



# American.

COAL DIRT CASE

reviewed the evidence exhaustively.

Mr. Kaercher adverted to the "state-

with doing the same thing that she

entirely'') damaged.

the defendant.

afternoon

court Friday.

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54 38  $59 \\ 56$  $\frac{19}{36}$  GIVEN TO JURY

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DANVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1910

### ESTABLISHED IN 1855

CURIOSITY NEARLY KILLS -

Curiosity nearly cost the life of 2-year old Calvin Wilkinson, of 123 Mul-

berry street, Harrisburg, when he go

attention was attracted by a strange

but not least a large buck was aroused

pear to be at all frightened and final-

NARROW ESCAPE-Peter Bitting,

ly disappeared in the woods.

was saved.

tv.

VOTE IN MONTOUR COUNTY

# sponsible for three. On this basis Mr. Hinckley said the defendant is responsible for three-eighths of the damage done. The loss sustained by the plaintiff had been variously estimated by the witnesses at all the way rom \$3500 to \$6000.

The damage therefor, might be fixed The jury in the case of Sophie G. at three-eighths of \$6,000 or \$2,250, to Eckman vs. the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company retired to its dewhich as a compensation for delay might be added another amount not to exceed six per cent, of the sum each liberations at 2:30 o'clock Friday year for the time embraced, six years. The entire forenoon was occupied Immediately on reconvening after

by the attorney's addresses. Former Judge F. W. Wheaton, chief counsel charged the jury. He reviewed all the for the defendant, was taken ill Thurs-day night and was unable to appear in law, which had been argued and allowed. The charge was comprehensive Daniel W. Kaercher of Pottsville and clear.

took the case to the jury speaking for Coal miners, he said, have a right to deposit culm on their land, protected no oratorical flights but speaking ed against all ordinary floods They deliberately in a conversational tone have no right, however, to deposit culm in a stream. The burden is on He claimed that the plaintiff had the plaintiff to show that the defendfailed to make out a case; that the ant either placed culm in the creek or evidence failed to show that the land so near to it that ordinary floods carwas permanently (which he said meant ried it away. If culm was placed in the creek by other companies the de-He adverted to the testimony to fendant is not responsible for the dam-

show that in 1904 the ice did not go out of Catawissa creek until after the If it is found If it is found that the damage susicegorge in the river broke and held tained by the plaintiff was caused by that the plaintiff failed to show that a large number of mines, the colliery the culm deposited on her land came of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal from the Catawissa creek; also to company being responsible for only an what extent the land had been damag-inconsiderable part, then the defend-ant can be held only for nominal damthe Catawissa creek from the mines of age, which may be ten cents or one dollar.

The plaintiff claims permanent inments of the plaintiff" offered in evid- jury. If she has failed to prove perence, showing that Mrs. Eckman has manent injury there can be no recov-

erned by the preponderance of testialleges the defendant is responsible mony. The verdict, the court explained, might be for the defendant; for nominal damages or for compensatory damages, the latter representing the full extent of injury to the farm.

Verdict for the Plaintiff.

The jury in the case of Sophie G Eckman vs. the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, the trial of which occupied practically the entire week, rendered a verdict Saturday in land is unfit for cultivation. Another favor of the plaintiff for \$1417.11. The point, which he claimed "faults" the jury, which retired at 2 o'clock Fricase is that she failed to prove that day afternoon, reached an agreement at 11 o'clock that night. Following instructions the verdict was sealed and presented to court at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The jury found as follows: First. That the total damage sustained by the plaintiff is \$4000.

Second. That the proportion for collieries contributing culm would which the defendant in this suit is Third. Amount allowed the plain-

tiff for detention of payment of damages, \$274 26

Fourth. Total amount of verdict of plaintiff in the case against the defendant is gid 7 11

When the verdict was announced William Kase West of counsel for defendant moved for judgment non obstante vere dicto upon the whole reconi, which translated into language laymen can understand means that the defendant claims that the evidence adduced at the trial was not sufficient to warrant a finbing for the plaintiff and that the verdict should

He admitted that the plaintiff have been for the defendant. brought "several" suits for the reason Thus was brought to a conclusion one of the most noteworthy civil suits was responsible. She can only recover that has been tried in the Montour county court in many years The jury one company or the whole number. Six days were occupied in the local

Four influential eastern States New work of the campaign and support the state in the generative states in the generative states in the particular in the pa

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ITEMS CONDENSED. IMPROVEMENT OF FRONT STREET

CANDIDATES

GOVERNOR.

SEC'Y OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Blakslee, D.

Newbaker ...

Casey, K.

