

OPERATORS WILL FIGHT UNION

On April 1, 1906, every coal mine in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and part of Kentucky will close down for an indefinite period, if present plans do not miscarry.

A meeting of the coal operators of all these states has been called to take place November 22nd at Chicago, when plans will be completed for the great look-out in the history of the world.

There exists among the Western Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois coal operators an agreement known as the interstate agreement, whereby the operators annually meet the United Mine Workers of the various districts and settle on a mining rate for the year.

As a result, the anthracite operators have been piling up coal, and will fill their docks at both ends of the lakes, and will load every barge and scow obtainable with coal between now and April 1.

Crossley Goes Free. But little news develops about the Court House and it is difficult to believe that Court is in session, even in the present restricted sense.

When Court convened yesterday morning with Associate Judges Thompson and Blew on the bench the Grand Jury had two bills to return. One of these was the case of Commonwealth vs. Harman Weigold, the charge being assault and battery.

Cooper-Kovacschitz. An extremely pretty home wedding took place Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, near Ottawa, at which time their daughter, Miss Hannah J. Cooper, became the bride of Anthony Kovacschitz of Philadelphia.

Bloomsburg Fair. The Columbia County Agricultural Society will hold its 51st annual exhibition on October 10-11-12 and 13. From all indications the coming fair will eclipse all former ones.

A DIVORCE IS GRANTED

A divorce was granted at Court Monday in the case of Mary Frantz vs. William Frantz of this city. The Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Sunbury, was appointed guardian of Annie J. Ellis, Lloyd C. Ellis and Oscar E. Ellis, minor children of James J. Ellis, deceased.

Thomas G. Vincent was appointed guardian ad litem in the case of Paul M. Smith vs. Daniel Smith, et al. Frank O. Angle, Esq., as receiver of the late firm of S. Bailey & Co., on petition was discharged.

A writ of partition and return of a sheriff to the same was ordered filed in the case of Horace B. Bennett, et al. vs. S. Y. Thompson, Committee, &c., et al.

First and final account of B. R. Gearhart, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Y. Grove, late of the Borough of Danville, deceased, as filed by M. L. Gearhart, Executrix of B. R. Gearhart, deceased.

First and final account of Sarah M. Snyder (formerly Crossley) and Hiram E. Crossley, Administrators of the estate of William H. Crossley, of West Hemlock township, deceased.

First and final account of John D. Ellis and James F. Ellis, Executors of Stephen M. Ellis, late of Limestone township, deceased.

First and final account of Bruce C. Kelley and Frank E. Martz, Administrators of the estate of Martin Kelley, late of the Borough of Washington, deceased.

First and final account of Sarah F. Caldwell, Administratrix of the estate of John F. Caldwell, late of Anthony township, deceased.

First and final account of M. G. Youngman, Administrator d. b. n. of the estate of Margaret Y. Grove, late of the Borough of Danville, deceased.

THE VIEWERS PRESENT REPORT

The report of the viewers in re petition of Harriet W. Kauffman for assessment of damages, corner of Mill and Center streets, Danville, was presented to Court Monday afternoon.

The viewers—S. M. Trumbower, John A. Mowrey, Samuel Werkheiser, Joseph W. Keesley and J. E. Gearhart—report that they met at the time and place specified by the order of Court and complied with law in all respects.

The report of the viewers in both cases filed September 25, 1905, was confirmed nisi by the Court.

Bunker Hill and Springfield will meet at Edgewood Saturday for the local championship of Shamokin for a purse of \$50. John Kelly will umpire and the batteries will be Cootts and Josey for Bunker Hill and Boyd and Lewis for Springfield.

While the latter offense is not the subject of inquiry of the Grand Jury, yet the Court deemed it advisable to call it to their attention as a means of disseminating information relating to the same in the several communities of the county.

The Associate Judges announced that Court during the week will convene each day at 9 a. m. and at 2 p. m., which will enable the Grand Jury to present their returns twice daily.

The indications point to large and enthusiastic classes, as the general public are fast coming to realize the value of proper muscular exercise.

The schedule of gymnasium classes is as follows: Business Men, Monday and Thursday at 8:15 P. M.

Young men, Tuesday and Friday at 8:15 P. M. Juniors, Monday and Thursday at 4:30 P. M.

SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION

The School Board held a regular meeting Monday night. Members were present as follows: Adams, Harpel, Purcell, Haring, Burns, Fischer, Werkheiser, Orth and Trumbower.

Dr. Joseph Ziesler appeared before the Board asking that the children of the Jewish faith be granted a holiday on October 10th, the Day of Atonement or in other words, that no deductions be made for recitations missed on that day.

On motion maps were ordered for the Fourth Ward Grammar School. The depot school property was sold to James Foster for \$850, subject to Attorney's approval.

On motion window curtains were ordered for the schools of the Second and Fourth Wards.

The following bills were approved for payment: Adams Express Co. \$ 1.95

Montour Democrat. 45.90 H. M. Soboch. 13.45 G. W. Root. 19.25 Emery Shultz. 3.55 American Book Co. 21.00 N. C. Prentiss. 2.50 U. L. Gordy. 4.95 W. H. Orth. 1.84

Central Scientific Co. 105.46 Central Scientific Co. 11.00 Teaching and Janitors. 1732.00 W. W. Mottern. 3.00

Frank Magill, teacher in the Commercial Department of the Danville High School, who was off duty last week owing to illness, has resumed teaching of his school this week.

John Sherwood, who was so seriously burned at the Store Works accident, was able to appear on the streets for the first time Saturday.

