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"PLEADED BUT TO TRUTH, TO LIBERTY AND LAW—NO FAVOR SWAYS US AND NO FEAR SHALL AWE."

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READY TO STRING THE WIRES

The Farmers' Mutual Telephone company representing a wholly township-owned line in West Henlock township, which has been alluded to before in these columns, is now an assured thing and is rapidly approaching completion.

C. F. Styer, one of the leading spirits of the enterprise, last evening was in this city and took along home with him a load of the 'phones required to equip the line. The independent line will be in working order in a very short time. The company has thirteen members, the line extending from the Forks to Kaseville, thence to C. F. Styer's place, known as Clover Hill farm, a distance of six miles in all. Before reaching the Clover Hill farm, about half a mile from that point, a branch runs off eastward one mile, taking in the farms of Augusta Maus and P. S. Brugler.

The poles, with the exception of six, are erected on the main line and things are now practically ready for stringing the wire. Mr. Styer last evening stated that it is the intention of the Farmers' Mutual company at the Forks to connect with one of the wires of the United Telephone company and to come into Danville in that way. The subscribers are all full of enthusiasm and are looking forward to happier days ahead when a telephone is installed in each of their homes.

Electric Railroads.

It is estimated that \$500,000.00 have been appropriated by the various railroad companies throughout this country to be used in the purchase of electrical machinery, which, it is believed will eventually replace the steam locomotives. Railroad companies have interested themselves in the operation of electric locomotives, and while there has been no change in the motive power in this district, it is believed that the electric motors will be used here before long. The Pennsylvania next month will test two electric engines on the steep grades between Gallitzin and Altoona, and if they are successful there, it is believed that a change in motive power will be made on the Pittsburgh division, especially in the mountain district. Every year since 1888 has witnessed new developments in and new triumphs for electricity, and as every new electrical triumph meant another encroachment upon the steam locomotive at last the railroad companies have been forced to take notice. The number of electric roads has been greatly increased, and practically every trunk line railroad company has already begun the installation of electricity on its lines or is making preparations to take this step in the immediate future.

Hived a Swarm of Bees.

Charles Seiderwalt, the Western Union lineman, Saturday afternoon showed the curious at the Reading iron works how to hive a swarm of bees. In the process he showed quite as much nerve as when scaling a fifty-foot telegraph pole and escaped without a single sting.

Toward evening a very large swarm of bees settled on one of the trees along the creek just east of the mill. The bees clustering together formed an immense pear-shaped mass, which hung suspended from one of the lower limbs.

Everyone gave the bees a wide berth until Mr. Seiderwalt heard of the swarm and went down to the mill to look them over. He said he could capture them and he immediately set about carrying his plans into execution. Procuring an ordinary store box he placed it under the bees and coolly shook the whole mass of honey-makers down into the receptacle, after which he covered up the box and carried it away with him.

It was a great object lesson for the mill men and they have not yet ceased to wonder what secret art the man employed had enabled him to capture the bees without any resistance.

FLAG DAY—JUNE 14TH.

Several of the towns of Pennsylvania will observe Flag day, June 14th, with more or less elaborate services, appropriate to the occasion. An appeal has been sent out by those interested in the observance of the day. One difficulty heretofore has been that Memorial day and Flag day are so close together that it is difficult to pay the latter as much attention as it deserves. A suggestion has been made that the two days be combined and it is not unworthy of consideration.

THE PACE AND THE INCOME.

According to the Williamsport News, they have a number of young men in Williamsport who are trying to go an automobile pace on a wheelbarrow income. Which reminds us of the young fellow who ascribed his fall from the roof to the fact that he had been educated in a champagne appetite with a larger beer income. All such are bound to fall into grievous difficulties.

High P. & R. Bridge on Fire.

The high P. & R. bridge at Middletown was on fire Saturday morning for several hours. The bridge is 1500 feet long and 120 feet high and spans a deep chasm in the mountains. The entire neighborhood was aroused and fought the flames, which, nevertheless, burned fiercely for several hours, consuming the ties for about one-quarter the length of the bridge. The fire caught from the live coals from a freight pusher.

