

It is reported from London that the English fruit crop will be a failure this year.

SEVENTY-FIVE colored men from different States held a National conference at Pittsburg, last week.

A FOUR HOUSE near Hartford, Mich., was burned a few nights ago. Fourteen of the inmates lost their lives.

From an Illinois school report, there are 19,000 more boys than girls in Illinois. Go west young woman.

LAST Thursday afternoon, at Ashland, Pa., Hannah Bjerman, aged 10 years fell dead from the effects of jumping the rope.

In Washington county, Pa., last Thursday night thieves entered the McElhany store in Bentleyville and blew open the safe. They got away with \$600 and then stole a horse from Dr. Scott's stables.

J. R. KEEN, a man who some do years ago made a fortune at mining in California, failed financially in New York the other day. He operated to the amount of millions in stocks, wheat, corn and oil, in New York.

The suit against Ex Senator Kellogg, for bribery, came to a sudden end in a Washington, D. C. court, on the 1st of May, for the reason that Kellogg was charged in receiving bribery money in lawful money of the United States, but the man who paid him, swore that he paid him in postal drafts.

The Democrats seem to be greatly exercised as to which of the Republican aspirants will secure the Chicago nomination. They seem to have forgotten that they have a candidate to nominate, perhaps, they are impressed with the belief that there is little use in bothering about the nomination of their man, who has defeat staring him in the face.

VIRGINIA will send two sets of delegates to the Republican National convention, the one set of delegates are straight out Republicans, the other set are trading Democrats that trade with Republicans or any other people, for the spoils of office, as to which delegation will get a seat remains to be seen. The convention will settle that question.

The New York Sun, remarks, that "butter dealers having a hard time of it," said a Washington Market dealer the other day. "Every body thinks we are trying to palm off counterfeit butter on them. I have taken great pains to show my regular customers how to tell genuine butter from the fraudulent article. Counterfeit butter may look nice and smell sweet when the tub is first opened, but after it is exposed to the air for a while a slightly unpleasant smell can always be detected. If a little of it is rubbed between the fingers it will turn white while the genuine butter will not change color."

As exchange says: Attorney General Cassidy, in a letter to the Auditor General, gives his opinion that certain Judges of Common Pleas Courts are not entitled to \$12 per day when they hold Courts outside of their counties, because the act of 1871 making this allowance was repealed by the Judicial Salary act of June, 1883, which says no Judge appointed or elected and commissioned after the passage of the act identified to any compensation beside his salary. The opinion was brought out in a claim by Judge Seely, of the Wayne and Pike districts, who held Court in other counties and presented his bill to the Auditor General. As he had been elected and commissioned since the passage of the act of 1883 his claim was not allowed. The Judges in commission prior to the passage of the act are the only ones who can receive compensation beside their salaries.

In Austria, where capital offenses are punished by hanging, the executioner is a Government official, with a fixed salary and certain perquisites, and a staff of helpers under him. He is attired in a showy uniform, with a cocked hat and jack boots, and rides up to the scaffold on a prancing steed under military escort. Conspicuous are the new white gloves worn in performing his functions, and thrown off afterward never to be used again.—This functionary (*der Scharfrichter*) is not chosen from the scum of the population, nor is he treated with contumacy. As was the case in France, and may be now, the office is confined very much to one family, descending from father to son. A clumsy execution, or any unseemly exhibition in the gallows, is a thing impossible in Austria.—Correspondence London Times.

The Empress of Austria is in Weisbaden, where she spends her days in riding, fencing and gymnastics. She rises at dawn, flaps up her entire day with athletic exercises, and while the fashionable world is deep in its dissipation the Empress is enjoying the first sweet sleep of night.

Fire in Wood and Town.

Towns are not the only communities that are cursed by the presence of the fire bug, which fact is abundantly testified to by the great forest fires that have done such damage to property in town and wood in this Commonwealth during the past week. In Clearfield and Centre counties the destruction is beyond comprehension, three thousand people were burnt out of house and home by the fire coming from the woods and destroying the town of Brishin, the town of Digginsville, and Old Mashanon, more than 800 houses were destroyed in the three towns just named, on the 1st of May. Several lives were lost. At Pottsville, the fire department was called out to stop the fire from getting into town. The town of Tamaqua was set on fire a number of times by sparks having been blown into it from the woods. The fire department saved a number of houses, by great labor.

