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The South Pennsylvania railroad, is to be finished in the days of the Autumn of 1885.

The lessons of the floods of the two past seasons, is, build the towns on higher ground.

ALEXANDER, the colored cadet, at West Point, ranks number 9 in a class of one hundred.

The civil rights bill which the Supreme Court declared to be unconstitutional has become a law in Ohio by act of assembly.

CONGRESS, proposes, to soon pass a bill that will correct the trade dollar trouble. If it does that it will be entitled to credit for an honest act.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON'S mother died on the morning of the 5th inst, at Alexandria, Va., aged 58 years. Pneu monia was the disease that took her life.

It costs government \$1,500 to \$3,000 to bury a dead Congressman, so if you are about on having a swell funeral become a Congressman and die while in office.

MANY of the Irish are pleased over the victory that False Prophet has gained over the British in Souland, and the news in some of the Irish papers is headed speed the prophet.

CHARLES BOOK, of Walker township, is the Republican Representative Delegate, elected to attend the Republican State convention, which will meet at Harrisburg, April 16, 1884.

The French have declared against the American hog, and now, a measure has been introduced in Parliament, which if it passes, will prevent American cattle from being shipped to England.

The way to dispose of the shoddy purpose of having a clerk for each and every Congressman, is to elect Congressmen who have the willingness and brains to perform the duties of the office.

A FORMER Congress did great wrong by the coinage of the trade dollar without surrounding it with the protection that it gives to the one dollar legal tender silver coin, but the present Congress proposes to remove the stigma to the extent of its power by providing for the redemption of the trade dollar at par.

THE reason that the British government is so greatly taken up with South America is forced in the fact that English commercial people or traders do business with the country every year to the amount of about 65,000,000 dollars, besides furnishing many places or offices for a large number of British office seekers.

Tax damage done by the ice flood, last week, east of the mountains, was trifling when compared to the damage done along streams west of the mountains. Nearly all of the people living in towns along the Ohio river, were compelled to leave their homes and go to the hills to escape the flood. The floods were as destructive as last year. There is one remedy for such troubles and that is to move the towns to higher ground.

THE false prophet of the Soudan has gained another victory over the British army operating in Egypt, and now people are beginning to wonder whether history is to repeat itself by the Asiatics and Africans driving out European forces, as was done when the Mahomedan people came into power and drove out Christian believers from the land in which Christianity was born and flourished vigorously for a number of centuries. Who knows?

MURDERS in Revenge for Dog-killing.

St. Louis, February 5.—W. T. Newry, colored, who was arrested on suspicion a few days ago, yesterday confessed that he killed Henry Deugh and another negro named Ross, and then set fire to their house, in March last, near Alto, Ill. He says that two or three years ago Deugh killed a favorite dog of his, and from that time he held a feeling of the bitterest enmity toward him. On the night of March 27 he was at Deugh's house, and while the latter was preparing something for him to eat he shot him three times with a pistol. Ross was sleeping in the house at the time and for fear that he would reveal the crime Newry shot him also. Then riding Deugh's clothes of a small amount of money and taking a pistol and shotgun, he fired the house and fled. Newry was removed to Edwinstown last night to prevent the possibility of lynching, as a great deal of excitement existed among the negroes at Rocky Fork, by whom Deugh was held in high esteem.

READING, Pa., February 1.—Surprise was caused here to-day by the arrest of eight well-known citizens on the charge of horse racing with slugs on public road. They were held for Court. The charges are brought under the Blue Laws of 1794, which prohibit racing, and provide that upon conviction of the accused the horses are sold and the proceeds placed in the County Treasury.

Court Proceedings.

The regular February term was convened on Monday the 4th inst., and by Thursday evening, the following business was disposed of:

Reuben Strauser vs. Ezekiah Bradford. Defendant pleads that he tendered plaintiff eighty-eight (\$88) dollars before suit brought and brings the money into court, and as to the balance claimed in Narr., he pleads non assumpsit and payment with leave, &c. Verdict for defendant for \$114.

John Monson vs. Joseph James, Henry Sulouff and Duncannon Iron Works. Summons in trespass. Q. C. P. Damages claimed, \$500. Defendants plead not guilty, L. T. Jury drawn to try case before Judge Bucher; time not fixed.

Henry B. Casner, for use of Samuel B. Casner, vs. John F. G. Long. Appeal from judgement of J. W. Stimmel, J. P. Settled.