The month of June brides will soon be here and the crop promises to be large.

CONTRACT WAS NOT AWARDED

Monday was the date set for receiving the sealed proposals for the erection of a brick power house at the hospital for the insane, but the contract was not awarded. The building committee of the board of trustees were on hand, but upon opening the bids it was found that they were all in excess of the amount of money available for the power house. Under the circumstances a halt was inevitable.

After deducting the price of Buchanan & Co's contract and expenses incidental it is found that only some ten thousand dollars remain of the State's appropriation of \$91,000 made for the heat, light and power plant. This, it is explained, will not erect such a building to house the heat, light and power plant as is called for by the plans and specifications adopted. It will, therefore, be necessary to modify the plans and specifications in order to bring the cost down to the limit of available money and to advertise anew for bids.

All this, it is regretted, will consume time, which at this stage of the work is very valuable at the hospital. It is safe to affirm, however, that the building committee just as quickly as possible will procure new or modified plans to be submitted to the board of trustees and ready just as soon as needed by Buchanan & Co.

Shortage of Ice is in Sight.

If the large ice companies were permitted to have their way about the smaller cities that were not fortunate enough to harvest a good ice crop would be apt to experience an ice famine before next fall. As the season advances it becomes apparent that the total of ice in storage will fall considerably short of meeting the general demand. The large ice companies that control the product of Pasquo and other mountain lakes evidently, if they had it to do over again, would not have contracted with so many parties, but would have agreed to ship ice only where they now see it possible to keep up the supply needed during the season. Naturally these companies would like to get released from some of their smaller contracts so as to avoid the danger of embarrassment in filling their large contracts. The towns, therefore, are fortunate that have dealers conscientious enough to reject the overtures of the ice companies and in spite of the proffered terms to fulfill their contracts with customers.

The Tobyanna ice company, which has entered into a contract with A. L. Delcamp, to furnish ice has made a proposition to him asking to be released. The company as a price proposes to pay Mr. Delcamp two dollars per ton for all the ice contracted for and not yet delivered. When it is stated that Mr. Delcamp's contract calls for 1,500 tons and that but 200 tons are delivered as yet, it is to be seen to what an extent he would be benefitted. The deal would simply net him \$2,000 and he would be relieved of any further work or annoyance during the season.

Mr. Delcamp last evening stated that he had decided to protect his customers and that he, therefore, had notified the ice company that he could not accept their proposition. He also stated that he would not raise the price of ice so long as the ice he has contracted for holds out, which will be until about in September or October.

The local ice dealers of Berwick, have also been offered two dollars per ton on their contracts to leave the ice in the company's storage at Mt. Pocono. Averill Bros. have a contract for 1,200 tons and A. F. Martz for 1,000 tons and had these Berwick dealers accepted the offer they would have realized \$2,400 and \$2,000 respectively; but like our Danville dealer they chose to be true to their patrons, and held the ice company to its contracts.

Unstead's Ditcher in Operation.

The Intelligence some time ago contained mention of a machine for ditching that was being perfected by Walter Unstead, who resides with James Lowrie, at Strawberry Ridge. The machine has now been completed and in its perfected state has been patented by Mr. Unstead and has proven a most successful success.

A representative of this paper saw the machine in operation on the farm of George W. Cotner, near Washingtonville Tuesday. To draw it four horses are hitched abreast, one man drives and another walks behind and by means of a wheel regulates the depth of the cut.

The machine was making a ditch Tuesday 6 inches wide and 2 feet deep, and the walls of the completed trench, after the machine had passed, were as clean as if built of concrete. The dirt is rolled out to one side, not a bit of it finding its way back into the ditch.

A number of experts have been to see Mr. Unstead about the machine. One representative of a big farming implement company told Mr. Unstead that he had never before seen a successful ditcher, but that he believed that Mr. Unstead's patent filled all the requirements and that he had no doubt but that the machine would do the work admirably where the others had failed.

According to a statement just made by Health Commissioner Dixon, 700 persons die in Pennsylvania each month from consumption, which is a preventable disease.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Harry Sheffer returned to Scranton yesterday after a visit with her sister, Miss Fannie Hummer, Iron street.