Patrick Markey, a resident of Hantow, several miles from Tamaqua, was fighting the flames which were rapidly reaching his dwelling. He made strenuous efforts to save his little home, but was overcome by smoke and was burned to death. He was fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife and several children.

The fire spread to the town of California, not many miles from Wilkes-Barre, and destroyed 11 houses, 2 bridges, a lot of stables and 7 horses a barn close to the town was caught in the conflagration. One hundred Hungarian miners came from the mines to the rescue and by working together, as a bucket brigade, the fire was stopped in its work of destruction in the town. Saw mills, tanneries, houses and barns in Cameron county were consumed by the flames. It is reported that a number of lives were lost. The town of Emporium was saved by the fire department of Renova.

On the 2nd inst., a fire that was started in the woods of Sullivan county, York State, was driven by the wind into the village of Gilman, every house in the town was destroyed by the fire, one hundred and fifty men with their families are homeless. The people saved nothing from the flames excepting their lives. Governor Pattison has sent army tents to shelter the 3000 people of Clearfield county that were burnt out of house and home.

In the upper end of Perry county the fire in the woods was so wide spread that game was driven to the valleys. In some instances cattle and sheep that were pasturing in the woods were surrounded by the fire, and smothered to death. In Horse valley a herd of 5 deer and a bear and cubs trooped into the barn yard of George Muller. The farm house and contents of John Herr, 3 miles south-east of Bloomfield was destroyed by fire that came from the woods.

DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRE IN GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP.
ORIENTAL, May 3, 1884.
Yesterday (Friday) a forest fire broke out about one mile north of the Seven Stars tavern, in Greenwood township, which proved to be the most destructive that ever occurred in the east end of the county. The unusual high wind fanning the fire, caused it to spread with almost incredible rapidity, running through woods and fields, spreading over the entire scope known as "Greenway." It proved a dangerous and destructive enemy. Upwards of 3,000 acres of land was burned over, and as it went over the small farms, the old dry grass which was not yet sufficiently covered with new grass, caused the fire to spread over the farms as it would through tow, and although some of the buildings were saved, yet six buildings and all the fences over the entire scope were consumed by the flames. The following embraces the list of buildings destroyed: George Dressler, barn; Col. Geo. F. McFarland, house and stable, in the occupancy of Isaac Dressler, who lost all his household goods; Rev. H. Eberly, stable. The house of Mr. Eberly had taken fire on one side of the roof, which was covered with a seemingly insignificant amount of straw, which was blown in a puff of wind over the burning shingles, throwing them out into the open fields and the house was saved. The origin of the fire will in all probability be legally investigated and your reporter therefore forbears to mention any names. AMICUS.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday April 28, 1884, and continued at work till Saturday afternoon, May 3, and disposed of a large quantity of business which is reported in brief, as follows:

Levi Esh was appointed guardian for James A. Barton.
David B. McWilliams was appointed guardian of William A. Stewart and Charles C. Stewart, minor children of Jerome A. Stewart, dec'd.
In the matter of the estate of Noah Cameron, dec'd, the sale as reported by the Warren Plette, Administrator of the estate of said decedent were confirmed.
The return to the order of sale in the estate of George W. Meredith, dec'd, was confirmed.
In the matter pertaining to the sale of real estate of Samuel Okeson, dec'd, late of Spruce Hill township, the Administrator is directed to make deed to the purchaser upon his complying with the conditions of sale.
The Administrators of Hannah Rice, late of Port Royal, dec'd, were instructed by the court to pay the sum of \$80.53 with interest from January 11, 1866, to lawyer D. D.

Stone, for the heirs of said decedent.

W. H. Groninger was appointed guardian for Carry A. Wise and Amelia R. Wise, minor children of Uriah Wise, dec'd.

David B. McWilliams was appointed guardian of Samuel M. Stewart, minor child of Jerome A. Stewart, dec'd.

The writ of partition in the matter of estate of Simon Niemond was confirmed.

The sale of real estate of Hannah Tittle, by Administrator, Jos. W. Stimmell, to Mary A. Tittle, was confirmed.

