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CONDENSED NEWS.

Last week of bowling season. If you're wise you'll advertise. The rains have done good at the opportune moment. The pretty laurel will soon crown the merry hillside. Have you observed that the crooked man is seldom smart enough to escape the laws long arm? Under the post office appropriation bill which Senator Penrose reported to the Senate this week, rural free delivery carriers are given a fifteen days leave of absence each year, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, and \$500,000 is appropriated to pay substitutes.

After a season of drouth and cessation of severe storms, the winds and clouds and electric forces have again combined, and reports come of cyclones, and terrible atmospheric contentions. In Texas and Nebraska a number of lives have been lost, buildings demolished, country devastated and crops ruined by hail, wind and lightning.

When swallows fly low, wet weather may be expected, because the insects which the swallows pursue in their flight are flying low to escape the moisture of the upper regions of the atmosphere.

You can always judge the worth of a citizen by the appearance of his home and his wife rules there, which goes to prove the theory that the woman makes or breaks the man.

Honesdale is said to be one of the prettiest and cleanest towns in the State and considerable of the credit for this condition is ascribed to the Women's Improvement Society, which in the last year did its work at an expense less than \$200. The society has in its treasury \$300.

The authorities of Northumberland county have discovered that one August Reitz, now in jail at Pottsville on the charge of eloping with another man's wife is the same chap who is wanted in their county for burglary, having escaped from one of their officers two years ago.

Four of the lady teachers of the Sunbury schools will not be applicants for re-election owing to the very good reason that they will be brides before the time set for the school bell to ring for the opening of the next term.

The friends of Stanley Morris, an amateur gardener of Darby, are poking fun at him because some tomato seeds which he planted recently and tended with assiduous care have developed into sturdy maple trees.

There is reason to believe that electric transportation is simply in its infancy. Perhaps if we could revisit this locality a century hence we would be quite as much surprised as our great-grandfathers would be if they could return and look about them.

There is a probability that the \$5 greenbacks will soon be reinforced by goldbacks of the same denomination. When these are supplemented by clean backs for all paper currency there will be cause for general congratulation.

A telegram from Mahanoy City declares that Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swartman, who live near that borough, are the parents of twenty-seven children, of whom twenty-five are living. Twenty of the number are sons.

To all members of the Y. M. C. A.: The baths are now in proper condition for use. The month of June brides will soon be here and the crop promises to be large.

The Berks county court has granted forty-nine divorces since January 1. According to a bulletin just issued by the Interstate commerce commission, 1,169 people were killed on the railroads in this country during the last three months of 1905. Of 329 victims of actual train accidents, 56 were passengers and persons employed in baggage, express and mail cars.

The announcement is made that the protracted drought and the polluted condition of the streams have produced an epidemic among the game fish of Montgomery county, which are dying in large numbers.

The Spanish war raged but a short time and the deaths in active service were very few, yet there are about eighteen thousand pensioners already from that war and about thirty-one thousand more who have made applications for pensions.

The pamphlet of 1906 passed at the extra session of the legislature and approved by the governor, together with his vetoes on certain resolutions, have just been issued in bound form from the State printing office.

The coroner's jury investigating the recent boiler explosion on the Peony line near Herndon, found that the engineer had filled the boiler too rapidly with cold water and was therefore responsible for the accident.

Rev. Thomas Kern of Muncy, whose wife before marriage was Miss Sara Cunningham of this city, has accepted a unanimous call to the Upper Bethel church, Chester county. The charge, which is a flourishing one, is situated in the country near the Lancaster county line. The congregation numbers some three hundred.

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THE MEMORIAL SERMON

Rev. L. D. Ulrich preached the memorial sermon to the veterans of Goodrich post, the Sons of Veterans and the Women's relief corps at Trinity Lutheran church Sunday morning. The sermon was an able and impressive effort, there was a large attendance and the occasion in no respect had ever been surpassed since the memorial sermon became a feature in honoring the memory of the departed brave.