Miss Bessie Evans has returned to the Bloomsburg normal school after a stay in this city as the guest of Miss Florence Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dreifuss, Master Leon and Miss Rae Dreifuss have left for Detroit, Michigan, where they will make their home.

Miss Lois Boyer will arrive today from Plymouth for a visit with friends in this city.

Dr. J. Sidney Hoffa, of Benton, circulated among friends in this city yesterday.

Archie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Voris, of Milton, is visiting relatives in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Winters, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Alex. Foster and his daughter Helen left Saturday for a visit at Ocean City.

Mrs. E. W. Peters returned home from a visit to Pittsburgh Saturday evening.

George Steinbremer, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Curry Fisher, of Westfield, New Jersey, arrived Saturday for a several days' visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Sr., returned to Philadelphia Saturday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Maus at Maudslaw.

Dr. I. H. Jennings returned Saturday from Allentown where he attended the meeting of the State dental association.

FILTH IN KOREA.

The Streets of the City Reek With Filth and Odors.

The streets of Korea are used for every conceivable and inconceivable thing. Down the middle of them or on either side the city's sewage reeks along a sluggish course, carrying with it every possible thing but its own horrible odor. The houses on the main streets, or what might for want of a more descriptive name be called the business streets, are all built with one side open, as houses are built in Japan. There is little or nothing displayed for sale in any shops, and there is seldom anything to detain a loiterer along the street. The houses on the main streets, or what might for want of a more descriptive name be called the business streets, are all built with one side open, as houses are built in Japan. There is little or nothing displayed for sale in any shops, and there is seldom anything to detain a loiterer along the street. The houses on the main streets, or what might for want of a more descriptive name be called the business streets, are all built with one side open, as houses are built in Japan. There is little or nothing displayed for sale in any shops, and there is seldom anything to detain a loiterer along the street.

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NEW YORK'S RECORDER.

The City's Most Ancient Official Next to the Mayor.

Next to the mayor the recorder is the most ancient public official in the city. His office dates back to the Longdon charter, given with the authority of King James II. to the city of New York in April, 1686. The governing body of the city were the mayor, the recorder and the aldermen.

From the recorder sprang, in 1821, the last of the common pleas courts, which later became the supreme court. Originally the mayor and the recorder held all the courts in New York, both civil and criminal, the aldermen sitting also to aid in disposing of petty cases. The recorder was a member of the board of aldermen. One of his important duties was to pass on competency for citizenship.

The last recorder was James Graham, elected by charter. His duties have since been divided between the recorder and city clerk. Gradually as the city business increased the recorder came to act as an alderman, and in the session of court work the criminal cases, which, as affecting the life and liberty of citizens, were then regarded as of the greater importance, were retained by him, and the civil cases were transferred to newer courts.

Thus the office of the recorder is traditionally the primary safeguard over the principles of the old common law on which New York's modern criminal jurisprudence is founded.—New York World.

The Sanitander.

In Andrew's "Uncle Sam's Ancient and Modern" (1739) one reads: "Should a large house fire be kept up without extinction for a longer time than seven years there is no doubt but that a salamander would be accounted for in the cinders." This probably accounts for the popular idea that a salamander lives in the fire, a fallacy so far removed from the truth that the curious lizard-like beast so called cannot endure even the heat of the sun, but skulks away under stones to avoid it. It will never lose its reputation for fire eating, though, which legend still in the heating utensil that is named after it.

Conservation of Energy.

"You say you never gossip?" "Never," answered Miss Cayenne. "When I feel disposed to hear my neighbors discussed, I merely mention a name and proceed to listen."—Washington Star.

THE MEMORIAL SERMON

Rev. L. D. Ulrich preached the memorial sermon to the veterans of Goodrich post, the Sons of Veterans and the Women's Relief corps at Trinity Lutheran church Sunday morning. The sermon was an able and impressive effort, there was a large attendance and the occasion in no respect has ever been surpassed since the memorial sermon became a feature in honoring the memory of the departed brave.

