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SCHOLARSHIPS AT SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, SELINGROVE, WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FREE TO THE "POST" READERS.

LOCAL INTEREST

Dr. Salm will be in town again next Tuesday. Read his advertisement on last page.

Ayer's Hair Vigor gives vitality, gloss, and freshness to the hair, and restores its beauty.

F. T. Ranck and wife of Williamsport visited her parents, James Ayers and wife, recently.

Mrs. Dr. Harris and Mrs. F. E. Bower of Lewisburg are visiting in town this week.

Selingsgrove base ball team was defeated by Millersburg on Saturday by a score of 3 to 2.

The Middleburgh base ball team was defeated by the second team at Selingsgrove by a score of 7 to 18, Tuesday.

A. S. Beaver and wife on Monday went to Elizabethtown to visit Mrs. Beaver's sister, Mrs. A. H. Smith.

H. Oppenheimer, Selingsgrove, sells woolen and cotton sweaters, with and without collars at lowest rates.

J. F. Stetler was awarded the contract to build the new school building at Reedsville, Millin county, for \$7,987.

Mrs. Annie Ellenberger, nee Bowersox, and son Chester, are spending some time with her parents, A. W. Bowersox.

Hon T. M. Mahon, Congressman of this district who resides at Chambersburg, was a visitor at Middleburgh last Thursday. While in town the congressman made a pleasant call at this office.

Don't place your order for a buggy until you see the Safety Buggy made by the Safety Buggy Co. of Lancaster. A sample buggy can be seen at my livery stable near the Washington House.

W. R. JONES, Agent.

A smooth, easy shave, genteel hair cut, or other tonsorial work, is always obtained at Soles' Barber Shop, in Wittenmyer's Building, opposite Post office. Go to Soles and you will make no mistake, Shaving soap, face cream, hair oil and egg-shampoo for sale. A. E. SOLES.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.—J. Howard Harris, LL. D., President. Collects with four courses of study leading to degrees: Academy for boys and young men; Ladies' Institute, and School of Music. Thirty acre campus; ten buildings including gymnasium, laboratory and observatory. For catalogue and other information address Wm. C. Gretzinger, Registrar, Lewisburg, Pa. 7-23-4t.

A man with a double ended fountain pen is visiting farmers in the western part of the state. He offers machinery at low rates, asking the farmer to sign an agreement to pay for it when delivered if satisfactory. The agreement is written with the fading end of the pen and the name signed with the indelible end. The agreement fades off in a day or so and a note is written above the signature instead.

Last Wednesday afternoon during a storm lightning struck the steeple of the Reformed church in this place and did considerable damage to the temple of worship. The bolt tore the carpet in three places and damaged the ceiling of the Sunday school room. The shock stunned people for an entire block. Mrs. W. H. Smith the landlady at the Central Hotel fainted from the effects of the shock.

The Gilbert Sunday School will hold its annual picnic in Gilbert's grove Saturday, Aug. 23, if unfavorable weather the following Monday. Music will be furnished by the Chestnut Ridge Cornet Band. A festival will be held in the evening. Refreshments of all kinds will be served.

COMMITTEE.

The Northumberland County Republicans on Monday nominated Hon. Monroe H. Kulp for Congress, Hon. W. H. Hackenbush for state senator, George W. Rhoads and W. L. Nesbit for the Legislature, C. L. Kremer for prothonotary, and G. H. Gibson, the popular shoe dealer of Sunbury, for Treasurer.

COURT HOUSE CHIPS.

"MISTAKEN SOULS WHO DREAM OF BLISS."—The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last publication:

Harry E. Arnold, Port Trevorton, (Cora L. Hinkle, Pallas,  
Henry A. Shirk, West Perry Twp., (Lizzie M. Lawyer, Juniata Co.,  
D. L. Krebs, Dundore,  
Della E. Douny,

Deaths Entered for Record.  
Newton Ulrich and W. W. Wittenmyer, attorneys for heirs of Jonathan Rudy, to Dr. P. A. Boyer, Real Estate in Franklin Twp., and Selingsgrove for \$75.

Heirs of Hannah Row to Harvey Romig, House and Lot on Isle of Que, Selingsgrove, for \$375.