Amos G. Bonnell and W. J. Jackson doing business as Bonnell & Jackson, vs. J. B. M. Todd. Summons in assumpsit pro promissis. Defendant pleads non assumpsit; non assumpsit infra. Set off annual payment with leave and set off and statute of limitation. Settled.

John Vaughn vs. Thomas Kelly, No. 97, September term, 1883. Defence—Continued for cause at the instance and cost of defendant.

Henry Brown vs. Samuel H. Brown. Summons in case sur assumpsit. Defendant pleads non assumpsit payment with leave, and with leave to add, alter or amend at law. Defendant being dead the case was not for trial.

David Barick, James North, R. Milton Speer and Allen K. Lovell, who survives Wm. B. Leas, dec'd trading as the Union Bank of Huntingdon, vs. Robert Innis. Appeal by defendant from judgement of F. G. Marks, J. P. Change of venue, will be taken to Mifflin county for trial.

John P. Benner vs. Charles C. Mertz. Appeal from judgement of Caleb Parker, J. P. Verdict for plaintiff.

David Graham vs. Jeremiah Lonsdaleger. Appeal from judgement of Jacob Beiler, J. P. Settled.

William Heid vs. Ephraim Bannels. Summons in case. Defendants attorney pleads not guilty. Settled.

Adam R. Troutman vs. Jacob Stroup, Sr. Summons in trespass on the case. Defendant pleads not guilty. Verdict for defendant.

Petition of the Overseers of the Poor, of Port Royal, for a rule on William Devoe to show cause why he shall not support a grandfather. Returnable next March.

In the matter of Joseph Woodburn vs. William Kidd, answer to interpled, and claimant ordered within 20 days to file a declaration and so forth.

As per request of inquisition Catharine Stephens, was declared a lunatic and Ezra Smith was appointed her committee.

The affidavit of J. S. Bear, as Mercantile Appraiser, was filed.

The report in the matter pertaining to the assigned estate of J. H. Crozier, was filed.

W. I. McCulloch, David Wilson, S. T. McCulloch, and Joseph McElloch, Summons in partition filed.

In the matter of dispute between John Peffer and Jacob Witmer, on a petition for a rule to show cause why an appeal from the judgement of a Justice docket was fixed for return on March 10, 1884.

Com. vs. Isaiah Bell—Larceny—tried, convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of one year and one month. The Sheriff took him to Pittsburg on Friday night.

Com. vs. William Smith, Patrick Dery, Conn Geyer, Charles Johnson, Thomas Dunavin, Henry Butler, William Armer, Nicholas Obare, Lawrence O'Neil, Martin Conrad, Frank Brown, Frank Playford, William Wright, Charles Willis, Thomas Edwards, and James Caveny, all tramps, that were sent to jail by the justice in this town, on the plea of vagrancy, and so that they might be sent to jail to get shelter and food during the cold weather. When they were brought before the court, and each given a separate trial by jury, no sufficient evidence was found against them to insure conviction, and the verdict in every individual case was, not guilty, and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. S. B. Allen, continued.

Com. vs. Zephania Berry, fornication and basely, child unborn.—Bail was required for an appearance at next court.

Com. vs. S. S. Shaffer, fornication and basely, child unborn. Bail was required for appearance at next court.

Geo. W. Smith, Wm. Shirk, and Solomon Sieber were appointed as viewers on a site for a bridge over Cocolamus creek, in Delaware township.

O. P. Darrow, D. W. Allen, and Henry Moroney, were appointed viewers for a road in Mifflin township, leading from a point near Lutheran church northward, and to terminate at a point on public road near residence of Abraham Guss.

A. G. Shellenberger, Reuben Leonard, and Adam Witt, were appointed to view a road from Lewis Arnold's to W. H. Clemens, in Snakehanna township, and lay out another in lieu thereof and vacate so much of the old as may be supplied by the new.

Aaron Leidy, John Musser, and Abram Kurtz, were appointed viewers of a road, beginning at a point on the public road, leading from Van Wert to Mexico, near the stone bridge, on lands of Samuel F. Sieber, to a point on the public road, leading from Mexico to Van Wert, near the present road of Samuel Lonsdaleger.

Petition of John Motzer, Administrator, for order of sale of real estate of Peter Troup, deceased.

Writ of partition in the estate of John Book, of Walker township, deceased, and rule on heirs to accept or refuse to accept real estate at the valuation and appraisal or show cause why the same should not be sold.

William W. Trout was appointed guardian of E. G. Moyer.

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