

Religious Fakers.

The most inhuman crimes in all history have been committed in the name of religion.

Five persons who call themselves Parahmites, the followers of a religious faker at Zion City, are under arrest at Zion City for torturing an old woman and causing her death.

It is almost unbelievable that his could happen in the United States. But the fakirs and the gullible and the superstitious are found everywhere.

Woman Suffrage.

Ida Husted Harper, in the North American Review, declares that though there has been the longest and hardest struggle for woman suffrage in the United States, the success of the effort has been small.

All the Australian states except Victoria have conferred the State franchise on women, and women have full federal suffrage and the right to sit in the federal parliament.

In Finland women have the full franchise and the office-holding rights of men, including the right to sit in parliament.

In Norway women who pay taxes on property to the value of \$75 in the country and \$1.10 in the cities were admitted to the municipal franchise in 1901 and made eligible to serve in the common councils.

In Sweden widows and single women and married women who pay taxes on their own property have the municipal franchise on the same terms as men.

Some form of women suffrage is enjoyed in all the provinces of Canada, and in Great Britain women have the right to participate in local elections.

Hugh Corcoran, a brakeman on the Delaware and Hudson railroad, was killed on Monday in the railroad yards at Wilkes-Barre by being struck by the brake beam of a passenger car.

James Lyon, aged 3 years, of Philadelphia, got hold of a bottle of whiskey early on Sunday morning at his parents' home, drank the liquor and died afterwards at St. Annes' hospital.

RECOMMENDS

RETAINING WALL

The grand jury presented its report at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and was discharged from further attendance at the present term of court.

The grand jury's report embodied the recommendation that a retaining wall be built to enclose the gap between the river bridge and the street wall created by the borough to protect the water works a few years ago. This is a much needed improvement.

Upon perusing the grand jury's report Judge Evans remarked that he noticed one or more recommendations that were made by grand juries at previous terms of court. It was not clear to him, he said, why recommendations made by the grand jury, a body chosen to determine what is for the public good, should not be carried out more generally by the county commissioners.

Following is the grand jury's report: To the Honorable Judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Montour county:

The grand jury is pleased to report that it has performed its duty under the order of the court as expeditiously as possible.

We have examined the public buildings and have found them in very good condition.

At the jail we would recommend that the roof be examined and repaired, also that the building be painted on the outside.

We would also recommend that the wall between the bridge and the water works be built.

We find that the jail and all its surroundings are in a neat and clean condition.

E. SIDLER, Foreman.

Parole Post.

One thing is reasonably certain, and that is that the next Congress will have to deal seriously with the proposal for a parole post. This is a thing that has been coming for a long time and the present Postmaster General has it firmly fixed in his mind that it will be a good thing.

The general public, it unquestionably will and the general public, after all, is what the government is erroneously supposed to cater to. The man in the street can figure that life would be a good deal happier if he could send four pounds anywhere through the mail for two cents, as he can in many foreign countries and could increase this amount up to ten pounds at proportional rates.

The opposition first of all will come from the express companies. They have never been forced to meet anything like this sort of competition and they will fight the parcels post to its passage as they have always done.

There will be another source of opposition, and the plaintiff of this class of people will be a good deal better worth listening to than that of the rich express corporations. The opposition will come from the small store keepers of the country who will not be able to compete with the immense department stores of the big cities if the country resident can write an order to town and do shopping at an expense of half a cent a pound in the countries where the parcels post is in vogue, the department store is not developed to anything like the extent that it is in all good sized American cities.

Yet the city store in these countries absorbs a large proportion of what the country store considers its legitimate trade. The coming of such cheap transportation means quite a readjustment in the scheme of American life and business but at the same time it is a development that will have to be seriously considered during the coming winter.

PRESIDENT ENDS HIS SUMMER VACATION

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 25. President Roosevelt began his journey to Washington at 10 o'clock this morning, thus bringing to an end his summer vacation which has continued since June 12.