Jacob A. Smith's Heirs to Lillie E. Gordon, lot in Smithgrove for \$112.

Elijah R. Hottenstein to Hiram P. Hottenstein, Jr., Wm. J. Hottenstein, Isaac L. Hottenstein, Abigale A. Bitter, Mary E. Yost and Carrie T. Hottenstein, Tract No. 1, in Monroe Twp., containing 1 1/2 acres, Tract No. 2, 20 acres, for \$730.73.

Letters Granted.  
Letters of administration in the estate of Harry M. Reigle were granted to Henry R. Reigle of Middleburgh.

Commissioners' Office.  
The contract for building the Middleburgh and Fisher's Mill Bridge was awarded to the Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, O., for \$1900. Other bids ranged from \$1700 to \$2200. The \$1700 bid was for inferior material and a four panel bridge. The contract calls for a 5 panel bridge, 100 lbs. to the foot, to be built on the old site. The lowest bid two weeks ago was \$2950, so it paid well to wait.

The mason work will be contracted on Friday and must be completed by Sept. 25. The bridges must be ready for travel Oct. 10, 1896.

Two New Prisoners.

The county jail received two additional inmates last week. Nick Walter was brought from West Beaver township on a charge of breaking into a house and stealing a suit of clothes, a razor and some other articles.

Wes. E. Stroup of Shamokin Dam is the other victim. He is a married man with four children and is charged with adultery. Stroup is a character. At the February term of court 1894, Judge McClure sentenced him to undergo an imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary for a period of two years, costs of prosecution and a fine of ten dollars. The charge upon which Stroup was sentenced was forgery. Stroup has just returned from the penitentiary and already languishes in jail awaiting trial on a new charge.

Two Picnic.

The annual picnic of St. John's Sunday School, Fremont, was held Saturday last in the grove of Jacob Schnee, adjoining the church, with the following exercises:

Anthem by the Choir, Devotional exercises, Rev. O. G. Romig, singing by the school, addresses by Profs. Wm. Moyer and D. S. Boyer, dinner.

Afternoon:—Address by County Superintendent, F. C. Bowersox.

The singing was directed by P. S. Schnee, Organist, Mrs. Dr. Marand Rothrock.

The Supt., Henry Harding, returned thanks to the large audience for their attendance.

The United Evangelical Sunday School, A. S. Sechrist, Supt., met in H. Sechrist's grove, Union Twp., August 1st.

Morning exercises consisted of Music by Kantz Cornet Band, Singing by the Phillips' sisters, Devotional exercises and address by the pastor, Rev. Hoch, Singing by the School, Miss Cora Sechrist presiding at the organ. After dinner, part of the afternoon was occupied by speeches by Profs. D. S. Boyer and Wm. Moyer, Music and sociableness.

For curative effects, one bottle Ayer's Sarsaparilla is worth three of any other name.

\$13,330 DAMAGES.

All the Testimony and the Events of the Most Important Litigation in our Court for Years

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

S. M. Snyder, testified as to the condition of the snow banks in the vicinity of the crossing at Kreamer on the morning after the accident, followed by David Billman, H. E. Richter, Perry L. Romig, and B. F. Row. All testified as to the banks of snow along the railroad about the crossing.

A. D. Kreamer testified that he started for the scene of the accident, between one and two hours after it happened. Had a lantern. At the bridge near Rumbaugh's he discovered the marks of a brake applied, followed it for some distance, was sure brake had been well applied.

George R. Hendricks testified that he arrived at the scene of the accident shortly after it occurred. He also saw marks made by the brake of the sled for about two rods between Gordon's house and Smith's store.

Chas. P. Ulrich, Esq., testified in relation to the measurement of the sleigh and team. Being shown two letters by Judge Bacher one written by R. L. Schroyer and the other by himself, to Supt. Reed, he stated that he remembered that he told Schroyer that he had written, and might have given him the contents of his letter, was not positive, did not dictate Schroyer's letter.

Chas. P. Ulrich, Esq., Jay G. Weiser, Esq., Jacob Gilbe, Harvey E. Miller, Esq., W. W. Wittenmyer, Esq., J. C. Schoch, Esq., F. J. Schoch, and F. C. Bowersox, Esq., testified to A. W. Potter's ability as a lawyer.

