

Court Proceedings.

SECOND WEEK.

William Ikeler vs. John Savage. Verdict for Defendant.

David Yeager vs. Clinton Dewitt, et al. Verdict for Defendant.

Mary E. Green vs. R. S. Howell. Ejectment. Verdict for Plaintiff.

Wm. Abbott vs. Silas D. Edgar. Action for debt. Verdict for Plaintiff \$34.95.

James Gannon vs. Michael Creane et al. Ejectment. Verdict for Plaintiff.

John McDonald vs. Lewis Boner and Silvester Hoffman. Action, Trespass on the case. Jury not agreeing, they were discharged by the Court.

On motion of Mr. LeVelle, Mason Weidman, Esq., was admitted to practice in the several Courts of Columbia County, which caused a very pleasant and agreeable smile to come over the countenance of the Court Clerk:

Franklin H. Pearson vs. Andrew Freas. Civil suit for damages. Verdict for Plaintiff.

Charles W. Miller vs. Bloom Township. For recovery of bounty. Verdict for Plaintiff \$217.25. Rule granted for new trial.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury as handed in by that body and filed:

To the Honorable—the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now comprising a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Columbia:

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania inquiring in and for the body of the County of Columbia, Respectfully Report.

That we have examined the public buildings of said county. We would call the attention of the Commissioners of said county to the following matters, and recommend that the following repairs and improvements be made with as little delay as possible, to wit:

The room in the jail that is now partially lined with boiler iron, be lined in the same manner on the other three sides; that the jail yard will be repaired; that new locks be put on the jail doors; that the door leading from the back yard of the Sheriff's dwelling into the jail yard be repaired by lining the same inside and out with boiler iron, and that a small aperture be left in said door well secured by a lock, to enable the jailor to observe the work of the prisoners inside; that the hall leading to the prison hall be covered with coco matting; that the oven for the use of the Sheriff be repaired or rebuilt; that as soon as the weather will permit that a new roof be put on the front part of the Sheriff's residence; that two large cisterns be dug in the Court House lot for the protection of the buildings in case of fire, and to be located at such place or places as the County Commissioners shall deem expedient.

We heartily repeat and endorse the recommendations of former Grand Juries as to the enlargement of the Court House thus securing suitable jury rooms and offices—And we are glad to know that the Commissioners have commenced the work of enlarging the Court House as heretofore recommended.

Our attention has been properly called by the Court to Lottery schemes, denominated as gift enterprises. We fully concur with the Court in opinion that these schemes are promoted by the laws of the Commonwealth, and recommend that parties who shall hereafter be concerned in such enterprises be brought to speedy justice. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CONGRESS.

Nothing of importance has been done in this body since our last issue; but the Reconstruction Committee, having in charge the impeachment business brought their labor to a sudden close last week. The old villain, Thad Stevens was carried to the committee room on a chair, and after being placed at the head of the table proceeded to lecture the other members of the committee in a somewhat ferocious manner, accusing them of being a weak-kneed, pusillanimous set. One member attempted to speak out of the room but the old *destructionist* drew the reins, and Mr. Committeeeman skulked to his seat. After hoisterous talk a vote was finally had, and the "great commoner" found himself floored by a vote of two to one—two members voting with him in favor of impeachment, and six voting against it.

It is said that the wrath of the old sinner at this result was terrible. The discovery that he was gnawing a file very nearly produced a result which Nature will inevitably bring about in a short time—his removal from a world which he has disgraced.

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THE CHEAPEST FOOD.—The cheapest and most nutritious vegetable used for food is beans. Professor Leibig says that pork and beans form a compound of substance peculiarly adapted to furnish all that is necessary to support life. A quart of beans costs, say fifteen cents; half pound of pork ten cents. This, as every housekeeper knows, will feed a small family for a day with good strengthening food. Four quarts of beans and two pounds of corned beef, boiled well, in fifty quarts of water, will furnish a good meal for forty men at a cost of one dollar—two cents and a half a meal.

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Democratic County Convention.

The Democracy of Columbia County assembled in Convention, in pursuance of the call of the Standing Committee, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on Monday, the 17th day of February, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Col. J. G. Freeze, Chairman of the Standing Committee, called the Convention to order.

J. J. Robbins nominated Thomas J. Vandervelde for President. Carried.

On motion of Charles Conner, George W. Utte and William Lamon were elected Secretaries.