Some forty-five veterans accompanied by half that number of sons of veterans marched from the post room to the church bearing with them the post flag and the handsome colors of Company A, 132nd regiment. Arriving at the church along with the woman's relief corps they occupied seats that had been reserved in the fore part of the auditorium. The post flag and the colors were given prominent positions, one on each side of the pulpit. Above the speaker was a large canvas on which in artistic letters were the words: "Welcome G. A. R." Just at the rear of the speaker a large flag, gathered near the bottom with a black braid, depended from the ceiling. In addition there were numerous small flags and a profusion of flowers gracefully arranged about the altar.

The pastor took his text from the 6th chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, 10th and 11th verses: "Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, etc." The text represents Christians as warriors contending with powerful enemies, with Christ as captain. When Christ came it was with a new banner, to set up a new kingdom. In rallying under this banner the victory is assured. If we are courageous and dutiful, but it must be by continuous warfare. Our wrestling is not in open war, but with hidden forces, hidden treachery, and wickedness in high places. The pomp and the fashions, corruption, ignorance and lust after the bad are so many influences of this world that tend themselves to the power of the adversary with whom the Christian is wrestling.

To the soldiers all honor, all glory, for the preservation of our nation—the greatest on the face of the earth—they have fought for the principle, that are near to the human heart, but they will clearly understand, the speaker continued, that they have fought and sacrificed for a perishable kingdom. Other nations have had their day and ours in turn will pass away. A new heaven and a new earth we shall see.

"You have assembled here," the speaker said, "to pay your respects to those who have gone before—to you, who have drawn the sword with you, who have met Satan in the garden and alone on the cross did he bear the pang for you and me. He made the sacrifice that Heaven demanded. Heaven knew that Satan had conquered and entered the stronghold of hell. "You have fought and won. You have bequeathed to posterity, liberty and equal rights. Your Lord and Master has conquered the gates of his kingdom and ajar for you to enter. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. The greatest battle is yet to be fought; your greatest and bitterest foes are yet to be conquered. Christ has made the conquest easy. With His spirit, as expressed in the text, and with that alone it will be possible to overcome the powers of evil that assail us.

The river, which began to rise on Monday afternoon, during the night following came up with a jump and during yesterday it was over ten feet above low water mark. Last evening it was at a standstill and the probability is that it will fall rapidly today.

The sudden rise of the river Monday night played havoc with the foot boat which lay upon the shore at low water. A considerable number were being going down stream, some from points at the upper end of the borough and others from towns above. William Deutscher's boat was carried down the river as far as Cameron, where it was recovered. Frank Ross' naphtha launch and two foot boats were carried away. Luckily heavy stones were attached to them which impeded the progress of the boats very much. About daylight they were detected out in the stream by the crew at the water works, who notified the owner. The boats were recovered before they reached the creek's mouth.

Annoyed by Explosions. The residents of Sunbury street Shamokin, are said to be greatly alarmed by the repeated explosions which occur underneath their houses and which at times shake the buildings to a considerable extent. The explosions are believed to be due to the firing of shots in the workings of the Cameron colliery which working are now thought to extend to Sunbury street. It is said that the dishes were shaken from the sideboard in the dining room of one residence.

D. L. Mauger Promoted. D. L. Mauger, for the past 12 years district passenger agent of the P. & R. Railway company, with headquarters at Williamsport, Pa., on June 1st, is promoted to the position of district passenger agent at Reading. The announcement of Mr. Mauger's intended departure from this district will be received with sincere regret by his many Danville friends.

Machines Arriving. W. W. Welliver last evening stated that the Welliver Hardware company has received a carload of Rumber automobiles. The shipment comprises three machines, one for W. G. Pursel of this city, one for George Spouler of Lime Ridge and the other for D. A. Michael of Berwick.

NO COLOR LINE. At the African Methodist Episcopal conference, in session at York last week, it was decided that "young colored people should be taught good behavior, should be instructed to appear less boisterous in public, and should be by their loud talking attract attention." The News moves around the suggestion heretofore noted by striking out the word "colored." In the matter of boisterous and disrespectful conduct there is no color line.

22 Companies Will Attend. Twenty-two fire companies, have already signified their intention of attending the four-county firemen's convention to be held in Bloomsburg next month.