I. B. Romig testified as to the ability as a teamster of Charles Romig, also the general good points of the team, he never knew it to balk.

Milton Romig testified to having driven the same team, sled, harness and all, to Kreamer, to have it measured and photographs taken of it.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A. W. Potter, Esq., was called. He testified to his earning capacity as a lawyer, his cash receipts for 1894 being over \$3,900, this has dwindled down to less than \$900 a year since the accident. He had kept a cash book since 1872, when first admitted to practice.

Dr. B. F. Wagenseller gave a description of the injuries sustained by Mr. Potter, he exhibited Mr. Potter's injured arm, and the amputated one to the jury.

Dr. F. J. Wagenseller followed, giving a brief but careful account of the injury and the treatment.

H. H. Schoch presented a book containing the Carlisle table of expectancy of life. Objected to. After argument the judge admitted the table. According to it Mr. Potter's expected lease of life would be about 22 years.

Pfif. closed their case at 29 minutes past 4.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Defendants opened their side. Miss Eby was called up for re-examination.

C. R. McMillin sworn: Reside in Lewistown, civil engineer of P. R. R. made a survey of the entire town of Kreamer and also a map. Whistling post by actual measurement is 1500 feet from the crossing.

H. S. Laird, sworn: Live at Bodoin, Maryland, an employee of P. R. R. Corroberated former witness.

Levi Aurand, Chas. H. Mitchell, and W. H. Gordon, sworn and corroborated former witnesses. Gordon testified that there was a clear space of 15 feet between the house and the street. I piled up the snow only 15 or 18 inches in front of the house.

W. B. Winey sworn: Line of vision 35 feet south of the track gives an unobstructed view of 1014 feet down the track.

Harry Riddle, sworn: Conducted the engine to make measurements above given.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

R. C. North, sworn: Live in Selingsgrove, assistant cashier, member of sleighing party, drove quite slow until some one complained when the rate of speed was increased. Stopped at Red Hill. Did not stop at the Gordon house but there was a perceptible slowing up at the crossing. When I saw the train come, I called, "come, jump." I did not hear the brake applied near the railroad.

J. Simpson Kline, sworn: Know Miss Eby. She told me that the mule team did not stop at the crossing.

W. J. Sanders, M. B. Andrews and Samuel Huff swore that they heard Schroyer say in the Central Hotel in Sunbury that the party drove on the crossing on the night of the accident without stopping, Dr. Barber of Danville swore to having heard Schroyer make the same statement in Danville.

A. W. Smith, sworn: R. R. agent at Selingsgrove, member of the party, very cold night, all were well wrapped up. Potter wore a scarf 8 inches wide and long enough to go around his neck several times. Stopped between the two crossings at Red Hill. From the foot of Smith's hill the mules joggled until the crash came, were going at the rate of five miles per hour when hit. There was no stop at the Gordon house. At 50 feet from the south rail I saw the head light at a distance of 150 feet from the crossing. Drivers wore fur caps. There were two marks of the brake, one ended at Gordon House another began near the Gordon House and continued to the R. R.

Witness, member of party Potter wore a scarf. I wore two shawls, stopped at Red Hill. Some one guyed the driver, team joggled down the little hill at Smith's barn and kept up the same rate of speed to the railroad as we had coming down Smith's hill.

Court closed 4:30.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Mollie Burns' case was continued until September court.

A. E. Reed, sworn: Took statements from members of the party and said Engineer Wertz was a reliable employe.

Izora Smith, M. L. Snyder and Dr. B. F. Wagenseller, A. Kreeger, Dr. Rooke and Mrs. Nora Smith all testified to having heard some member of the party say that the sled did not stop at the crossing.

Mac Wertz, sworn: Lives in Lewistown, engineer on night of accident on first engine, has been an engineer for 7 or 8 years, whistled at whistling post, fireman rang bell over the entire curve. Train had two engines 31 cars and a cabin, measured about 1300 feet in length, first saw the team at the freight platform. I reversed the engine, pulled the accident whistle and put on the air brakes. I could not have done any more to stop the train. Mules were not going very fast. I was running at the rate of 12 or 15 miles an hour. Looked straight ahead after whistling at the post.