The trip is being made by special train to Long Island City, around the lower end of New York city by a tug boat and from Jersey City to Washington in the special train on which the President will make his western trip, which begins at Washington next Sunday.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Quentin accompany the President, the other children being at school. Two express cars loaded with the President's horses and stable equipment preceded the special of Oyster Bay that they might be made part of the train at Jersey City.

SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT

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was next called to the stand. She gave her residence as Welsh hill and said her husband is disabled as the result of a broken limb and some months ago was removed to the hospital. Her daughter Anna, she said is twelve years of age. The witness is acquainted with Lyon and had chided her daughter for going about with him.

She missed her daughter and starting up the hill in search witnessed a few things that made her suspicious. Later she wrung a confession from the girl, which was confirmed by subsequent discoveries. She explained her motive in proceeding legally in the matter was to compel the defendant to "let her daughter alone."

She had no wish to drag herself and child into the publicity incidental to a trial at court. She was informed by the authorities, however, that if there were any grounds for charge the case would have to go to court. The child was sent for and after her story had been heard the witness was informed that she would have to lodge information. She denied that she had asked anything of the defendant or that her motives were to extort money.

Margaret Williams, a little miss of 13 years, who knows Annie Gill, was the next witness. On the day that the occurrence is alleged to have taken place Margaret was playing with Annie, when Lyon came along. Annie asked him for a penny, when the witness said the defendant replied: "I have no penny now, but come up on the hill this afternoon and I will give you money, but don't bring that Williams kid along."

Mrs. Williams, mother of Margaret, who overheard part of the defendant's remark, was the next witness.

At 10:30 o'clock the Commonwealth rested. William Kase West opened for the defense.

The first witness called was Chief-of-police Minecroyer, who explained how the action happened to be brought. George Gardner and Henry Shutt were called to testify respecting the character of Mrs. Gill and her daughter Annie. Each of them testified that he "had heard a great deal," but had never seen anything wrong.

The next witness was Francis Glassmire of Catawissa, the purchasing agent of the Catawissa Paper Mill company. The defendant is employed under Glassmire as a "skidder," which implies that he has charge of the work of clearing the various tracks of timber land purchased for the Catawissa Paper Mill company. The witness has been acquainted with the defendant for some eight years and considers his reputation for truth and veracity very good.

On cross-examination the witness admitted that he had visited Mrs. Gill to see whether "the case could not be settled." R. N. Lyons, the defendant, was then called to the stand. He described the position he occupies under the Catawissa Paper Mill company and said that he resides on Church street, third ward, Danville. He not only protested that he had no improper relation with Annie Gill, but that during the very hours of the forenoon of each of the days when he is alleged to have committed the crime he was employed elsewhere. On the Saturday prior to Decoration day, the first of the dates named, during the whole forenoon he was employed on Bald top. On Saturday, August 3rd, the second date named, with his men he was on the Dewald farm back of Grovonia. On the latter date he was busy on the Dewald farm all the forenoon and was very circumstantial in explaining the manner in which he was occupied during every hour of the time, showing that it was not until between 12 and 1 o'clock that he got back to Danville. On neither of the above days according to his testimony, was he on Welsh Hill.

TWO NEW CITIZENS

The oath of citizenship was administered to Isaac Stein and Sidney George Cannard. Both men were placed upon the stand where they were rigidly examined as to the causes which induced them to leave their respective native countries as well as to their knowledge of the United States, its form of government, &c. Each candidate showed that he was well qualified and the oath of citizenship was accordingly administered by Prothonotary Vincent.

LYON'S JURY CHOSEN

At 3:40 o'clock the grand jury returned a true bill in the case of Commonwealth vs. R. N. Lyons, the charge being statutory rape. At 3:45 the case proceeded to trial.