CONTRACT WAS NOT AWARDED

Monday was the date set for receiving the sealed proposals for the erection of a brick power house at the hospital for the insane, but the contract was not awarded. The building committee of the board of trustees were on hand, but upon opening the bids it was found that they were all in excess of the amount of money available for the power house. Under the circumstances a halt was inevitable.

After deducting the price of Buchanan & Co's contract and expenses incidental it is found that only some ten thousand dollars remain of the State's appropriation of \$91,000 made for the heat, light and power plant. This, it is explained, will not erect such a building to house the heat, light and power plant as is called for by the plans and specifications adopted. It will, therefore, be necessary to modify the plans and specifications in order to bring the cost down to the limit of available money and to advertise anew for bids.

All this, it is regretted, will consume time, which at this stage of the work is very valuable at the hospital. It is safe to affirm, however, that the building committee just as quickly as possible will procure new or modified plans for the heat and light building ready just as soon as needed by Buchanan & Co.

Shortage of Ice is in Sight.

If the large ice companies were permitted to have their way about the smaller cities that were not fortunate enough to harvest a good ice crop would be apt to experience an ice famine before next fall. As the season advances it becomes apparent that the total of ice in storage will fall considerably short of meeting the general demand. The large ice companies that control the product of Pocono and other mountain lakes evidently, if they had it to do over again, would not have contracted with so many parties, but would have agreed to ship ice only where they now see it possible to keep up the supply needed during the season. Naturally these companies would like to get released from some of their smaller contracts so as to avoid the danger of embarrassment in filling their large contracts. The towns, therefore, are fortunate that have dealers conscientious enough to reject the overtures of the ice companies and in spite of the proffered terms to fulfill their contracts with customers.

Rev. Dr. Shindel Resigns. Rev. M. L. Shindel, D. D., who for some thirty-two years past has been pastor of the Pine Street Lutheran church, was Sunday elected as pastor emeritus. At the same time Rev. Lloyd W. Walter was elected pastor of the Pine Street Lutheran church.

On May 7th, Rev. Dr. Shindel, owing to advancing years, tendered his resignation as pastor of the church. From that date until last week the matter was held under advisement, the council deciding to recommend that the resignation not be accepted, but that Dr. Shindel be elected pastor emeritus. It also recommended that Lloyd W. Walter, a graduate of Susquehanna university, who has officiated several times in the Pine Street church, be chosen as pastor. Both recommendations proved acceptable to the congregation, which proceeded at once to act upon them, electing pastor emeritus and pastor as above stated.

Dr. Shindel is much beloved, not only by the Pine Street congregation, but by all our townpeople. The honor conferred upon him, especially comes as a reward for long and faithful service.

Rev. Lloyd W. Walter, who will succeed Rev. Shindel in the active duties of the pastorate, will graduate at the Susquehanna university this summer. He is a gifted speaker and a young man of much ability. He will come to Danville in a short time.

Lightning Rod Sharpeners. Lightning rod agents, who are operating this section of the State, swindled Adam Waldman, of Collonsville, out of \$250 last week. The first of the clever gang was through the Nippenesse valley soliciting the orders for the lightning rods and agreed to place a sufficient number on Mr. Waldman's barn for the very nominal price of \$6.70. Mr. Waldman agreed to pay this amount and was asked to sign a contract, which he did. A few days afterward the second man came along, did the work, and presented the bill, which by this time had grown to be \$100, and the contract was found to be converted into a lien on Mr. Waldman's property. After much discussion the lightning rod man dropped to \$20 and Mr. Waldman gave him a note for this amount, payable in thirty days. This man later cashed at a Jersey Shore bank and then skipped. They were reported to have been seen in Milton since then and are evidently trying to work the same game in that neighborhood.

Umstead's Ditcher in Operation. The AMERICAN some time ago contained mention of a machine for ditching that was being perfected by Walter Umstead, who resides with James Lowrie, at Strawberry Ridge. The machine has now been completed and in its perfected state has been patented by Mr. Umstead and has proven a most remarkable success.