D. J. Arnold, fireman, sworn: Fired six years, was on front engine at the time of accident. He corroborated the engineer's testimony.

S. S. Lutz, sworn: Now a bartender, a conductor of the train on the night of the accident, was in the cabin, cabin closed, did not hear the whistle either at the post or crossing.

F. P. Reigle, flagman, sworn: Flagman for 11 or 12 years, testimony almost similar to the conductor's statement.

G. R. Potter, engineer and George R. Orth fireman on second engine sworn: Corroberated their colleagues of the first engine except Potter did not hear the bill.

C. R. Miller, brakeman heard the whistle at the post. I. M. Otto, a brakeman, heard the danger signal, Wilbert Snook heard both whistles but not the bell.

Edward Miller, sworn: A resident of Kreamer, heard both whistles.

Wm. Gilbert sworn: Heard the whistle near the post.

Aaron Bolig, sworn:

Was up all night. Heard both whistles and the party pass my house at a trot.

Eber Bollinger, sworn: Heard both whistles.

John Gearheart sworn: Denies testimony of Wm. Gilbert and A. J. Snook denies testimony of Edward Miller.

Dr. F. J. Wagenseller and Dr. P. A. Boyer testified that the plaintiff was not in a condition to make a statement for one week after the accident.

C. C. Bolig, Potter's attendant, sworn: Mr. Potter made no statement to Dr. Smith.

I. B. Romig: Know Mac Wertz. He told me that he was not watching for the crossing and did not see the people before the engine struck.

Dr. Hassinger heard the same man say on the morning of the accident that he did not see the mules until he applied the brake.

Chas. P. Ulrich, S. P. Burns, I. B. Romig and A. W. Potter were recalled to prove that adverse statements were made by some of the witnesses. Mr. Potter said he talked with Mrs. Smith shortly after the accident. She said that she was so much excited that she could not recollect anything about the accident. Mac Wertz told me July 4th 1896 that he was paying no attention when he approached the crossing he was cleaning the engine.

CONCLUDING EVENTS.

On Friday evening and on Tuesday morning the legal points of the case were argued. On Tuesday afternoon the court house was crowded. Promptly at 1:30 Hon. S. P. Reed, an his plaintiff and devoted an hour to his client. Ex-attorney General Palmer and Ex-Judge Bacher followed with urgent pleas to the jury to abide by the evidence. The closing speech was made by James Scarlet, Esq., who for more than an hour wrestled logic, tragedy, and oratory to win the jury to his side. The speeches as a whole were carefully presented and with such talented men fitted against each other it is no wonder that spectators sat for more than four hours in a hot court house.

On Wednesday morning at 8:30 Judge Archibald delivered a fair and impartial charge to the jury.

The jury retired at 11 a. m. and at 1 p. m. as we go to press, no verdict has been reached.

At 2:10 the jury came in with a verdict of \$13,330 damages in favor of Mr. Potter.

A Thoughtful Young Man.

A story is told of a Selingsgrove young man who called on a young lady one evening. When he arrived there was not a cloud in the sky, so he carried no umbrella and wore neither galoches nor mackintosh. At 10 o'clock when he arose to go it was raining cats and dogs. "My, my, my!" said the nice young lady, "if you go out in all this storm you will catch your death of cold!" "I'm afraid I might!" was the trembling answer. "Well, I'll tell you what—stay all night; you can have Tom's room. Excuse me for a minute and I'll just run up and see if it is in order." The young lady flew gracefully upstairs to see that Tom's room was in order. In five minutes she came down to announce that Tom's room was in order, but no Charlie was in sight. But in a few minutes he appeared, very dripping and out of breath from running, a bundle in a newspaper under his arm. "Why, Charles, where have you been?" was his greeting. "Been home after my nightshirt," was his reply.

Rev. O. S. Scheirer, Pastor of the Beavertown Lutheran charge, will hold his Harvest Thanksgiving services as follows:—

St. Paul's, Beavertown, Aug. 9.  
St. John's (Ridge), Aug. 16.  
Christ's (Hassinger's), Aug. 23.  
St. Matthew's McClure, Aug. 30.  
St. James, Troxelville, Sept. 6.  
St. Mark's, Belltown, Sept. 13.

All these services are to be held in the forenoon.