \$4,300 in salaries of the park superintendent, highway commissioner and the city controller.

However, the salaries of three of the commissioners totaling \$6,625 will

Pensioned Fire Horse to Do His Part in Royal Co. Fair

Will Help Firemen Collect Donations For Use in the Booths; Open Tomorrow Evening

"Old Tobe, the faithful, retired and pensioned fire horse, is going to do his share toward making the Royal Fire Company fair a success. "Old Tobe," for many years in service with the Paxton Fire Company, and later with the Royal, has been ending his days with a farmer near Penbrook. To-morrow he will be hitched to a sleigh, brought to the city and be driven from door to door on the Hill to help the Royal boys collect donations for their fair.

The fair opens to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the Flatiron building. It will continue for a week.

DR. MOFFITT DIES AT BROTHER'S HOME

Smallpox Cases Scare Bainbridge

Dr. John W. Moffitt, aged 79, died at 8 o'clock this morning at the residence of his brother, Dr. Robert H. Moffitt, 1705 North Front street. Death was due to old age. Dr. Moffitt was a son of the late Rev. John J. Moffitt, D. D., and Charlotte E. Moffitt. He was born in Orwickburg, Pa., in 1835 and in his early boyhood moved to Canton, Ohio, where his father was pastor in the Grace Methodist church. Dr. Moffitt received his preparatory education at West Liberty, Virginia, and attended Bethel College, after which he began the study of dentistry under Dr. Samuel Hullen, of Wheeling, W. Va. Dr. Moffitt came to Harrisburg in 1857. He practiced dentistry here for twenty years when he became connected with the Philadelphia Dental College for which institution he was instrumental in securing the charter. He was one of the pioneers of porcelain work, and had taken out patents in this branch in which he specialized as early as 1860. He taught at the Philadelphia Dental College until about ten years ago when he retired on account of his age. Dr. Moffitt served with Colonel Henry McCormick's regiment in Company G, captured by William Miller during the Civil War. He was appointed by Surgeon General Hammond to hospital duty at Hagerstown. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at 11 o'clock and the services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Ritchie Smith. Burial will be made in Harrisburg Cemetery.

Commerce Commission Continues Its Investigation

Washington, Feb. 27.—Further inquiry has begun by the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day into the question of so-called "free services" by railroads, including "spotting cars" for loading and unloading on private spur and side tracks, ferry car service, and tunnel and lighterage services.

VILLA ACCEDES TO DEMAND FOR VIEW OF BENTON'S BODY

Two Americans, Two Englishmen, Two Physicians and Benton's Relatives to See Corpse

DEAD MAN IN CHIHUAHUA CITY

Arrangements Will Soon Be Made For Commission to Go Into Mexico

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Consul Fletcher telegraphed Secretary Bryan today that Villa would permit two Americans, two British representatives and two members of the family of William S. Benton to view the body of the dead ranchman. It is assumed that the body is in Chihuahua City. Consul Fletcher also reported that General Villa would permit two physicians to accompany the American and British representatives and that he would furnish transportation and accommodations for all of them.

Secretary Bryan said just before entering the Cabinet that he had received previous information that Benton's arrangements would be made soon for the visit of the commission to Chihuahua to view the corpse and intimated that the disposition of the body would be settled after the medical examination.

Huerta Wants Wilson to Halt Shipment of Arms Into Republic

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—After a long lapse in the diplomatic exchanges between Washington and the City of Mexico an attempt has been made to reopen the correspondence by the submission of an appeal by the Huerta government for the reconsideration by the United States of its recent raising of the embargo on arms to Mexico.

The feature of the Mexican communication said to have been issued at Mexico City last night, is the allegation that a state of anarchy now exists in so much of Mexico as is occupied by the rebel forces, and it is also charged that the immediate effect of the decree permitting the exportation of arms has been to place the rebels in a favorable situation for permitting outrages which prevent the Huerta government from repressing them as quickly and as energetically as it desires.

On the other hand, it is set out that wherever the Huerta government is in power protection has been given foreigners. The United States is invited to reflect seriously upon the said consequences that arming of rebels will bring, in the opinion of the Huerta government.

