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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: JOHN W. GEARY, of Cumberland co.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT: HENRY W. WILLIAMS, of Allegheny co.

Our Candidates.

We this week place at the head of our columns the names of our candidates for Governor and Supreme Judge. It has long been manifest that John W. Geary would be nominated as the Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

Hon. Henry W. Williams, of Pittsburgh, was the unanimous choice of the convention for Supreme Judge. This is the second time he has been nominated for the position by the Republican party.

But, we have not space this week, to say anything further in reference to our candidates. Suffice it to say, that the nominations are received with great satisfaction in every part of the State, and their overwhelming election is conceded by all.

Trial of the Bank Robbers.

On Saturday morning, June 26th, the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jeddiah E. Lemoine, James M. Newman, and John Nelson, alias Jack Wilson, for the robbery of the County National Bank of Clearfield, on the night of the 12th May last, was called up. Lemoine asked for a separate trial, which was accorded him by the Court, no objection having been made by the counsel for the Commonwealth.

During the trial, Lemoine's wife sat by his side. She was a fashionably dressed and an elegant looking lady. The jury having been sworn, the case was opened by the District Attorney, and the following evidence elicited:

Wm. M. Shaw, sworn.—I am the Tailor of the County National Bank. I made up the account of the bank of 12th May, 1869, in new postal currency, \$79 in nickel, \$1,654 of national bank notes and greenbacks mixed, \$14.04 of postal currency in a box on the counter, and \$87.00 of cash notes, (checks on other banks); the money was in the safe, inside the fire-proof vault; I put it there; I locked the safe; I locked the vault; it was a Lilly's Burglar Proof Safe. The \$14.04 was in a cigar box, in the vault, not in safe; it had compartments in it. I locked the door of the bank, closed and secured the windows when I left. I took all the keys. There was money in the stamp drawer, not included in the account; kept separate between \$50 and \$70; don't know positively. I left them in the safe that night. I shut up the bank early in the evening, before dark.

D. F. Moore, sworn.—I am Cashier of the County National Bank; I had a key of the front door; about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 12th May, I came to the bank. I put the key in the lock, and bolt turned back, but the door went open; I looked in and saw vault door open; room unusually dark; I stepped about middle of floor, and saw damage had been done; I did not touch anything; saw Dr. Hills and G. L. Reed, and called them over; they went in with me; made further examination and saw that vault door had been forced; handle broke off and one drove in; found burglar-proof with knob broken off; both the vault and burglar-proof broken open; there was marks of a crow-bar on jamb of the main door; saw the door broken open; found blacksmith's tools; large sledges; number of punches, drills, wedges, tongs, and cold chisels lying around the safe and vault. Nothing left in the shape of good money; there was some uncurrent funds left; the money and government bonds were gone. I saw the money in the bank the day before; I knew the bonds had been there. I took measures immediately to discover who did it, and arrest them. I left in the train that afternoon, went to Pittsburgh and returned to Tyrone next morning. I returned—issued hand-bills. At Tyrone next morning, just as the train was about leaving, Boyer received a dispatch. Myself and two others went to Bald Eagle Falls, one of them and myself walked returned from Clearfield, and returned to Tyrone. I received frequent accounts of persons being seen who were suspected. I took every means I could to intercept and follow. I stationed a watch or guard in passes at the mountains, as far as the intersection; three men passed the watch at Tyrone. We received information before it was dark that three men had passed the intersection.

Cross-examined.—The bonds were there on deposit. Munson was one, Abe Jackson and a man named Henderson; more than a dozen; principally from Phillipsburg.

A. W. Asst., affirmed.—Reside in Tyrone. Assisted father in keeping City Hotel. Saw the three gentlemen before at Tyrone. On the 1st of May William Congdon (Lemoine) came to the City Hotel, registered his name, took his room, and went away. On Monday, the 3d of May, he came and took his dinner, but did not register. Monday evening he came for supper, registered and took a room. Stayed until Saturday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock; saw no more of him until the next Tuesday morning.