Ward

102

 $\frac{57}{231}$ 

94 93

75 88 171

 $\frac{151}{113}$ 

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**TENER'S VOTE SINKS** 

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9. | as Tener's.

to show

John K. Tener's plurality for gover-

plete figures from all of the sixty-

W

62 84 147

66 60 91

78 74 82

103  $116 \\ 146$ 

74 187  $\frac{141}{187}$ 

106 97

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77 94 92

 $54 \\ 71 \\ 129$ 

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 $53 \\ 59 \\ 112$ 

80 120 22 83

 $107 \\ 157$  $\frac{71}{43}$ 18
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**TO 20 THOUSAND** 

Democrats.

joint ballot.

Pratt, Republican, for re-election.

SOCIALISTS ELECT MEMBERS

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Property owners on East Front stre hold of the family coal oil can and drank a quantity just to see how coal presented a petition to the borough oil tasted. It evidently did not taste oil tasted. It evidently did not taste very well so he told his parents all squares be paved with vitrified brick. about it. They hustled him over to the | The petition was accepted and action hospital dispensary where mustard was taken looking to the holding of a grant administered and his life meeting to hear objections, the enactment of a required ordinance, etc. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Reynolds, R. Greevy, D. Gibboney, K.

A petition was received from a maj-LEISURELY DEER-S. M. Heisey, ority of property owners on Front of Lock Haven, had an odd experience street between the western building recently while in the orchard of his line of Ferry street and the eastern brother at Haneyville, Clinton coun. building line of Railroad street, res-He was picking apples when his pectfully, petitioning and requesting council to enact an ordinance requirnoise in the bushes. Suddenly a doe ing and providing for the grading and leaped to its feet and stood gazing at paving with vitrified paving brick and him. Then a fawn followed and took curbing with stone of all of said por-

CONGRESS. McHenry, R..... McHenry, D..... Harter, K... its stand by the side of the doe. Last tion of the above street. The petition was signed by the fol-and when it saw Mr. Heisey started leisurely away, followed by another son,John Hixson, Hunter estate, Dan-REPRESENTATIVE, Ammerman, D. P. K....

fawn. The quartet passed along the fence for some distance, did not aporf, W. W. Davis, Wesley Hollobaugh, Mrs. W. L. Clark, T. W. Bartholomew, E. Corman, Mrs. Martha Y. Gearbart, Mrs. Joseph L. Frame, T. J. Price Trustee, Danville Foundry and Mach-

of Newport, had a remarkable escape from serious injury a few days ago. He was driving over the tracks of a Heim, D. B. Fetterman, D. B. Heddens. Heim, D. B. Fetterman, S. M. Heim, D. B. Fetterman, S. M. Heim, D. B. Fetterman, S. M. Harriet I. Myer not notice his approach and started a ly, Lillie M. Purpur, R. L. Marks ear in on the siding. It struck the Harry Ellenbogen, Joseph Heim, trus-wagon on which Mr. Bitting was driv-tees of B'nai Zion congregation, E. ing and he was thrown out and under Herbert Myerly, Edward F. Bell, T. the car. The horse was also caught J. Jones, George A. Meyers, J. and dragged for about thirty feet when Gillaspy, A. D. Myerly and George L. the car left the track. Mr. Bitting

nor of Pennsylvania may be as low as 20,000, or even much less when com-Rowe. managed to free himself from the On motion of Mr. Heim it was ordwreckage and was taken to the office ered that the above patition be acceptof a physician, where it was found ed and filed of record for further ad that he had escaped with a few slight tion of conner

iniuries. The horse also escaped, but the wagon was demolished

TOUCHED MULE'S TENDER SPOT-Luther Bowser, son of Andrew Bowser, of Henderson township, Huntingdon county, was kicked by a mule and rendered unconscious. The boy was driving the animal and touched it on a tender spot, with the result that the lad was kicked on the head and the physician who was summoned found it necessary to put in a number of stitches in closing the wound.

SOME COMMOTION.—Some com-motion was caused in the home of secretary be directed to sign, attach Street Commissioner John C. Reed, of the borough seal and to post along the West Chester, by an explosion in a line of the proposed improvement the cook stove which tore the stove to notices provided for in said resolupieces and caused much damage to the tion.

The following communication was kitchen. The explosion is attributed to a dynamite cap left in the coal at received from Charles P. Gearhart. district attorney of Montour county the mines

CHEAPEST PAYS BEST. - At the meeting of the executive committee of able of the second ward of the borough the Allentown fair, the statement of of Danville returned as follows, to the officers, showed that the profits wit: 'Street in bad condition from for this year's exhibition amounted Front to Grand. From corner of Honeyto \$4,388. It is said that no other fair in the world which charges only 25 and garbage in same. cents admission is so prosperous.

