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The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the shooting of a number of rioters at Lattimer, Luzern county, last summer, was in progress all last week at Wilkesbarre. There had been a strike among coal miners in the Wilkesbarre region last summer and considerable violence and destruction of property had taken place. The sheriff of the county with many deputies had trouble in keeping order in numerous places. One of the methods of enlarging the strike was that of the assembling of a large number of men, and then marching from place to place, compelling those they found at work to quit work, thus violating the personal rights of every man and violating the law of the state and nation. The strikers had been doing that a number of days, Sheriff Martin had re-nounced with the leaders of the lawless bands to refrain from such work of intimidation and violence, his authority was disregarded. He had been informed that the marching band would make a raid on Lattimer. He personally requested the leaders not to do so, when they disregarded his request, he speedily armed a number of deputy sheriffs and hastened across the county and came into the road before the rioters reached Lattimer, where they expected to intimidate and drive a number of men from work. When the rioters came to where the Sheriff and his deputies were, they were ordered to halt. But the Sheriff's mild course with them up to that time emboldened them and they pushed him aside, and the head of the marching column was ordered to go on and the others were following. Then the Sheriff and his deputies asserted the law and fired on the marchers, killed a number and wounded a number. For that shooting the Sheriff and his deputies have been charged with murder, and are now on trial at Wilkesbarre for murder. The public roads are especially made for a people to travel unobstructed, but the public roads are not for the use of a single individual or a company of individuals to travel on for the purpose of intimidating other people. The man or set of men who takes a position on the public road, to obstruct the passage of a town, to intimidate other men passing by, or who are in the pursuit of a lawful calling, are outlaws, and when they resist lawful authority to carry out their lawful purposes there is only one thing to do and that is to resist.

There was a scene in the court room on Saturday just previous to the adjournment of court. The case had been put down for trial last November, and the Sheriff and his deputies had been put under five hundred thousand dollars bail for their appearance at that time. The trial then was postponed. The prosecutors forgot to have the bail re-quested, and that fact was not discovered till last Saturday, and then the prosecution wanted to have the bail immediately removed. The defense asked time till Monday. They announced their presence for trial, and that they had not taken advantage of the opportunity to go away, and that should be a guarantee they would be present on Monday to answer, but the prosecution persisted in demanding immediate bail. John Garman is one of the prosecution attorneys and John E. Lanahan is one of the defense attorneys and over the question of bail the two attorneys became angry. Garman called Lanahan a puppy, and Lanahan called Garman a puppy, who does not know who his lady is. Court adjourned with instructions for the Sheriff and deputies to furnish bail on Monday.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE COUNTY OF JUNIATA.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures, listing various items like county taxes, salaries, and other financial transactions for the year ending Dec 31, 1897.

Table of Collectors' Districts, State Tax, and other financial data for Juniata County, including names of collectors and their respective districts.

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