On motion, the roll of Townships was called in alphabetical order, and the following gentlemen presented credentials and were admitted to seat in the Convention:

Beaver—Peter Knecht, Allen Mann. Benton—J. J. McHenry, Abraham A. Kline. Blood—Peter Billmeyer, J. J. Robbins. Bor. Berwick—[Absent] Bor. Centralia—[Absent]

Briar Creek—William Lamon, Jer. C. Smith Catawissa—Geo. Manhart, Joseph Martz. Cogyngham—[Absent] Fishing Creek—A. J. Kline, David Savage. Franklin—Washington Parr, J. Loreman. Greenwood—Geo. W. Utte, Geo. W. Derr. Hemlock—N. P. Moore, T. J. Vanderslice. Jackson—Ivan Derr, Joshua Savage. Locust—[Absent] Main—Nathan Miller, U. J. Campbell. Mifflin—John Snyder, Charles H. Hess. Madison—Jacob M. Girtin, Henry Wagner. Montour—W. G. Quick, J. T. Farnsworth. Mt. Pleasant—John Mordan, Wm. Miller. Orange—Charles Conner, D. K. Sloan. Pine—Albert Hunter, Wm. Karchner. Rostrin—[A sent] Scott—Wellington H. Ent, P. T. Hartman. Sugarloaf—Andrew Laubach, J. R. Fritz. Gen. Wellington H. Ent, of Scott, offered the following:

Resolved, That William H. Shoemaker, of Hemlock, and Capt. Reese J. Millard, of Millin, be Representative Conference to meet similar Conference from Mon County, to select a Delegate to the 4th of March Democratic State Convention at Harrisburg, on Monday, February 24th, in Danville, at Lindner's Hotel, (formerly C. N. Savage's).

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Charles Conner, of Orange, then offered the following:

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The following Resolution was then read by Gen. Ent, seconded by Andrew Freas, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to instruct the Delegates to the State and National Convention in favor of any particular person for President; believing that a judicious selection is more likely to be made, when all the Delegates are free to select the right man for the place.

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STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, PROM JAN. 1st, 1867, TO JAN. 1st, 1868.

The Auditors elected to settle and adjust the accounts of Columbia County, respectively beg leave to report that they have examined the same from the first day of January, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to the first day of January A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and respectfully lay before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county the following statement and report, agreeably to the 22d Section of the Act of General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the 4th day of April, 1834.

JOHN J. STILES, Treasurer of Columbia County, in account with said County:

DR. Jan. 7. To amount outstanding for 1866 and previous years. 65333 48

" To amount in hands of Auditor for 1867, 8826 70

Feb. 6. To Cash of Samuel Kelchner of Briar Creek, for keeping C. 39 10

Mar. 5. To Cash of Samuel Kelchner of Briar Creek for keeping C. 37 15

June. To amount of County tax as reported for 1867. 15370 00

" To amount added to duplicate of Scott Township. 14 95

" To amount of Ten day assessment. 53 81

" To Cash of Col Ridge Improvement Co. of A. W. Bea. Agent I. Redwood. 177 40

Sept 2. To Cash of A. W. Bea. Agent I. Redwood. 100 02

" To Cash of County tax as recorded for 1866 and 1867. 30 11

" To Cash of Thayer & Noyes, Circus. 50 00

Dec. 2. To Cash of George Evans of Briar Creek, for keeping C. 145 20

" To Cash for ten day assessment 1866 and 1867. 21 13

" To Cash of Northumberland County for Columbia co., for repairing Bridge. 12 00

" To Cash paid Assessors, assessing property for 1867. 98 54

" To Cash for Sheriff Taxes. 135 40

" To balance outstanding. 61 01

" To Cash of sundry persons. Redemption money 75 70

CR. 28733 08

John J. Stiles, Tres., in account with tax on dogs:

Dr. To amount outstanding for 1866 and previous years. \$ 947 05

To amount assessed for 1867. 1264 50

Cr. \$221 50

By bal. due Treasurer per auditor's report, January 1867. 515 51

Amount outstanding and uncollected 376 46

Exonerations allowed collectors. 98 00

Commissions allowed collectors. 83 40

Amt sheep damage orders rededeem'd 1056 70

Amt pd. for assessing dog tax in 1867 25 54

Amt pd. Treasurer's com. on 1056.75 52 84

\$221 50

Statement showing the amount of County and dog tax assessed for the year A. D. 1867, in each district of the county, as well as the amount due