A representative of this paper saw the machine in operation on the farm of George W. Cotner, near Washingtonville Tuesday. To draw it four horses are hitched abreast, one man drives and another walks behind and by means of a wheel regulates the depth of the cut. The machine was making a ditch Tuesday 6 inches wide and 2 feet deep, and the walls of the completed trench, after the machine had passed, were as clean as if built of concrete. The dirt is rolled out to one side, not a bit of it finding its way back into the ditch. A number of experts have been to see Mr. Umstead about the machine. One representative of a big farming implement company told Mr. Umstead that he had never before seen a successful ditcher, but that he believed that Mr. Umstead's patent filled all the requirements and that he had no doubt but that the machine would do the work admirably where the other machines had failed.

According to a statement just made by Health Commissioner Dixon, 500 persons die in Pennsylvania each month from consumption, which is a preventable disease.

HORSE KILLED IN RUNAWAY

A most sensational runaway occurred between this city and Washingtonville Tuesday afternoon, which ended in a terrific head-on collision between the runaways and another team. The runaway horses escaped, but one of the other team was killed instantly, pierced to the heart by a heavy wagon tongue.

J. A. Cronis, of Limestone township, whose team it was that ran away had been to Danville delivering a load of hay. On the return trip he stopped at Phil Moser's hotel at the top of the hill on the old road to Washingtonville. He fastened the animals with a chain to the hitching post, and proceeded into the hotel. While the team was alone, for some reason unaccounted for, they became frightened, and breaking away from the post, dashed off down the steep narrow road.

Just about this time Earl Renn, son of Elmer Renn, of Valley township, returning from the Locomobile hills with a load of lumber, had arrived at a point about half way up the hill. He was walking between his horse and the railing that divides the road from the steep side hill.

Suddenly he was startled by the sound of loudly pounding hoofs, and glancing up he saw, not a hundred yards away, the frantic, plunging team dashing toward him. He acted quickly. Turning his team in as near the railing as he could get, he mounted to the top of the load of lumber, to save himself from being caught under the load if his wagon toppled over the steep embankment.

No sooner had he reached his perch than the runaways, going at top speed, crashed with fearful momentum and a horribly sickening thud into his own team of horses.

The big tongue of the runaways' wagon struck the body of Renn's near horse just back of the front leg, burying itself three feet in the animal's body and piercing its heart and lungs. The horse gave a spasmodic leap into the air and fell dead.

Keeping his presence of mind, Renn jumped to the ground and dashing to the heads of the runaways, pushed them back and controlled them without further trouble. Mr. Renn valued his horse at \$110. It is a remarkable fact that neither of Mr. Cronis' horses was injured.

NEW YORK'S RECORDER. The City's Most Ancient Official Next to the Mayor. Next to the mayor the recorder is the most ancient public official in the city. His office dates back to the Dongon charter, given to the city of New York in April, 1624. The governing body of the city were the mayor, the recorder and the aldermen.

From the recorder sprang, in 1821, the old court of common pleas, which later became the supreme court. Originally the mayor and the recorder held all the courts in New York, both civil and criminal, the aldermen sitting also to aid in disposing of petty cases. The recorder was a member of the board of aldermen. One of his important duties was to pass on competency for citizenship.

The first recorder was James Graham, appointed by charter. His duties included those of the present recorder and many more. Gradually as the court business increased the recorder ceased to act as an alderman, and in the subdivision of court work the criminal cases, which, as affecting the life and property of citizens, were then retained by him, and the civil cases were transferred to newer courts.

Thus the office of the recorder is traditionally the primary safeguard under the principles of the old common law on which New York's modern criminal jurisprudence is founded.—New York World.

The Sunnander. In Andrews' "Anecdotes Ancient and Modern" (1789) one reads, "Should a glass house fire be kept up without extinction for a longer term than seven years there is no doubt but that a salamander would be generated in the coals." This probably accounts for the popular idea that a salamander lives in the fire, a fallacy so far removed from the truth that the curious lizard-like beast so called cannot endure even the heat of the sun, but shudders away under stones to avoid it. It will never lose its reputation for fire eating, though, which lingers still in the leading absurd that is named after it.