General Carranza Will Not Discuss Benton Case

Nogales, Mexico, Feb. 27.—The Constitutional commander-in-chief, General Carranza, declined to discuss the Benton case.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday, not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and probably Saturday; warmer to-night in north portion; light, variable winds becoming southwest. River The Susquehanna river and its tributaries will remain generally low and about stationary to-night and Saturday. General Conditions The Atlantic coast storm has passed off seaward without causing precipitation since last report. A cold front is moving northward. Snow has fallen in Northern New England and the St. Lawrence Valley, snow or sleet in South Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico and rain has set in again over Oregon. Elsewhere in the United States fair weather has prevailed. Temperature: 8 a. m., 25. Sun: Rises, 6:35 a. m.; sets, 5:46 p. m. Moon: New moon, first quarter, March 5, 12:03 a. m. River Stages: 5.7 feet above low water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 34. Lowest temperature, zero. Mean temperature, 17. Normal temperature, 32. MARRIAGE LICENSES Penrow Snyder and Kate Hand, Wiconisco. Eleanor Vranesovic and Milka Todorovic, Steelton.

Travelogue Coupon No. 1 This coupon and 10c will be good for one admission ticket to "Niblo Travel Talks" Monday, March 2 Present this coupon at Chestnut Street Auditorium ticket office when you purchase ticket. Not Good at Door Matinee Wednesday and Saturday, 2:15. Evening performance, 8:15. Price of admission without coupon, 25c.

Late News Bulletins ELGIN BOARD MAY DISSOLVE Chicago, Feb. 27.—Possibility of dissolution of the Elgin Board of Trade by governmental order or through voluntary action by the directors of the organization was hinted to-day when it became known that the present federal grand jury had listened to witnesses in relation to the PARCEL POST REGULATION KILLED Washington, Feb. 27.—Amendments to the Post Office bill to strip the postmaster general of power to lower rates and after regulations of the parcel post were thrown out by the Senate to-day, 33 to 24. TAFT AT WHITE HOUSE Washington, Feb. 27.—Ex-President Taft took luncheon at the White House to-day with President Wilson. LINDSAY WINS CONTEST Russell Lindsay, 14, Central High School, this afternoon won the Robert A. Lamberton memorial prize oratorical contest at the school. He was one of four contestants. The prize is \$5 in gold. Each of the four speakers won \$5 apiece for preparation of their essays. Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Ainey's reputation calling upon President Wilson for information regarding the safety of foreigners in Mexico, was considered to-day without action by the House Foreign Affairs committee. WILMINGTON, ARIZONA, Feb. 27.—Reports from Venezuela indicate that the political situation is becoming still more complicated. It is rumored that the leaders of the various factions in opposition to President Juan Vicente Gomez have reached an agreement to act together. New York, Feb. 27.—With \$10,000 worth of valuables, the loot of eighty robbers, spread out on a table, Montague J. Pike, a dapper young college graduate, who said he was the thief, stood in the Morrisania police station to-day and helped his victims identify their property. THERAN, PERSIA, Feb. 27.—A detachment of 150 gendarmes is cornered in its barracks at Kazern by a large body of tribesmen. The battle began yesterday and continued with desperate fighting when the latest reports left the scene to-day. The commander of the gendarmes, Major Ohlsson, a Swede, was killed yesterday. New York, Feb. 27.—The market closed strong. Trading ventures on the long side were encouraged by new points of strength among investment issues and specialties. All of the important stocks showed gains of a point or more. United States Express soared 12 points. Amal Copper, 7 1/4; Atchison 97 1/2; Baltimore and Ohio, 92; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 92 1/2; Canadian Pacific, 210 1/4; Chesapeake and Ohio, 65 1/2; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 94 1/2; Lehigh Valley, 150; New York Central, 90 1/2; Northern Pacific, 113; Reading, 165 1/2; P. R. R., 112; Southern Pacific, 94 1/2; Union Pacific, 162 1/2; U. S. Steel, 65 1/2.