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We ever had for the

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The finest line of
Time-Keepers,
Ever seen in a Jewelry Store in Sullivan
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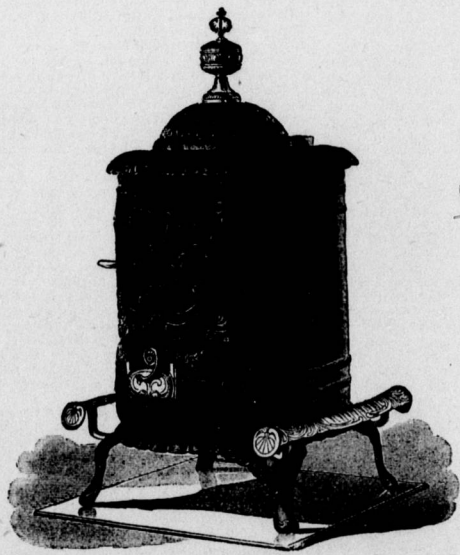
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"Maple Clemont"

We keep sizes No. 22 and 24. Wood is put in top
Keeps fire over night. Cast iron lining.

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Basswood**

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guarantee it to be as represented or money re-
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will be promptly attended to.

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DUSHORE, PA.
One of the largest and best equipped
hotels in this section of the state.
Table of the best. Rates 1.00 dollar per day.
Large stables.

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THOS. E. KENNEDY, Prop.
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This large and well appointed house is
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Newly erected. Opposite Court
House square. Steam heat, bath rooms,
hot and cold water, reading and pool
room, and barber shop; also good stabling
and livery.

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estates and other legal business will receive
prompt attention.

A. J. BRADLEY,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING
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FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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CAPITAL \$50,000.
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Does a General Banking Business.
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E. J. MULLEN,
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LAPORTE, PA.
Office over T. J. Keeler's store.

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NOTARY PUBLIC.
OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.
DUSHORE, PA.

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preservative of new leather
and the best renovator of old
leather. It oils, softens, black-
ens and protects. Use

**Eureka
Harness Oil**

on your best harness, your old har-
ness, and your carriage top, and they
will not only look better but wear
longer. Sold every where in cans—
all sizes from half pints to five gallons.
Made by STANDARD OIL CO.

Wellington Lavelle Found Guilty. John
R. Gansel Acquitted.

The trial of W. Lavelle and John
R. Gansel in the Federal Court at
Scranton, before Judge Buffington,
was completed on Wednesday last.
United States District Attorney
Daniel B. Heiner conducted the case
for the government and C. L. Peas-
lee, of Williamsport, appeared for
Lavelle, and W. M. Stevens, also of
Williamsport, for Gansel. Lavelle's
attorney requested that the defend-
ants be tried separately, as their
defenses would in no way be iden-
tical. The request was opposed by
Mr. Heiner, who said that the men
were indicted jointly because they
are charged with the same transac-
tion and the government's testimo-
ny was in a sense identical. Judge
Buffington decided that the men
would have to be tried together.

It was a case with some rather
peculiar features. Gansel alleges
that he was acting as detective to
catch Lavelle at the instance of
Constable Robert Hess, of Muncy
Valley, and Lavelle as positively
declared that he was innocent of
wrong doing; that the whole plan
to make counterfeit money originat-
ed with Gansel and carried out by
them even to the manufacture of the
rather crude coins which were pro-
duced by them, but which they
made no effort to pass.

Lavelle was a traveling photog-
rapher, who made his home in Hones-
dale, where he has a wife and eight
children. In winter he conducted a
photograph gallery at Honesdale
and in summer he went out to the
small towns in the state and estab-
lished his gallery in a tent which
he transported from place to place.
In September last Lavelle and his
tent made their appearance in Muncy
Valley and there he made the ac-
quaintance of John R. Gansel,
who is a stone mason, and some
what of a performer on the violin.
Lavelle also is a violinist and this
seems to be the primary bond which
brought the men together. Gansel's
story of what happened after they
became well acquainted is as follows:
Lavelle broached to him the project
of making counterfeit money, and
after some persuasion he agreed to
assist in the work. On the night of
Oct. 20, it was decided to go up in
the mountain and make some coin.
They had to pass Gansel's house on
the way and when they reach-
ed it Gansel went in. His wife
would not let him go out again and
the idea of making coin that night
had to be abandoned. About the
time that Lavelle first broached the
matter of making spurious money
Gansel told Constable Hess about
the matter and the latter advised
him to go on and get some evidence
against Lavelle.

Gansel met Lavelle on Oct. 21, the
day following, and explained to him
that his wife would not let him go
out on the previous night. They
agreed to go to the mountain that
night. Gansel borrowed Constable
Hess' overcoat and about 7 o'clock
they started from the village, La-

velle carrying a bag. After they
got up in the mountain they built a
fire and Lavelle took metals and a
mould from the bag and proceeded
to melt the metals and cast half dol-
lars and quarters. They made nine
coins, but six of them were poor and
were thrown back into the pot.
That ended the night's work. Gansel
possessed himself of one of the
moulds by representing that he
wanted to make some changes in it.
This he turned over to Constable
Hess about 2 o'clock the next morn-
ing, together with one of the coins.
The next day Lavelle was arrested
and a few days later Gansel was
taken into custody by Secret Service
Officer William Flynn, on informa-
tion furnished by Lavelle.

Constable Hess corroborated Gansel
in some respects, although he de-
nied that he had requested Gansel to
engage in the counterfeiting. He
told of getting the mould and coin
from Gansel, and of other moulds
and pieces of metal found on the
site of Lavelle's tent after it was
moved away and of similar finds at
the spot in the mountain where Gansel
said the coins were manufactured.
He said that Gansel told him
when they were going to make coins
and asked that they be followed and
arrested, as he was afraid Lavelle
would kill him because he was op-
posed to the idea of engaging in
counterfeiting.