Conservation of Energy. "You say you never gossip?" "Never," answered Miss Cayenne. "When I feel disposed to hear my neighbors discuss, I merely mention a name and proceed to listen."—Washington Star.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Harry Sheffer returned to Scranton yesterday after a visit with her sister, Miss Fannie Hummer, Iron street.

Miss Bessie Evans has returned to the Bloomsburg normal school after a stay in this city as the guest of Miss Florence Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dreiffuss, Master Leon and Miss Rae Dreiffuss have left for Detroit, Michigan, where they will make their home.

Miss Lois Boyer will arrive today from Plymouth for a visit with friends in this city.

Dr. J. Sidney Hoffa, of Benton, circled among friends in this city yesterday.

Archie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Voris, of Milton, is visiting relatives in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Winters, of Sunbury, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Alex. Foster and his daughter Helen left Saturday for a visit at Ocean City.

Mrs. E. W. Peters returned home from a visit to Pittsburgh Saturday evening.

George Steinbremer, of Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with friends in Danville.

Curry Fisher, of Westfield, New Jersey, arrived Saturday for a several days' visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Sr., returned to Philadelphia Saturday morning. It is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Maus at Maudsall.

Dr. I. H. Jennings returned Saturday from Allentown where he attended the meeting of the State dental association.

FILTH IN KOREA

The Streets of the City Reek With Sewage and Odors. The streets of Korea are used for every conceivable and inconceivable thing. Down the middle of them or on either side the city's sewage reeks along a stenchful course, carrying with it every possible thing but its own horrible odor. The houses on the main streets, or what might for want of a more descriptive name be called the business streets, are all built with one side open, as houses are built in Japan. There is little or nothing displayed for sale in any shops, and there is seldom anything to detain a loiterer along the way. The Korean woman knows absolutely nothing about the joys and sorrows of shopping. She lives her life in virtuous seclusion, or at least in seclusion, and the tradesmen must needs go to her and thrust their goods respectfully through a small opening in the door of her apartments. What she doesn't want she thrusts out again and then bargains with him over the price of what she has selected, with the trader but no transparent partition between them. So there is little need for attractive shop windows. Since the women make up the men's clothes, they, of course, buy the materials for their work, and I have rarely never seen anything purchased in a shop, but still girls are built with the use of sewing machines, and one can buy if one is so inclined, as foreigners so often are. The houses that are not of this description are not to be seen at all, being hidden behind expressionless stone walls capped with tiles and pierced with the finest possible gateway. —Laska's Weekly.

PROCEEDINGS OF MAY COURT

Court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with his Honor Judge C. E. Evans and Associates Blee and Wagner on the bench. Court immediately got down to business and proceeded to dispose of the usual routine work preliminary to a busy session.

The constables made their returns. None reported any violation of the law with the exception of W. E. Young, constable of the First ward, Danville, who reported the Pennsylvania canal bed as a nuisance. In regard to the latter Judge Evans referred the matter to the district attorney, whom he directed to take such action as might be necessary.

The list of jurors was called, all responding to their names. Clarence Rishel was appointed foreman of the grand jury, after which Daniel B. Fetterman, a grand juror, was excused. Judge Evans proceeded with his charge to the grand jury, which was very lengthy and explicit, carefully reviewing the legal processes by which bills are brought to the grand jury, the duty of the latter body in the premises, the law governing their action, &c.

G. W. Bennett was chosen tipstaff to wait upon the grand jury and W. E. Young and B. B. Brown tipstuffs to wait upon the court.

A large crowd was attracted to court by the two homicide cases in which Peter Dietrich and John Sees are the defendants. Both of these were brought down to court by Sheriff Maier soon after 10 o'clock. Sees' father was in the court room, while several of Peter Dietrich's old friends took occasion to shake hands with him. Mr. Dietrich seems to have borne up under his ordeal very well. To all who met him he had a pleasant smile and a warm handshake, which showed that he heartily appreciated the temporary release from the monotony of prison life.

Mr. Dietrich was called before court and upon hearing the indictment read, entered a plea of not guilty.

John Sees was next called before the bar, who likewise pleaded not guilty. Neither of the homicide cases will be tried until Thursday and the witnesses in each were excused from attendance at court until that time.