Owing to the serious nature of the charge each juror called was placed on the stand and under oath was examined as to whether he was acquainted with either the defendant or prosecutor in the case, whether he had formed an opinion &c. There were eleven peremptory challenges, the following twelve men being finally accepted: George Mottern, James E. Pollock, Miles J. Derr, Frank Crossley, Harry Cronin, Edward Yeager, Ed. Volkman, Frank Herrington, William Ziel-ebach, G. Leslie McLean, D. R. Rishel and William J. Leidy.

At 4:45 o'clock court adjourned to reconvene at 9 o'clock Tuesday a. m. The court announced that all the jurors not impaneled in the case would be discharged from further attendance. The volume of business disposed of Monday was quite remarkable, and has probably never been surpassed on the opening day at any term of court.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The jury in the case of Commonwealth vs. R. N. Lyon Tuesday evening, returned a verdict of "not guilty."

The jury was impaneled Monday evening and the hearing of testimony began Tuesday morning and occupied over four hours.

The sensational nature of the case was sufficient to attract a large audience to the court room. Before proceeding with examination of witnesses Judge Evans ordered the court room cleared of all boys and girls under eighteen years of age excepting those present as witnesses, which order was strictly carried out by the court officers. There still remained in the court room as the trial progressed some fifteen women, not called as witnesses.

Annie Gill, the child upon whom the wrong is alleged to have been committed, was called to the stand. Her testimony in the main was very revolting and unfit for publication. The witness said she was 12 years of age. On two different occasions according to the child's testimony she met the defendant on the hill north of town near the old Catholic cemetery. One of these occasions was during the forenoon of the Saturday preceding Memorial day and the other during the forenoon of Saturday, August 3rd. The witness was on the stand for nearly an hour and was rigidly cross-examined.

Mrs. Mary Gill, the mother of Annie Gill, and prosecutrix in the case, was next called to the stand. She gave her residence as Welsh hill and said her husband is disabled as the result of a broken limb and some months ago was removed to the hospital. Her daughter Anna, she said is twelve years of age. The witness is acquainted with Lyon and had chided her daughter for going about with him.

NAIL CAMPAIGN LIE

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Sept. 24.

Members of the legislature who served with John O. Sheatz at Harrisburg have supplemented the action of the war veterans in exposing the trick of the Democratic campaign managers who sought to misrepresent the action of Mr. Sheatz as a member of the general assembly in dealing with the bill to provide pensions for old soldiers.

The war veterans of this city, by resolution and through vigorous speeches of some of their most prominent members, repudiated the campaign circular sent out by Democratic politicians of Lycoming county, in which Mr. Sheatz was held responsible for the failure of the plans to have the state provide pensions for veterans of the civil war who enlisted and served in this state.

Without regard to party or factional affiliations, men who sat in committee with Mr. Sheatz, when the old soldiers pension bill was under consideration, have united in public declarations which show the falsity of the charges of the Democratic tricksters.

One of the most active of the younger members of the general assembly, Representative Joseph S. Thomas, of Bucks county, has come out boldly in defense of Mr. Sheatz in a statement which leaves no room to doubt that he is speaking with absolute sincerity and candor.

Democratic Lies Nailed. Mr. Thomas, who is editor of the Bristol Gazette, reproduces the allegations made by the Lycoming Democratic outfit in their document sent out to influence old soldiers against the Republican nominee for state treasurer. He takes up each of the misstatements of fact, and gives the truth as he knows it.

"There is not a single line that does not contain statements which I know to be absolutely untrue," declares Representative Thomas. "John O. Sheatz, in a thoroughly conscientious and businesslike manner, did everything in his power to pass the real pension bill."

"He did not add a single item nor add one dollar to the figures that was not absolutely necessary to carry the bill into effect. He did not sit along side the governor and even suggest the veto of the bill. He did not put a single straw in the way to cause the bill's defeat."

"The alleged pension bill was introduced into the Senate by a Democrat. The bill as introduced by Senator Cochran was a ridiculous farce, and if passed in that shape and approved by the governor it never could have been put into operation. One million dollars appropriation was called for, but no provision was made whatever for the machinery to put the law into motion."