Some forty-five veterans accompanied by half that number of sons of veterans marched from the post room to the church bearing with them the post flag and the handsome colors of Company A, 132nd regiment. Arriving at the church along with the women's relief corps they occupied seats that had been reserved in the fore part of the auditorium. The post flag and the flag of Company A were given prominent positions, one on each side of the pulpit. Above the speaker was a large canvas on which in artistic letters were the words: "Welcome G. A. R. Just at the rear of the speaker a large flag gathered near the bottom with a black braid, depended from the ceiling. In addition there were numerous small flags and a profusion of flowers gracefully arranged about the altar.

The pastor took his text from the 6th chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, 10th and 11th verses: "Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, etc." The text represents Christians as warriors, contending with powerful enemies, with Christ as captain. When Christ came it was with a new banner, to set up a new kingdom. In rallying round this flag gathered near the bottom with a black braid, depended from the ceiling. In addition there were numerous small flags and a profusion of flowers gracefully arranged about the altar.

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Rise in River.

The river, which began to rise on Monday afternoon, during the night following ceased to rise, and at dawn yesterday it was over ten feet above low water mark. Last evening it was at a standstill and the probability is that it will fall rapidly today.

The sudden rise of the river Monday night played havoc with the foot boats which lay upon the shore at low water. A considerable number were seen going down stream, some from points at the upper end of the borough and others from towns above. William Deiter's boat was carried down the river as far as Cameron, where it was recovered. Frank Ross' naphtha launch and two foot boats were carried away. Luckily heavy stones were attached to the boats very much. About daylight they were detected out in the stream by the crew at the water works, who notified the owner. The boats were recovered before they reached the creek's mouth.

Annoyed by Explosions.

The residents of Sunbury street, Shamokin, are said to be greatly alarmed by the repeated explosions which occur underneath their houses and which at times shake the buildings to a considerable extent. The explosions are believed to be due to the firing of shots in the workings of the Cameron colliery which working are now thought to extend to Sunbury street. It is said that the dishes were shaken from the sideboard in the dining room of one residence.

D. L. Mauger Promoted.

D. L. Mauger, for the past 13 years district passenger agent of the P. & R. Railway company, with headquarters at Williamsport, will on June 1st, be promoted to the position of district passenger agent at Reading. The announcement of Mr. Mauger's intended departure from this district will be received with sincere regret by his many Danville friends.

Machines Arrive.

W. W. Welliver last evening stated that the Welliver Hardware company has received a carload of Rambler automobiles. The shipment comprises three machines, one for George Sponder of this city, one for George Sponder of Line Ridge and the other for D. A. Michael of Berwick.

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HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

A most sensational runaway occurred between this city and Washingtonville Tuesday afternoon, which ended in a terrific head-on collision between the runaways and another team. The runaway horses escaped, but one of the other team was killed instantly, pierced to the heart by a heavy wagon tongue.

J. A. Cronis, of Limestone township, whose team it was that ran away had been to Danville delivering a load of hay. On the return trip he stopped at Phil Moser's hotel at the top of the hill on the old road to Washingtonville. He had taken the animals with a chain to the hitching post, and proceeded into the hotel. While the team was alone, for some reason unaccounted for, they became frightened, and breaking away from the post, dashed off down the steep narrow road.

Just about this time Earl Renn, son of Elmer Renn, of Valley township, returning from the Lyecoming hills with a load of lumber, had arrived at a point about half way up the hill. He was walking between his wagon and the railing that divides the road from the steep side hill.

Suddenly he was startled by the sound of loudly pounding hoofs, and glancing up he saw, not a hundred yards away, the frantic plunging team heading toward him. He acted quickly. Turning his team in as near the railing as he could get, he mounted to the top of the load of lumber, to save himself from being caught under the load if his wagon toppled over the steep embankment.

No sooner had he reached his perch than the runaways, going at top speed, crashed with fearful momentum and a horribly sickening thud into his own team of horses.

The big tongue on the runaways' wagon struck the body of Renn's near horse just back of the front leg, burying itself three feet in the animal's body and piercing its heart and lungs. The horse gave a spasmodic leap into the air and fell dead.

