

In the Criminal Court

The Criminal week of December court opened on Monday with the conclusion of the cases set for trial Judge Telford will conclude his last term of court.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. John Stewart, of near Dilltown, charged with assault with intent to kill, the jury found the defendant guilty. Constable W. A. Kunkle, of Creekside, who was charged with the malicious killing of a dog, was found not guilty by the jury and the costs were placed upon the county. The jury in the case against John Sinclair, charged with assault with intent to rape, was found guilty in manner and form as indicated and recommended him to the mercy of the Court.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Frank Pellegrino, of Ernest, charged with blackmail was found guilty by the jury. In the case of Salvatore Bronchi charged with adultery and rape, he entered his plea of guilt and the jury on that case was dismissed.

The Corn Show

Sixty-two boys and girls competed for the prizes offered by the Savings & Trust Company for the best yield of corn grown on one-fourth of an acre during the past season. The exhibit was shown in the reception room of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday and was the finest ever shown in the county.

The first prize was awarded to Ernest Goss, of Montgomery township. He grew 2461 pounds of Yellow Dent corn on one-fourth of an acre. Two second prizes were awarded: One to Besie Wright, of Grant township, who grew 2246 pounds of Yellow Dent corn, and the other to Arthur Amond, of Cherryhill township, who grew 2033 pounds of White Cap Yellow Dent corn on a quarter of an acre, respectively.

Six awards of \$2.00 each were awarded to the next best displays and six awards of \$1.00 each to six other displays.

The contest was managed by Supt. James F. Chapman and was held Tuesday in the Y. M. C. A. Fifty-six contestants are entered this year and the results are a credit to the boys and girls of the county who compose the membership of the Club.

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More and more as the war progresses is it evidenced that, so far as Germany is concerned, the most modern appliances with the inventive genius of the Kaiser's forces candevise are being used to good purpose in the German lines, both in the trenches and on the battle front. The photo shows one of the most modern of the invention—a portable searchlight. This searchlight, small as it is, is remarkably powerful one. When not in use it is taken apart and distributed among five men of the company.

Playgrounds for School Children.

Ways and means of providing modern playgrounds for the school children of Indiana and vicinity formed the theme for the speeches at the meeting of the New Century Club Monday afternoon.

A number of members took part in the discussion. The New Century Club is one of the most active organizations in the county in the playground movement, and much is expected to be accomplished next summer.

Old Case Has Been Settled.

The Superior court sitting at Philadelphia has affirmed the verdict of the Indiana county court in the case of R. T. Marlin, administrator of the estate of Mary Ann Reid, deceased, against the Borough of Indiana. A mandamus was awarded against the borough for land damages after a like petition had previously been refused.

The damages were for the opening of Twelfth street through the lands of the decedant. The report of viewers was confirmed in 1883. The Superior Court holds that the petitioner presented ample evidence to justify the finding of the court below that the damages had never been paid and thus rebutted the presumption arising from the lapse of time.

Attorney David Blair represented the plaintiff in the proceedings while the borough's interests were taken care of by Attorneys D. B. and John S. Taylor.

Teacher Charged With Cruelty Is Arrested

Plummer Clark, teacher in the Elderton schools, has been arrested in a charge of cruelty to a pupil. It is alleged Clark threw him into a seat violently. The boy's nose struck the desk and was badly lacerated.

Inspection of Schools of Indiana Completed

Drs. M. M. Davis and W. A. Simpson have completed the medical inspection of the public schools of Indiana county and report conditions favorable. Fewer physical defects are found, and suggestions made by the inspectors last year have been carried out.

Coal Men Were Given Sentences.

E. S. Saxman, vice president of the Ebensburg Coal Company, and general manager of the operations at Colver, with J. E. Wilkinson, another employe of the company, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon to charges of assault and battery, preferred by organizers of the United Mine Workers of America. These charges grew out of an alleged assault that occurred in the Colver hotel some months ago. The judge sentenced the two men to pay the costs for the present and deferred sentence until disposition has been made of the action in which it will be decided whether or not the license of the company's Colver hotel shall be revoked.

Emilie D. Stoneback Is Blacklick's Postmistress

Washington, Dec. 17—The following new postoffice appointments were sent Friday to the senate by President Wilson for confirmation:

Pennsylvania—T. L. Medland, Waymart; William A. McMahan, West Pittsburg; William D. Werweriser, Wind Gap; Peter Cramer, Coplay; Emilie D. Stoneback, Blacklick.

Think Woman Cremated

An investigation is being made into the fire which destroyed a small frame house in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, and it is believed Mrs. William Kelly was cremated. Bones were found in the debris. No one knows when the fire occurred.

Eleven Prisoners in County Jail

There are fewer prisoners in the county jail here now than at any time in the year 1915, according to Sheriff George H. Jeffries. Only eleven prisoners are in the institution. The high mark of the jail was being reached about this time last year.

Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

Coal Co. Pay Last Before Xmas.

Thursday was pay day for the employes of the B. R. & P. railway in this section, the last before Christmas.

The work was exceptionally good for the period covered by this pay and the checks were consequently uniformly high.

It was one of the largest pays in several years. Both the B. R. & P. and Pennsylvania railroads are exceptionally busy at the present time.

THE COMMUNITY TREE.

Indiana is to have a community Christmas tree and a toy mission this year. The members of the New Century Club are back of the movement and have appointed committees, laid plans and are ready to begin actual work in the next few days. The celebration is being extensively discussed.

The churches, lodges and business establishments are expected to co-operate with the New Century Club in making arrangements and helping to make the program a successful one.

The toy mission will be in charge of the women and a canvass of the county will be made for toys, clothing and other things to be distributed among the poor of the town.

Blairsville Concern Is to Apply for a Charter

Blairsville, Dec. 17—Application will be made January 3, 1916, for a state charter for the Blairsville Manufacturing Co., which proposes to establish a foundry here. George W. Phillips are the in-Frank M. Graff, E. S. Gilmore and corporators.

Prominent Couple to Wed Soon.

The engagement of Miss Nola Edna Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Taylor Steele, of Homer City, and John R. McIntire, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McIntire of Kent, has been announced. The wedding will take place in the near future.

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AUSTRIA EXPECTS DIPLOMATIC BREAK

Vienna Believes U. S. will Ask For Recall of Envoy

Italy Puts 120,000 Troops in Albania

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam quotes a telegram received from Vienna as saying the feeling there is that the United States will ask for the recall of the Austrian embassy, as the Austrian note on the Ancona case is couched in such terms that such a step considered unavoidable.

PUNXSUTAWNEY MAN DYING, MANY HURT IN A SUNDAY EXPLOSION

Punxsutawney, Pa., Dec. 14.—Claud Sikeles is dying at the hospital here and the damage done in Sunday night's explosion at the Punxsutawney Iron Co. is estimated Monday at \$10,000. The explosion occurred when molten iron touched a pool of water in the cinder pit at the plant, forming carbon monoxide gas, which ignited. Hundreds were thrown from their feet and windows throughout the town were shattered by the force of the blast. Windows were reported to have been broken in Adrian and Rossiter—towns eight miles distant.

CANADIAN MONSIGNORS ARE MADE ARCHBISHOPS

Rome, Dec. 17—The Rt. Rev. Oliver Elzear Mathieu, bishop of the diocese of Regina, Canada, was Thursday appointed an archbishop by Pope Benedict. The Rt. Rev. Arthur Beliveau, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada, was also appointed an archbishop.

School Officers Elected.

At the closing session of the convention of the Indiana County School Directors' Association Thursday these officers were elected: President, J. T. Bell; secretary, E. M. Lockard; treasurer, W. S. Daugherty, all of Indiana.



EDWARD W. SAUNDERS.

Chairman of the Democratic Caucus of the House who recently announced that he was opposed to increase appropriations for National defense.

"It is said that the note was submitted to the German ambassador before its presentation to Ambassador Penfield," says the news agency dispatch, "and that Dr. Dumba, the recalled ambassador in the United States, took a hand in drafting the document."

The message adds that in today's editorials in Vienna newspapers on the note extensive excisions appear.

Vienna Indignant.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—The Austro-Hungarian government's reply to the American note on the Ancona was transmitted at noon yesterday to the American ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield.

The American note, as published in the Vienna morning paper resulted in a high state of public indignation, and while the text of the Austrian reply has not been made public, it is understood that common ground is indicated on which the United States and Austria might come to an understanding.

Those who are conversant with the contents of the reply express the conviction that the United States government cannot fail to realize the justice and moderation of the Austrian government's attitude and they view the reply as a fair and open-minded document showing the imperial government's willingness to do whatever is right.

Rome, Dec. 16.—Italy's expeditionary force sent to the Balkans has been landed in Albania. Official announcement was made on Thursday that the landing has been successfully completed.

Austrian warships attempted to prevent the landing of the Italians with shell fire and by planting mines along the Albania coast. The warships were driven off, but the destroyer Intrepido and the transport Reumberto were sunk by mines, with a total loss of 43 lives.

The Italian Balkan expedition, unofficial reports say, comprises at least 20,000 infantry and cavalry.

BLESS WIRELESS AFTER AN ANCIENT CUSTOM

Paris, Dec. 17.—Pope Benedict is preparing to confer the papal blessing upon wireless telegraphy, it was learned in vatican circles.

In taking this step the pontiff will restore the ancient custom of the church of blessing inventions which confer great benefit to humanity.