Sheatz's Conscientious Work. "The bill passed the senate, went to the house and was referred to the appropriations committee, of which I was a member. Mr. Sheatz, the chairman of the committee, realized that the senate was engaged in a game of buncombe set to work and for three weeks labored to whip the bill into shape. He called to his aid the auditor general and General Mulholland, of Philadelphia, the pension expert. Thorough calculations were made as to the amount of money that would be necessary to pay the pensions, and plans for a state pension bureau, under the charge of the auditor general were developed, with the necessary corps of clerks."

"Through General Mulholland, from the best obtainable figures, it was learned that about 55,000 were likely to apply for pensions and that the average to each would amount to \$32.50. That made it necessary to appropriate \$5,574,000 to cover the 15 months until the new legislative appropriation becomes available.

Let Truth Be Known. "The amounts fixed by the house appropriation committee were carefully figured, and Mr. Sheatz worked earnestly and faithfully to make a sane and correct measure out of the farce passed by the senate. Governor Stuart, in my hearing, declared that he surely would have vetoed the bill as it came from the senate, and that the house had made a thorough bill of it and that he intended to approve it if there was revenue enough."

"The house of representatives also passed a number of revenue bills which would have produced sufficient funds to pay the pensions to old soldiers, but Senator Cochran's colleagues in the senate killed every one of them, and that was the reason the governor vetoed the pension bill."

John O. Sheatz acted fairly and squarely with the veterans. He was their best friend and labored in their behalf, while Senator Cochran trifled with a sentiment to play politics. "Mr. Sheatz did his duty honestly and conscientiously, and has nothing to be proud of the result of an examination made into its record."

Other Legislators Speak Out. Representatives Andrew J. Pfaff and John R. Gillette, City Party members of the house from this city, and Representative Robert P. Haggood, of McKean county, are among others who have given public declarations that the charges that Mr. Sheatz did not work fairly in the interests of the old soldiers are absolutely false and malicious.

Representative Gillette, among other things, said: "The nomination of Hon. John O. Sheatz by the Republican party for state treasurer removes the last doubt as to whether a Republican or Democrat shall fill that important office as the successor of Treasurer Berry. The good sense of the party has prevailed, and a more logical candidate could not have been named. Taking into consideration the exigencies of the situation, the nomination was a master stroke, and all factions of the Republican party can have no further reason at this time for remaining outside the breastworks."

"There is absolutely no truth in the campaign charges that Mr. Sheatz is not a friend of the old soldiers. I say this with knowledge of his work at Harrisburg in their interests."

Miss Anna Johnston, of Jerseytown, was a guest Tuesday at the Johnston home, East Market street.

NEW CHURCH, STEVENS MEMORIAL

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Sept. 24.

The beautiful new Thirteenth Street Methodist Episcopal church at Harrisburg will be renamed the "B. F. Stevens Memorial Methodist church," in honor of the venerable Rev. B. F. Stevens who for many years was pastor of the congregation, and who at one time served in Danville.

Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, who recently served at St. Paul's church, this city, is at present pastor of the Harrisburg church. The new edifice is one of the finest churches in the Central Pennsylvania conference and will be dedicated some time next year. At a recent quarterly conference a resolution was adopted advocating a change of name and the trustees have done likewise.

Rev. Stevens, in whose honor the church will be renamed, is one of the best known members of the Central Pennsylvania conference, of which he has been a supernumerary member for the past fifteen years leaving active duties upon the expiration of his term as pastor of the Harrisburg church.

He entered the ministry in the old Baltimore conference and served 26 years as pastor of the churches at Frostburg and Westport, Md., Greencastle, Shamokin, White Haven, Northumberland, Williamsport, Clearfield, Danville, Millifield, Ashland, Jersey Shore, Stewartstown, Duncannon, Mechanicsburg and Harrisburg.