Keeping his presence of mind, Renn jumped to the ground and dashed to the heads of the runaways, pushed them back and controlled them without further trouble. Mr. Renn valued his horse at \$10. It is a remarkable fact that neither of Mr. Cronis' horses was injured.

Rev. Dr. Shindel Resigns.

Rev. M. L. Shindel, D. D., who for some thirty-two years past has been pastor of the Pine Street Lutheran church, was Sunday elected as pastor emeritus. At the same time Rev. Lloyd W. Walter was elected pastor of the church. From that date until last week the matter was held under advisement, the council deciding to recommend that the resignation not be accepted, but that Dr. Shindel be elected pastor emeritus. It also recommended that Lloyd W. Walter, a graduate of Susquehanna university, who has officiated several times in the Pine Street church, be chosen as pastor. Both recommendations proved acceptable to the congregation, which proceeded at once to elect them, electing pastor emeritus and pastor as above stated.

Dr. Shindel is much beloved, not only by the Pine Street congregation but by all our townpeople. The honor conferred upon him yesterday comes a reward for long and faithful service.

Rev. Lloyd W. Walter, who will succeed Rev. Dr. Shindel in the duties of the pastorate, will graduate from the Susquehanna university this summer. He is a gifted speaker and a young man of much ability. He will come to Danville in a short time.

Lightning Rod Sharpeners.

Lightning rod agents, who are operating this section of the State, swindled Adam Waldman, of Collomsville, out of \$250 last week. The first of the clever gang was through the Nippen valley soliciting the orders for the lightning rods and agreed to place a sufficient number on Mr. Waldman's barn for the very nominal price of \$6.70. Mr. Waldman agreed to pay this amount and was asked to sign a contract, which he did. A few days afterward the second man came along, did the work, and presented the bill, which by this time had grown to be \$400, and the contract was found to be converted into a lien on Mr. Waldman's property. After much discussion the lightning rod man dropped to \$250 and Mr. Waldman gave him a note for this amount, payable in thirty days. The men later cashed at a Jersey Shore bank and then skipped.

They were reported to have been seen three months, one for George Sponder of this city, one for George Sponder of Line Ridge and the other for D. A. Michael of Berwick.

NO COLOR LINE.

At the African Methodist Episcopal conference, in session at York last week, it was decided that "young colored people should be taught good behavior, should be instructed to appear less boisterous in public, and should not by their loud talking attract attention." The news moves to amend the suggestion heretofore noted by striking out the word "colored." In the matter of boisterous and unmannered conduct there is no color line.

Twenty Companies Will Attend.

Twenty-two fire companies have already signified their intention of attending the four-county firemen's convention to be held in Bloomsburg next month.

PROCEEDINGS OF MAY COURT

Court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with his Honor Judge C. C. Evans and Associates Blee and Wagner on the bench. Court immediately got down to business and proceeded to dispose of the usual routine work preliminary to a busy session.

The constables made their returns. None reported any violation of the law with the exception of W. E. Young, constable of the First ward, Danville, who reported the Pennsylvania canal bed as a nuisance. In regard to the latter Judge Evans referred the matter to the district attorney, whom he directed to take such action as might be necessary.

The list of jurors was called, all responding to their names. Clarence Rishel was appointed foreman of the grand jury, after which Daniel B. Fetterman, a grand juror, was excused. Judge Evans proceeded with his charge to the grand jury, which was very lengthy and explicit, carefully reviewing the legal processes by which bills are brought to the grand jury, the duty of the latter body in the premises, the law governing their action, &c.

G. W. Bennett was chosen tipstaff to wait upon the grand jury and W. E. Young and B. B. Brown tipstiffs to wait upon the court.

A large crowd was attracted to court by the two homicide cases in which Peter Dietrich and John Sees are the defendants. Both of these were brought down to court by Sheriff Maier soon after 10 o'clock. Sees' father was in the court room, while several of Peter Dietrich's old friends took occasion to shake hands with him. Mr. Dietrich seems to have borne up under his ordeal very well. To all who met him he had a pleasant smile and a warm handshake, which showed that he heartily appreciated the temporary release from the monotony of prison life.