ing. I shook hands with him in the ticket office, on Central Railroad, about 4 A. M. on Wednesday of same week while he was there; Wilson came for dinner, stayed one day; went away on Thursday. Put him in the room with Mr. Congdon. Saw no more of Wilson until he came back in the hands of the Sheriff of Bedford. Congdon and Wilson appeared to know each other, talked as if they were acquainted. I saw Congdon when he returned with Mr. Moore. On Friday of the same week that Congdon stayed there, saw Newman get off way passenger train west, at 1.46 at Tyrone. Mr. Congdon met him at the depot, and brought him over to the house. Newman registered his name and put him in room No. 13. J. H. Newman, Newport, no State. He stayed until Saturday morning, until about 10 o'clock, paid his bill and left, 8th May. Congdon left same morning at about 8 o'clock, and leaves for Clearfield at 9 o'clock; train for Huntingdon 10.20; the day express going east at 7.50; first train east at 6.25. These two are registered by Congdon. His own William Congdon, Pa., the other James Wilson, Ohio. Newman wrote his own; saw Congdon write the name of Wilson; my own check mark on this slip; they have been out of the register.

Cross-examined.—Never saw Congdon before the 1st of May. He was dressed in a brown suit of clothes; his coat was brown, his pants and vest were light-colored; when he came his clothes were dusty; had more beard on his face than he has now; last time he was there he had whiskers on side; first time I saw sure he had; not certain whether he had mustache first time; last time he had not; he was dressed in the same clothes, all except shirt; when he was there first time had a wooden shirt; last time had a yellow linen shirt; saw him go towards the railroad; don't know where he went on 1st of May; I went to see him in his room at the Ward House, when they brought him over here; I talked to him several times on the porch. He was about all the time. I asked the two gentlemen to room together, and I was full; I saw they were acquainted and asked them to go together. Wilson was dressed in a darker coat, have forgotten exactly how he was dressed; one of them had a stripe down his pants; they did not go over to the room; I had compartments in it. I locked the door of the bank, closed and secured the windows when I left. I took all the keys. There was money in the stamp drawer, not included in the account; kept separate between \$50 and \$70; don't know positively. I left them in the safe that night. I shut up the bank early in the evening, before dark.

Cross-examined.—Don't know what kind of a hat he had on; brown coat, cloth, I think; not very fine; don't know the kind; was not very long; pants were dark; can't tell color; don't know about his having a watch; I think he had some nickel watch; we sitting there, he said he had some great many things; he had a good deal more beard than now; was on side of his face. Think he had some colored coat when he talked to me as when he came with Mr. Moore; did not see the book he had; he pulled out a watch; when talking; I looked at it; I cannot read don't remember what he said about it; course of rivers, &c.; was a printed map.

Wm. Cochran, sworn.—Live in Tyrone, keep a lively stable; have seen all three of the prisoners; first saw Mr. Congdon (now acting alongside of lady) was on Monday, May 10th, when he got his dinner at City Hotel; my lively stable is part of City Hotel stable; saw him come back in the evening and register his name; saw him about there for four or five days; had several conversations with him; saw Mr. Wilson there with him; conversed with him; Congdon said he had been with Mr. Wilson; talked about everything; I had a conversation with Congdon on the porch; he asked the name of the mountain on the other side of the railroad; asked where termination was; he asked about the other mountains. This (Lemoine) is the man Congdon talked to; don't know how long the conversation lasted; some length of time, perhaps half or three-fourths of an hour; was on the porch; his hat, as I think, was a blanket's hat, short, and made of a weatherer; he had on dark brown or red colored striped up legs; vest same; coat a darker brown; had on a new unbleached linen shirt; whiskers were further up face than now; never saw him before; next saw him when they brought him here under arrest. Talked with him several times; talked with other people; don't know that he had any business there.

E. R. L. Stoughton, sworn.—Saw this one (Wilson) before; saw him at the corner, at Mansion House; was between the 5th and 8th of May; first I thought I recognized him; next day he and Clarence Berry were comparing watches; think this is the watch he had; Barrett he would bet the drinks his watch; heaviest; he has more whisker now than he had then.