GRAVE FOUND AFTER 40 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roat and their daughters, Mabel and Edna, have returned from an exceedingly pleasant visit to Jamestown, Norfolk and numerous other points of interest in that section.

Although the party visited the Jamestown exposition and found much to interest them there, yet the trip was undertaken principally for the purpose of finding, if possible, the grave of Mrs. Roat's brother, Lloyd Marks, who died while in the service just after the surrender of Lee.

Nothing was known of the young soldier's grave and the manner of his burial by the relatives in the north. Indeed, it was not until after the expiration of one year that it was learned for a certainty that he was dead. Up to the present visit the relatives here were uncertain whether he was sleeping in one of the cemeteries or, like thousands of others, had been buried somewhere with the unknown dead in a trench.

Lloyd Marks grew to manhood at Roaring Creek post office, Columbia county. Along with George W. Roat he enlisted in the 188th Regiment P. V., Third Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and served nearly throughout the war.

Mr. Roat and family in their search visited the National cemetery at Hampton, Va. Without much effort they were successful in finding the grave and were furnished with complete records relating to his death, &c. His grave, which is near the center of that beautiful cemetery, is marked with a stone on which is engraved his full name, number, &c., all attesting to the remarkable care that since the close of the Rebellion the government has bestowed on the graves of its fallen heroes.

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YOUNG MEN ENLIST

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Sept. 24.

A significant feature of the gathering of Republican clubmen in this city this week is the presence of so many young Republicans, many of them to be first voters at the coming election. The activity of young men in the ranks of the State League of Republican clubs in this campaign has been the subject of general comment and the party leaders who have been fighting the battles of Republicanism for years are elated over the accession of so many enthusiastic recruits.

The popularity of the movement for state treasurer, the fact that he is himself a staunch member of the State League of Clubs, and that his candidacy typifies the desires of the men who seek to advance the cause of Republicanism to highest ideals mark, in a measure, account for the gratifying interest taken in the present state campaign by the young men, both of the cities and the counties of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sheatz's career in public life is calculated to inspire the youth of this commonwealth. The story of his labors as a lad in the great Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia and his subsequent success as a business man, his nomination for the state legislature in an independent district in the Quaker city his splendid record as a lawmaker at Harrisburg, which led to his nomination by the Republican state convention by a unanimous vote for the office of state treasurer, has been studied by the young Republicans of Pennsylvania, who have enlisted in the campaign to bring about his election by an unprecedented majority for an eight year term in November next.

Presidential Battle Coming. The fact that next year will be presidential year may also account for the interest taken in the Republican party organization this fall by the younger element.

Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, reports that the chairmen of the several county committees find that great interest is being taken in national politics this year, and that every one is looking forward to the coming Republican convention.

Pennsylvania will have 68 votes in that national gathering, the largest delegation, save one, that will sit in the convention, and the voice of Pennsylvania, as in the past, it is predicted, will again be potential in the national councils of the party.

In order that Pennsylvania shall maintain her proud place as the keystone of the Republican national arch, it is recognized by the young men who have rallied to the party colors in the present campaign that the vote at the coming election must show a pronounced Republican majority.

It is true that the opposition is demoralized, and is without an issue. The danger to the Republican forces lies in over confidence and the apathy that frequently follows the absence of an aggressive opposition.

The Capitol Grafting Issue. Nominee for treasurer, Mr. Sheatz, has reason to be proud of the ovation given him here this week by the clubmen gathered from every section of the state.

While in this city, Mr. Sheatz had several conferences with Governor Stuart. They talked over the state capital graft cases. It is recognized that the Democrats lost their only issue when Attorney General Todd proceeded against the men who were named in the report of the legislative probers as responsible for the looting of the state treasury through irregularities attending the construction of the capitol.

With the knowledge that the pledges of the Republican party are being fulfilled, and that after the thorough probing of the capitol job, the Republican state administration is proceeding to prosecute all who had a hand in the affair, the Democrats are absolutely deprived of an opportunity to play the capitol scandal to advance their political interests.

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