Mr. Dietrich was called before court and upon hearing the indictment read, entered a plea of not guilty.

John Sees was next called before the bar, who likewise pleaded not guilty. Neither of the homicide cases will be tried until Thursday and the witnesses in each were excused from attendance at court until that time.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Francis Woll the defendant was sentenced to pay the cost of prosecution and to stand committed until the sentence was complied with.

The first case attached was that of Frank Morrill, in which a true bill was found by the grand jury during the forenoon. Morrill pleaded guilty. His attorney, Ralph Kiser, made a strong plea for clemency, urging that sentence in the case be suspended.

Morrill was called before the court. Judge Evans told the defendant that he had pleaded guilty to a most serious offense, for which, if the full penalty were imposed, he could be sent to the penitentiary for three years; in the present case the court was disposed to be as lenient as possible and that therefore the full penalty would not be imposed. The sentence of the court was that Frank Morrill be sentenced to pay the cost of prosecution, a fine of \$100 to the Commonwealth and to undergo imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary at separate and solitary confinement for a period of fifteen months, to be computed from the present date.

The next case taken up was that of Commonwealth vs. William Renner, the eleven year-old boy accused of breaking into the department store of S. Lowenstein & Co., with intent to commit a felony on Sunday, May 18th. The defendant being without counsel, Ralph Kiser was appointed by the court as attorney for the defense.

The plea of not guilty was entered, after which Joseph Lowenstein, S. Lowenstein and Officer John Grier Voris were called as witnesses. All the circumstances which were fully set forth in this paper, at the time of their occurrence, are still fresh on the minds of our readers. The case was soon disposed of, scarcely five minutes being consumed by the opposing attorneys in addressing the jury. Judge Evans was also brief in his charge and the case was given to the jury at 3:30 o'clock.

At four o'clock the jury returned with a verdict of guilty as indicted but recommended the defendant, William Renner, to the mercy of the court.

The next case attached was that of Commonwealth vs. Daniel Kennedy, another juvenile case, in which the defendant was accused of forcibly affecting an entrance into the first ward school building with intent to commit a felony on Saturday, May 5th. There were three witnesses in this case, Ambrose Robinson and Robert Campbell, who said they detected Kennedy in the act, and William Renner, the defendant in the preceding case, who alleged that he was with Kennedy when he broke into the First ward school building. Young Renner said they were both in the school building—that they effected an entrance through the window and that together they went through several of the rooms. He told what articles were pilfered and his story corroborated the preceding testimony of Masters Robinson and Campbell.

The jury was out about half an hour when it returned a verdict that Daniel Kennedy was guilty as indicted. The next case called was that of

Commonwealth vs. George Beckley, the charge being larceny as bailor. Some time was spent in selecting a jury in this case and at 5:30 o'clock court adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 this morning.

A decree of divorce was granted in the case of Dora E. Robbins vs. W. Edward Robbins. Judge Evans Monday afternoon made an order excluding all boys under sixteen years of age from the court room. The order went into immediate effect and there was a general exodus toward the front door that took in upwards of fifty juveniles representing nearly all ages up to sixteen. There are a good many unsavory cases for trial and parents, if not the boys themselves, are expected to take cognizance of the order to the end that the court room may be clear of boys from now on to the end of the term.

Willie Renner, the boy, who Monday was found guilty of breaking into the store of S. Lowenstein & Co., and was recommended to mercy was called before court for the first thing Tuesday morning.

In answer to several questions from Judge Evans Willie explained that he was eleven years of age—that he went to school as well as to church and to Sunday school.

The father, George Renner, was then called. He gave his occupation as a chiropodist and said he was employed about four days in a week, earning \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. His boy, he said, was at home during the evenings. The court made the following order: Now, May 29, 1906, it appearing to the court that the defendant is a neglected child under the age of 16 years, and after the hearing, J. C. Mincey, appointed a probation officer to take charge of the defendant and for the present to place him in the care and