C. L. Barrett, sworn.—Saw Wilson before; about the 5th of May; Friday before the bank robbery; he was sitting on the bench at Johnson's; we talked about trains, &c.; stopped; got off the coach and went back to the boy; told him to tell the Sheriff to come that I thought I had two of the men. I drove on to Centreville; got there about 12 o'clock; stopped at Rose's hotel for dinner. About one o'clock I went out to hitch up, and the Sheriff came; Philip Hazard; I was right in front of the porch. He asked me where the men were; Deputy and I went into the bar-room, he pulled his coat off and then we came out on the porch; they went down in the lot towards the woods; Sheriff started and I followed; overtaken them just outside the fence; Sheriff overtook the biggest one; and I caught up to the young man; Sheriff asked them where they were going; then said they had

better go along back; took them into the bar-room, and the Sheriff read the notice to them; they said it did not fit them; Sheriff said he thought they were the men, and he then handcuffed them; they took out their pistols and gave them to the Sheriff; they were loaded. After the Sheriff had card on his dinner we started for Bedford; rode turn about; got to Bedford about seven and a half o'clock. When going along, the Sheriff went to get on his horse, when he discovered some money was stuck inside his coat, which was lying over the back of the horse; he took them to Bedford and put them in jail.

Cross-examined.—Men walked down from tavern; we walked after them; they made no resistance; they did not attempt to use their revolvers; were handcuffed in front; chain about ten inches long.

Philip Hazard, sworn.—Am Deputy Sheriff of Bedford county; got handcuffed out on Tuesday, on Tuesday, May 18th; that stage driver. Next day the Sheriff saw me, and said the back driver had sent for me. I went to Centreville; got there about one o'clock; the larger man (Wilson) was standing on porch; the other one was in the house; I saw the Sheriff and went down through the lot; I caught up to him; I told him to halt; that I had a handcuff for him; went up to the house and showed him the bill; he said it didn't fit him. I handcuffed him; links about 24 inches; they were heavy; I think they were made of iron; Wilson and I were on the side of the road; commenced raining; I asked for my overcoat, when money fell out; was currency, was not mine; I gave it to the Sheriff; were not searched until put in jail; it was two o'clock when we left Centreville for Bedford.

Robert Steckman, sworn.—Men were searched at Centreville; got handcuffed out in fractional currency; I sealed it up; has not been opened; this is it. Searched them and found on them some pistol cartridges and \$58.45 in money; this is the money. Newman had this half dollar in his pocket. I brought the money to County National Bank. I got the money from the post office marked it on the day I brought it to the bank.

Cross-examined.—This is the same fifty cent note; was recognized by Mr. Shaw (end of); Deputy Sheriff handled me this revolver and this scabbard.

Philip Hazard, sworn.—This is one of the pistols; I got it in the bar-room at Centreville; I think it is a Smith & Wesson; saw one like it before; is a Smith & Wesson.

W. M. Shaw, sworn.—This is the cigar box in which I kept the fractional currency; I saw this fifty cent note in the bank. This one is a counterfeit and has been there a long time; this one I know from the way it is patched; not alike; this one by the end being torn off, piece was left in box. The Sheriff showed me this money.

Cross-examined.—These notes were in the Bank on the evening of the robbery. I counted them.

Henry Rose, sworn.—Men came in the back to my house about 12 o'clock; came in and called for dinner; driver went to the stable with horses; after dinner Little got his horses and hitched them up; seemed to be working against time; looked up the road and saw the Sheriff coming; they got into the house and went off his overcoat, and gave a pistol to Little; men got off the porch; the Sheriff and John went down into the alley; the men went down through the lot; I saw them go. After the Sheriff came, the driver and (Wilson) raised his arms, and went on down to the fence; when the back driver overtook them. It was at the end of the paling fence that the motion with the arms was made; a hollow stamp was there; three men followed towards evening, when I thought about the motion with the arms. I then went down to the hollow stump and saw a little white bundle; I picked it up, opened it, and saw some postal currency; the bundle was in a white handkerchief; I laid it down in the stump, and went back to my witnesses; Mr. Whip and Mr. Anderson went down and got it; I removed nothing from it. There was something in brown paper; two or three packages; I put it back.

D. R. Anderson, sworn.—Between 6 and 7 o'clock, P. M., on May 19th, Mr. Whip and I walked down to the corner, end of the street, where the back driver had a white linen handkerchief; wasted in a bean truck; was about five inches long, three wide, and two thick; went with it to my store and opened it; found in it \$4,500 in U. S. bonds, and \$60 in fractional currency. I have counted the money; in Mr. Kerr's office at Bedford. The package; has never been opened since; I sealed the packages up and left them at Bedford, Banking house, of Reed. These are the same bonds found in the stump.