In the case of Commonwealth vs. Francis Woll the defendant was sentenced to pay the cost of prosecution and to stand committed until the sentence was complied with.

The first case attached was that of Frank Morrall, in which a true bill was found by the grand jury during the forenoon. Morrall pleaded guilty. His attorney, Ralph Kiser, made a strong plea for clemency, urging that sentence in the case be suspended.

Morrall was called before the court. Judge Evans told the defendant that he had pleaded guilty to a most serious offense, for which, if the full penalty were imposed, he could be sent to the penitentiary for three years; in the present case the court was disposed to be lenient as possible and that therefore the full penalty would not be imposed. The sentence of the court was that Frank Morrall be sentenced to pay the cost of prosecution, a fine of \$100 to the Commonwealth and to undergo imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary for a period of fifteen months, to be computed from the present date.

The next case taken up was that of Commonwealth vs. William Renner, the eleven year-old boy accused of breaking into the department store of S. Lowenstein & Co., with intent to commit a felony on Sunday, May, 13th. The defendant being without counsel, Ralph Kiser was appointed by the court as attorney for the defense.

The plea of not guilty was entered, after which Joseph Lowenstein, S. Lowenstein and Officer John Grier Voris were called as witnesses. All the circumstances which were fully set forth in this paper, at the time of their occurrence, are still fresh on the minds of our readers. The case was soon disposed of, scarcely five minutes being consumed by the opposing attorneys in addressing the jury. Judge Evans was also brief in his charge and the case was given to the jury at 3:20 o'clock.

At four o'clock the jury returned with a verdict of guilty as indicted but recommended the defendant, William Renner, to the mercy of the court.

The next case attached was that of Commonwealth vs. Daniel Kennedy, another juvenile case, in which the defendant was accused of forcibly affecting an entrance into the first ward school building with intent to commit a felony on Saturday, May 5th.

There were three witnesses in this case, Ambrose Robinson and Robert Campbell, who said they detected Kennedy in the act, and William Renner, the defendant in the preceding case, who alleged that he was with Kennedy when he broke into the First ward school building. Young Renner said they were both in the school building—that they effected an entrance through the window and that together they went through several of the rooms. He told what articles were pilfered and his story corroborated the preceding testimony of Masters Robinson and Campbell.

The jury was out about half an hour when it returned a verdict that Daniel Kennedy was guilty as indicted.

The next case called was that of

Commonwealth vs. George Beckley, the charge being larceny as bailee. Some time was spent in selecting a jury in this case and at 5:30 o'clock court adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 this morning.

A decree of divorce was granted in the case of Dora E. Robbins vs. W. Edward Robbins.

Judge Evans Monday afternoon made an order excluding all boys under sixteen years of age from the court room. The order went into immediate effect and there was a general exodus toward the front door that took in upwards of fifty juveniles representing nearly all ages up to sixteen. There are a good many unsavory cases for trial and parents, if not the boys themselves, are expected to take cognizance of the order to the end that the court room may be clear of boys from now on to the end of the term.

Willie Renner, the boy, who Monday was found guilty of breaking into the store of S. Lowenstein & Co., and was recommended to mercy was called before court for the first time Tuesday morning.

In answer to several questions from Judge Evans Willie explained that he was eleven years of age—that he went to school as well as to church and to Sunday school.

The father, George Renner, was then called. He gave his occupation as a chiropodist and said he was employed about four days in a week, earning \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day. His boy, he said was at home during the evenings.

The court made the following order: Now, May 29, 1906, it appearing to the court that the defendant is a neglected child under the age of 16 years, and after the hearing, J. C. Mince-moyer is appointed a probation officer to take charge of the defendant and for the present to place him in the care and custody of his father, George W. Renner, subject at all times to the visitation of the probation officer. Any bad conduct on the part of the defendant or upon bad treatment by the father to the child, the same to be reported to the court. This order to remain in force and effect until further order of court.

By the Court. Daniel Kennedy, the eleven year-old boy, who was found guilty of effecting a forcible entrance into the first ward school building on Saturday, May 5th, was called before court. In reply to questions from Judge Evans, he said he went to school "some times"—"couldn't tell when he was in school last." He said he had been in jail two weeks for breaking into the school house. He said he did not know it was wrong at the time, but admitted that he was well aware of it now.