FOOL PLOT TO MURDER SHERIFF

John Sees, David Barrett, and Elmer Halderman were arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. V. Oglesby on Saturday charged with attempting to break jail. Not only were the three men, already awaiting trial on serious charges, held for court on the additional charge, but during the hearing the door was fully explained; this was to be applied to the vile purpose of murder the victim was to be the Sheriff and the man who was to strike the fatal blow was one who had previously disclaimed all connection with the attempt to break jail.

The information lodged before Justice W. V. Oglesby by Sheriff George Maier Saturday morning sets forth as follows: "That on the 17th day of September at the county jail, Montour county, John Sees, David Barrett and Elmer Halderman, being prisoners in said jail, charged with indictable offenses, did break prison, although no escape was actually made, contrary to the Act of the General Assembly in such cases made and provided."

The hearing took place at 11 o'clock. The arrangements had been conducted with great caution and secrecy and thus was a crowd at the hearing avoided. David Barrett and Elmer Halderman were brought down from the jail handcuffed together by Officer John Grier Voris; John Sees, also handcuffed, was in charge of Chief-of-Police Mincey, while Sheriff George Maier followed with George Crossley, who although a prisoner, was not charged with jail breaking but was wanted as a witness.

The hearing was conducted by District Attorney Ralph Kiser. The information was read, and the men arraigned were asked whether they had any alibi for the time the same preparation being taken to remind them of their prerogative in the matter and to warn them that what they said might be used against them. All three of the men—Sees, Halderman and Barrett—pleaded "Not Guilty."

Sheriff George Maier was the first witness sworn. He described the attempt to break jail as printed in these columns Tuesday morning, emphasizing the fact, that it was only in Sees' and Halderman's cell that he found any of the bars sawed.

George Crossley the principal witness, followed the Sheriff. George who is held on a charge of assault and battery, was out a couple of days last week on his own recognizance to attend to his mother's funeral. On Saturday he had returned his place behind the bars. Being sworn, George testified that he knew of the attempt made by Sees, Halderman and Barrett to escape in through the rear window. Sees, Halderman and Barrett, he said were all three in the plot to escape. He was quite sure, however, that Barrett had no part of the sawing, just as it was shown by the Sheriff's testimony that none of the saws or other implements were found in Barrett's cell.

The most sensational part of Crossley's testimony occurred when he explained the purpose to which the bond chair legs, fastened above the cage door was to be applied by the prisoners in their attempt to escape. It was a part of their plan that Crossley was to play off sick—that was all they asked of him. Taking advantage of the liberty accorded them Sees was to be out in the small corridor between the cells cleaning up things. Crossley's agonizing cries were to summon the Sheriff, who unsuspectingly was relied upon as his wayout to unlock the cage door and enter. At this moment, according to Crossley, Sees was to seize the club and deal the Sheriff a blow upon the head, after which the official was to be dragged back into the cage by the men, who had sawed their way out of the cells; the cage door was to be relocked and safe behind the possibility of discovery and pursuit the prisoners were to walk out of jail.

This part of the testimony will be received with a great deal of surprise, as Sees at the hearing of Seitz and Hahn, arrested as confederates a week ago, disclaimed all connection with the attempt to break jail and gave testimony, which was instrumental in holding those two for trial.

Beyond his plea of "not guilty" Barrett maintained a silence during the hearing. He frequently shifted his position to use the spittoon behind him and as the hearing proceeded rose to his feet and moved a couple of steps forward in this position he stood during the latter part of the hearing. Halderman was of a much more excitable disposition and was inclined to talk as the desperate purpose of murder seemed to be fixed upon the prisoners Halderman voluntarily confessed his own part and charged the premeditation of murder to Sees. Halderman said: "I did not want to murder Maier—I wanted to get out, if I could, in a quiet way, but I would not commit murder." He intimated that Sees was the one that was to carry out that part of the diabolical plot and added indignantly: "Sees was into it as deep as any of us until we were caught and then he turned dead against us and gave the thing away."

NEW WORK AT THE HOSPITAL

It is stated positively by those in a position to know that building operations at the Hospital for the Insane will be started this fall. On Saturday the encouraging news was given out that ground might be broken inside of thirty days.

The buildings to be started include not only the Light and Power Plant but also the buildings to relieve overcrowding. Just what shape the latter may assume is not clear at present, but the long interim between the signing of the bill and the present has been well improved, that all difficulties have been pretty well straightened out and that the buildings decided upon are such as will meet general approval.

The delay in perfecting the plans for the Light and Power Plant, which has held up the work is accounted for as it does so much detail is an unusually tedious and difficult one, which in the hands of the greatest expert living would be the work of several months.

It is stated that the plans and specifications for the Light and Power Plant are now completed and are ready to go before the Building Committee of the Board of Trustees. The whole it is safe to assume that in progress and that a large number of men will find work on the Hospital grounds.

Excursion Tickets at Single Fare for the Round Trip via Pennsylvania Railroad. On account of Old Home Week, at Harrisburg, October 1 to 7, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Harrisburg at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate 25 cents) from the following points on dates specified:—

On October 1, 2, and 3, tickets, good for return passage within five days, including date of sale, will be sold from Pott, Nescopeck, Williamsport, Altoona, Frederick, Baltimore, and intermediate stations.

On October 3, tickets, good for return passage on that date only, will be sold from stations between Philadelphia and Berwyn, inclusive, and from stations between Wilkes-Barre and Wapwallopen, inclusive.

On October 4, 5 and 7, tickets, good for return passage only on date of issue, will be sold from Wilkes-Barre, Williamsport, Altoona, Philadelphia, Frederick, Baltimore, and intermediate stations.

For specific rates and further information, consult nearest ticket agent. REDUCED RATES TO SHERMANTON. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, Account Firemen's Parade Day.

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BATTERO GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Guilty of voluntary manslaughter as indicted, was the verdict of the twelve men selected in the Northumberland county court to sit in judgment in the Batterso murder case.

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