Philip Roder was appointed guardian for Adam C. Gooding and Harvey Gooding.

In the matter of the writ of partition of Gideon Kloss, dec'd, the appraised valuation of said decedent's property was confirmed by the court and Cloyd C. Kloss was instructed to pay costs of proceedings and that under proper security to the Executor he shall proceed to pay the remainder of the valuation or appraisement, with interest from date of May 3, 1884.

John McConnell, Michael Ramfelt, and Daniel Auey, appointed appraisers in the matter of estate of Michael Dressler, late of Monroe township, filed their report of appraisement.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Dressler, dec'd, the petition for order to sell the real estate of said decedent was filed.

The petition for a writ of partition in the estate of Benjamin Kepner, Sr., dec'd, was granted.

The petit jurors were all present 5 and 6 days, excepting two, who were discharged during the week on account of sickness. The grand jurors were all present, excepting two, one of which—Eli Miller—had recently, the other did not report. The sum paid both juries, \$583.44.

Shields license at McAlisterville was refused, and Steven's license at Port Royal was held under advisement, all the other applications for license were granted.

The Grand Jury do not recommend that a county bridge be built across the river at Tuscarora town.

Isaac Book, David Innes and John Hawn were appointed to view and lay out a road in Lack township.

Capt. James Patterson, D. M. McWilliams, and John Kelly were appointed to view and lay out and open a road from a point on public road near the residence of Thomas Arbutick, in Tuscarora township, to a point in public road leading from East Waterford to Port Royal, at a point in or near Honey Grove.

D. M. Jamison, Wm. Dunn, and H. F. Smith, were appointed to view and lay out a road in Monroe township, to commence at a point near Emanuel Thomas saw mill, on Little Creek road, and to intersect the road between the farm of the late Henry McConnell and Henry Berkholder.

H. Shellenberger, Samuel Shoberger, and Joseph Lanyer, were appointed to view, lay out, and open a road leading from a point on public road leading from McAlisterville to Thompsonstown, at or near the dwelling house of Charles Weidel, in Delaware township, to a point on public road leading from Thompsonstown to Oakland Mills, near the residence of Solomon Kaufman, in Walker township.

Capt. Lewis Deagan, Samuel Kinser, and Jacob Cramer, were appointed to view a road, running from a point on public road leading from Solomon Manbeck's to Geo. Smith's blacksmith shop, to a point on public road leading from canal bridge near Luke Davis dwelling house, to canal bridge in Delaware township near farm house of S. L. Lukens.

The opinion of the court was filed in the case of Juniata county vs. Delaware township, to recover the costs for the maintenance of Thomas Thompson, a lunatic at the State asylum. The court puts the costs upon the county.

Upon petition, the court ordered that a new system of indexing judgments—known as the Hunter System—be provided for the Prothonotary's office.

The first and final account of Joseph Dyingier, committee of Flora C. Adams, was laid over for examination until June 11, 1884.

J. Warren Plette and George Yeager, were admitted to practice, each, as attorney-at-law. A. J. Patterson, Robert McEwen, and Jeremiah Lyons, constituted the committee on examination on whose recommendation they were admitted.

In the matter of partition, W. J. McCulloch vs. David Wilson, S. T. McCulloch and Joseph McCulloch, the court decreed a sale.

Com. vs. J. S. Shaffer—Fornication and bastardy—prosecuted, continued till next court.

Com. vs. Zephania Berry—Fornication and bastardy—settled.

Com. vs. S. B. Allen—on a transcript from docket of J. W. Stimmell, continued to next term.

Com. vs. David Goshen—Transcript from docket of Caleb Parker—continued to next term.

Com. vs. Silas S. Sample—for violation of liquor law—ignored.

Com. vs. Chas. Quay—larceny, for stealing money from Wm. Cloek—Plead guilty sentenced 3 months in county jail.

Com. vs. L. Loyd Kirk, J. Jordan Laughlin, J. Rowe Munner, Brady Moor, and W. J. Kirk—Indictment against and prosecuted Elizabeth Peck, Verdict not guilty, and the prosecutrix pay one-fourth of the costs and the defendants pay three-fourths of the cost.

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