Lavelle tells an altogether differ-
ent story. He said that about Oct.
10, last Gansel came to him and ask
him to send for rabbit metal, block
tin and plaster of paris. He said he
wanted them to manufacture ma-
sons plumb bobs. On Oct. 20, Gansel
invited Lavelle to accompany
him on a coon hunt. They started
out but did not do anything that
night. It was then arranged for the
following night and Lavelle, at Gansel's
request, took with him a bag to
carry apples. In this he placed his
revolver.

When he started out with Gansel
the latter had neither dog nor gun
with him and Lavelle suggested it
was a queer way to go coon hunting.
Gansel replied that he had traps set
in the mountains. When they got
up in the mountain Gansel built a
fire and after a time undertook the
task of manufacturing spurious
coins. Lavelle had no wish to be
mixed up in any such transaction
and left his companion. Lavelle's
attorney in opening to the jury said
they would show that Gansel while
in Lycoming county jail after his
arrest told a number of persons that
Lavelle was not guilty of counter-
feiting. Several witnesses from
Honesdale testified that he was a
man of good reputation and honest.
The following witnesses in addition
to Constable Hess, testified for the
government: Bert Craft, A. J. Brad-
ley, Herman Mittendorf, John Big-
gar, H. J. Shaffer, Philip Rider, of
Sullivan county; and Wm. Flynn,
secret service officer.

The jury was not long in delibera-
ting when they returned a verdict
of guilty for Lavelle and acquittal
for Gansel.

Lavelle was then sentenced to
undergo eighteen months imprison-
ment in the Western penitentiary at
Pittsburg.

Lavelle had an able attorney in C.
L. Peaslee, of Williamsport. He
painted a black picture of Gansel,
denouncing him as "a liar and vil-
lage loafer," and of his crude mind
in trying to concoct a story that
would incriminate Lavelle.

W. M. Stevens addressed the jury
in behalf of Gansel, arguing that
the latter was only an inexperienced
country boy without the knowledge
or skill to manufacture spurious
coins.

United States Attorney Daniel B.
Heiner opened his argument with
the trite saying that "when thieves
fall out honest men get their due."
He declared that there was little for
him to say. He, too, discredited
the story that Gansel made the
moulds, and said the moulds are not
clumsy productions, but the work
of an artist, of a man of the intelli-
gence and skill of Lavelle.

HON. CONRAD KRAUS DEAD.

Associate Judge of Sullivan Co.
Expires Suddenly at His Home
Sunday Morning.

SUFFERED PAIN IN ONE LIMB.

He Was an Active Self-made Man of
High Repute. Succumbs to Heart
Failure; Many Mourn His Loss.

Hon. Conrad Kraus died on Sun-
day morning, March 18. His death
was sudden and entirely unexpected.
He was in attendance at the term of
court commencing February 26, and
appeared well, but complained of
pain in one of his limbs. After his
return home he sent for a doctor,
who put a bandage on the limb, and
he was able to attend an argument
court held at Laporte on the follow-
ing week. Although the limb was
painful it was not considered danger-
ous. On the morning of his death
he appeared no worse than usual, but
the pain in his leg was so severe that
he asked to have the bandage re-
moved. When this was done he
said it felt better. Not very long
after this he called for water, and
as his wife brought it to him, observ-
ing his head drooping, she said,
"What is the matter?" He said
feebly, "I don't know," and said no
more. In a few moments he was
dead.

The news of his death spread rap-
idly and was a shock to the whole
community. Arrangements have
been made for his funeral in Dushore
on Thursday, the 22d inst. at 1
o'clock p. m.

Judge Kraus was born in Tama-
qua, Pa., December 27, 1858. His
parents Henry and Catharine Kraus
were natives of Hesse Cassel, Ger-
many. He remained with his par-
ents until he was eighteen, pursuing
his studies in public and private
schools. He became well acquainted
with German and English literature.
He then went to Philadelphia where
he was employed for two years by
John Waster, a butcher, and then
took charge of two meat and provision
stores for Levy & Block for five
years. May 4, 1880, he was married
to Miss Kate M. Hecker by whom
he has had seven children.

In 1881 Mr. Kraus removed to
Sullivan county and worked about
two years for Jennings Bros. in
the lumber woods. He next engaged
in the meat business with John Utz, Jr.
in Dushore, whose interest he bought
two years later, and then for five
years carried on the business with
his brother William, whose interest
he then purchased and continued
the business in Dushore himself
until 1893. He then purchased a
farm in Cherry township, on which
he established a slaughter house,
steam chopper and all necessary ap-
pliances for an extensive business—
farming, keeping cattle, butchering
and dealing in meat.

The active business life of Mr.
Kraus did not prevent him from
reading and study. His library,
well stocked with literary and scien-
tific works, with which he was
familiar, attests his well cultured
mind. His excellent qualifications
and popularity, much more than his
own solicitations, induced his Dem-
ocratic friends to nominate him for
the office of Associate Judge, and he
was elected by a handsome majority.
His conduct upon the Bench secured
for him the esteem of his associates,
and all of the members of the Bar.
He had a clear reasoning mind and
a quick facility for mastering legal
questions when the facts and author-
ity were placed before him. He
took great pains to inform himself
in reference to the duties required
by him, and no Judge who has ever
sat upon our Bench, has exceeded
him in the attentive and conscien-
tious discharge of his duties.

Owing to the fact that a number
of new President Judges have come
upon the Bench in this part of the
State, and the long illness of Judge
Peck, of Towanda, it has happened
that Judge Dunham has been called
out of the county to hold special
court for a large part of the time.

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