Judge Evans told the boy that he would not send him to the house of refuge at this time, but would give him another chance. At this juncture he called the boy's father, who informed the court that he is 51 years of age and has four children. He declared that he looks after them and that they are in the house by 7 or 8 o'clock each evening. Judge Evans took occasion to say that 7 or 8 o'clock was the hour that all children should be at home at night. He reminded the father of his duty toward the boy and told him if the court heard of any further bad conduct on the part of the boy or of any ill treatment on the part of the parents it would take further action.

Judge Evans then proceeded to make an order similar to the one in the case of the Renner boy, stating that the defendant is a neglected child and placing him under the care of Chief-of-police J. C. Mince-moyer as a probation officer.

Court proceeded to take testimony in the case of Commonwealth vs. George Beckley, which was attached the evening before and for which a jury had been selected. The charge was larceny as bailee, the allegation of the Commonwealth being that defendant, George Beckley, last spring became a tenant on a farm on Bald Top owned by Francis Woll—that under the agreement Woll was to stock the farm—that Beckley was to farm the place on shares, having use of Woll's team of horses and farming implements, which, at the expiration of the lease, were to be returned to the owner in good condition. It was further alleged that during the season the defendant sold one of the horses to Frank Diehl, hence the law suit.

Among the witnesses for the Commonwealth were: Francis Woll, Mrs. Woll and Mrs. Shutt.

George Beckley, the defendant, upon being called to the stand swore that Woll had sold him the team of horses for \$80 and that when he [disposed of one of them the horse was solely in his possession. His testimony was followed by others for the defense among them being his wife and son, Howard Beckley, William Diehl, Frank Diehl, Justice of the Peace Dalton and others. The testimony was wholly contradictory, both as to the condition of the accounts and the nature of the agreement between Woll and Beckley. About 11:30 o'clock the case was given to the jury.

At 10:30 o'clock the grand jury had passed upon the last of the bills. At the direction of Judge Evans it then proceeded to examine the public buildings. At 11:30 the grand jury reported and was discharged from further attendance at court.

The grand jury recommended that a lavatory system be installed in the front cellar of the court house, that new closets be put in the jail building and that connection be made with the borough sewer; also that a new roof

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be placed on the court house. In the case of Commonwealth vs. William Buck a nol. pros. was allowed upon the payment of costs.

Edward Burns, guilty of assault and battery, on Monday, was sentenced to pay costs of prosecution and to stand committed until sentence was complied with. Tuesday the sentence was modified omitting "that the defendant stand committed."

Immediately after convening for the afternoon, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Commonwealth vs. George Beckley.

The case next attached was that of Commonwealth vs. George Beckley, the prosecutor being Francis Woll, who brought the case tried in the forenoon. In the last case the charge was larceny, the allegation being that Beckley upon removing from Woll's farm on Bald Top had taken with him a set of harness and a gun belonging to Woll.

Mr. Woll being called to the stand testified that on Sunday, April 1st, the harness was still in the barn on the farm, but that on Monday it was missing, along with a gun belonging to Mr. Woll. Woll said he found the harness at Fry's livery stable. The gun, he said, Beckley had taken with him when he moved, notwithstanding that he had given instructions to Mr. Beckley's son, Howard, that the gun be left on the farm. The harness was valued at \$15, the gun at \$3.

William Diehl, present tenant on Woll's farm, was sworn. Beckley, he said, showed him the gun—said it was Woll's gun, but stated that he was going to take it along with him.

Frank Fry, livery stable keeper, described the double harness that Beckley had brought to his stable.

Levi Diehl, who assisted at the moving, swore that the defendant said it was "Doc's" gun, but that he was going to take it along.

George Beckley, the defendant, was called to the stand. He said he had received the gun for hauling bones to the junk stop. He was to have one-half of the proceeds, which in the case cited were about \$1.50. Woll proceeded to pay him, but found that he had nothing less than a twenty-dollar bill. In settlement he asked Beckley whether he would be satisfied to take the gun at the valuation