OLD FREIGHTER DEAD-George Geigley, the oldest inhabitant of Birdsboro, is dead of gangrene at the age of 92 years. He was one of the few survivors of the Conestoga wagon freighters who hauled goods between the east and the west before the railroad came

NEED THE BRUSHES. - Examination made by the Reading Dental so-Reading school children use tooth of coal each week in order that a lead over their opponents. brushes out of 8,925 examined between sufficiently large supply may be gotthe ages of 5 and 17. Those had more ten on hand for winter use. than 52,000 cavities to be filled up. On motion of Mr. Jone

### seven counties in the State are in. Estimates from sixty-three of the ounties give the Repbulican candidte a lead of about 28,000 and the miss On motion of Mr. Heim a resolution ing counties-Elk, Northampton, Pike was passed providing that a twelve and Snyder-are expected days' public notice by hand bills postnluralities for William H. Berry, the ed on line of proposed improvement be given that the town council will Keystone party candidate for Gover nor. Webster Grim, the Democratic meet on Friday, November 18, 1910, at gubernatorial candidate, ran far be-So'clock, p. m., for the purpose of hind his two opponents. hearing objections to the proposition Philadelphia gave Tener a greatly to pave and curb said part of East reduced plurality, he carrying the city by 45,254 votes over Berry. Philadel-Front street and also then and there to consider the propriety of the enactphia's vote was needed by Tener to ment of the necessary ordinance. win as the estimates show that Berry, On motion of Mr. Heim it was ord-

polled sufficient independent votes to carry the State outside of the Philaered that as soon as the chief burgess delphia stronghold of Republicanism.

"At October sessions, 1910, of the court of Montour county, the constmoon to Cooper and to Mowrey; stone

"I beg to advise you that unless the defects so reported be promptly repaired it shall be my duty to apply the law for your neglect in this behalf. sidewalks, he said, are in such a bad many cases disastrously. condition as to make proper repairs impracticable at present.

On motion the secretary was in-

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The Sixty-second congress will be will re-elect Senator Lodg

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.

Democratic by a fine working major. ity, while in the United States senate

Congressman John M. Reynolds, Re- the Assembly from Berks county. He Henry Houck, Republican, for secre- ly the first representative of that party D. Clarence Gibbony, Keystore can tary of internal affairs, were elected to win a seat in the Pennsylvania Legby pluralities approximately the same islature. **GREAT LANDSLIDE** 

FOR DEMOCRATS

Doubtful-Iowa and Kansas More complete returns today from One of the most astonishing over-the elections held throughout the turns was in the rock-ribbed Republi-

andidate, was elected representative in also brought suit against a number of candidate, was elected representative in also brought suit against a number of the general assembly at the election other coal companies charging them I in all cases the jury was to be govagainst R. Scott Ammerman's 880. senator in general assembly for.

The doubtrul districts are the Eleven- didate on both the Democratic and Reth and Fourteenth. The latter district publican tickets, was re-elected repon present figures favors Charles C. The Republicans also sustained a er's 648.

sight loss in both notices of Democrats and William H. Berry, Keystone candid independents defeating regular orgever, remains strongly Republican on When Mr. Berry ran for State treasur-The Socialists elected a member of Plummer

Keystone candidate, received 607 votes

fort attended being out of doors.

ciety, has disclosed that only 4,849 structed to order four extra car loads the Republicaus will have only a scant son who resigned the presidency of of the districts, which is not unusual. The other cases have nothing to do contr during the progress of the trial. he Republicans will have only a scant and over their opponents. Four influential eastern States New work of the campaign was swept into

NEWBAKER MAKES PHENOMENAL RUN Dr. P. C. Newbaker, independent

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION The Pennsylvania Congressional held Tuesday, receiving 1154 votes as Democrats, 38; with two districts Charles W. Sones, Democrat, wins doubtful as compared with the present out, in Montour county his plurality delegation of 27 Republicans and 5 being 282.

resentative in congress, the combined vote being 1144, as against Dr. Hart-

For lieutenant governor Thomas H.

delegation, according to the latest figures received stands Republicans, 22; For

John G. McHenry, who was a can

slight loss in both houses of the Leg-For governor, in Montour county ate, received 1018 votes as against 429 anization men in several Republican for John K. Tener, Republican, and any culm had been put into the Catastrongholds. The legislature, how- 499 for Webster Grim, Democrat. er in 1905 Montour county gave him 1451 votes as against 568 for J. Lee

publican, for lieutenant governor, and is James H. Maurer, and he is probab- Greevy, Democrat, leads with 673 votes. lieries upon the defendant. All the

 WILSON ELECTE >
 The results indicate that something age sustained—whether it come from all told was on duty eighteen days.