John A. Whip, sworn.—Was with Mr. Anderson when bonds were found; went down and looked around; thought they might have thrown the money; I found a package in a stump; went to the store and opened it; was some postal currency and bonds; \$4,500 in bonds; went to Mr. Kerr, District Attorney of Bedford county, with it; counted the currency; Mr. Anderson and I sealed up the money and took it to the bank; was \$60 in fractional currency; I introduced before Jacob Cossin, Nathaniel Oliver and Jacob Anderson before we went to Bedford.

E. L. Kerr, Esq., sworn.—Reside in Bedford; am District Attorney of Bedford county. Mr. Anderson came to my room on morning of the 20th of May; saw a package in a stump; he had found it at Centreville; was \$4,500 in bonds and \$60 in currency; bonds were in little different shape. After breakfast we went to my office and counted the currency; I directed them to keep the money until Mr. Moore came. I have \$40 found by two persons on Cumberland road.

George Leasure, sworn.—Live at Centreville; I found some money four miles above Centreville, along side of road leading from Cumberland to Bedford; was on 20th of May; found two one thousand dollar bills; I have them now; this is the money.

Cross-examined.—Five miles from Centreville, on side of road, sticking in a Laurel bush.

Sheriff Steckman, sworn.—I took this book of Mr. Newman; is just as it was when I took it from him; I searched him. (Book given in evidence.)

D. W. Moore, recalled.—After getting knowledge of baggage, checks, &c., I went to Centreville; saw the Sheriff and gave me; one from Torre Haute to Baltimore, the other from Indianapolis to Baltimore. Got the trunks. Express receipts dated one Harrisburg, April 29, the other Huntington, May 12; both for package from J. M. Newman to John Newman. Among these were the packages was this book.—Breastrest reports for 1869, western portion; I also found this pass book; it was either in express package or in trunk, am not certain which; the writing on first page was "Lemoine, Warren & Co., St. Louis, 4th and Green," and corner of book was "Lemoine, Warren & Co., St. Louis, Mo.; am a police officer; I know Jeddiah

Lemoine; Warren & Co., N. E. corner 4th and Green streets, St. Louis; this man, Jeddiah Lemoine, was a member; he lived in Eastern Avenue, South side, between 25 and 29; the Franklin Avenue B. cars pass by his door.

At this point the District Attorney asked leave, for the furtherance of public justice, to enter a nolle prosequi as to John Nelson, one of the parties indicted with Lemoine, that he might be called as a witness, which was granted by the Court. This was, of course, in pursuance of an arrangement previously made with him, that he was to testify and a nolle prosequi was to be entered. I sent for Mr. Wallace by the Sheriff.

Wm. A. Wallace, sworn.—Was sent for by Mr. Nelson; Sheriff came for me, I think. I went and found him and Newman in cell together; I discovered tenderness on part of the missing partner. I told them that a vital point in any arrangement was that the missing money must be restored. I would make no arrangement that would not send at least two men to the Penitentiary. I said nolle prosequi could be entered as to one and the other be convicted. I went back in 48 hours. In pursuance of information given by Mr. Nelson I went on the bill with two other men and in an odd stump we found \$78 in money. We also found, near a shanty, under a log, a number of mutilated bills of County National Bank. In the shanty we found paper, &c.; found paper with figures to amount of money lost and divided by three. Found fragments of a bill outside—was for \$1,100 for six months. That is all I think.

D. W. Moore, recalled.—Was with Mr. Wallace at the time he speaks of. I picked up paper that had the figures on it; this is the paper. This we took out from under the log. In coming from Bedford I left Huntington and came to Tyrone; was talking to one of the men and in a stump that man told me with the J. E. L. led me to look for Lemoine. After returning from Baltimore I got such evidence that I went to Harrisburg and got reputation and went to St. Louis and had Lemoine arrested; was two \$1,000 bills in bank.

Wm. M. Shaw, recalled.—Was five or six miles from Centreville of \$300 bills. James Tracy, recalled.—Mr. Lemoine wore a moustache and whiskers higher before this affair than he does now.

Cross-examined.—Saw him about the 20th of April with more hair or whiskers and moustache. Never saw him without them. I saw him at Harrisburg; he had been in Denver and had left Jack Nelson there. Commonwealth rests.

No witnesses were called for the defence. Judge Mayer charged the jury on Saturday evening. The jury retired and after about half an hour's consultation they returned and rendered a verdict of "Guilty, in manner and form as indicted."

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