 In New Jersey Dr. Woodrow Wil less than a full vo e was polled in any one company or the whole number.
 Six days were occupied in the loca

points that Mr. Kaercher had unge morning. During the early part of the make out a case.

and the country roads wet and muddy. manently" injured impiles "entirely" had been fixed up as far as possible the entire nation where the Republi. Foss' campaign was made on a day, although the air was raw. The and occur as a possible can vote did not slump notably and in straightout tariff issue. The Massa-traightout tariff issue. The Massa-traightout tariff issue. The Massachusetts legislature is Republican and noon and in town, at least, no discom-

once-for the full amount of the dam-

He also adverted to the value of the farm as indicated by the assessor's book offered in evidence, namely, \$6,-344. Mr. Eckman himself was the as sessor and had subscribed to an oath that he would value the property at the full market price. Mr. Kaercher contended that the

plaintiff had fai.ed to prove that her wissa creek by the defendant company prior to 1904. The jury, he said, would not be permitted to guess in the matter.

didate, received 581 votes and John M. have to be taken into account. At the liable is \$1142.85

would not be permitted to visit the effects of negligent acts of other col-

For secretary of internal affairs

and Henry Honck, Republican, 447 Mr. Hinckley's characteristic styl and was listened to with the deepest The weather while not of the ideal interest. He reviewed all the evidence sort was not sufficiently unpleasant to in succession taking up the different keep anyone away from the polls. The ground was covered with snow in the show that the plaintiff had field to

law for your neglect in this behalf.''country yesterday serve to emphasizecan State ofMassachasetts whereday this melted, leaving the streetsMr. Hinckley disputationStreet Commissioner Keefer report-<br/>ed that the street reported to courtrather than diminish the Democratic<br/>landslide. There is hardly a section ofDemocratic<br/>ority of thirty thousand.The weather at times was threatening,<br/>but no rain or snow fell during theMr. Hinckley disputation day this melted, leaving the streets Mr. Hinckley disputed that

nominal damages

# Reynolds, the Repbulican candidate, very most the jury could impose only It was nearly 11 o'clock when Hdu. James I Blakeslee, Democrat, leads H. M. Hinckley for the plaintiff went with 658 votes. John J. Casey, the to the jury. He spoke until about 12:30. The address was delivered

whose homes are in Columbia were also 150 pounds of magnet wire. daring each other to touch a broken electric light wire dangling from a pole when Daniel Landenberger, aged priation due the fire department be years, jumped and grabbed it with a paid. firm hold. He was killed instantly and his body could not be released until ordered that the benches be removed the power had been turned off.

NEVER HAVE MOVED, -Mr. and in the basement of city hall. Mrs. Jacob L. Bower, of Birdsboro, celebrated their golden wedding an- payment: niversary in the Bower homestead. where they began housekeeping 50 Regular employes. session of the Bower family for 138 Freight on coal. years.

"YOU BET"-The Pottstown High School Literary society debated the question "Resolved That corporal Literary Literary Society debated the Literary Society debated the Standard Gas C punishment should be abolished" and the affirmative side won with a whoop. M. G. Lilley Co....

GROWING BIG ONES. -John Con- Adams Express Co rad of Pottstown is exhibiting three Labor in Light Dep't. pumpkins, weighing 157, 103 and 76 Rumsey Electrical Co pounds respectively that were grown Adams Express Co .... at Schultzville on a vine that bore 28. Wallace A. Hoover.

SECOND CROP POTATOS. - M. A. Wentzel of Shamrock, has raised a second crop of Early Rose potatoes, nearly as large as the first.

Miss Jennie Kelso of this city was removed to the Joseph Ratti Hospital, at Bloomsburg, yesterday, where she underwent an operation. Her condition was very promising last evening.

On motion of Mr. Jones Borough On motion of Mr. Curry it was ordered that the third quarterly appro-

On motion of Mr. Marshall it was from Memorial park and stored away

The following bills were approved for

### WATER DEP'T

Danville F'd'y & Machine Co. Bover Brothers Standard Gas Co 5.57 Jewell Filtration Co. 68.60 .60 1.25

### BOROUGH DEP'T

Labor and Hauling	313.
A. F. Hartman	5.
Reading Iron Co	18.
George F. Keefer	92.
Regular Employes	117.
Charles E. Voris	7
Standard Gas Co.	
People's Coal Yard	01
Charles W. Cook.	44.
W W W W	2.
W. W. Welliver.	163.

tures. Ohio, too, is Democratic.

### GREAT LEADERS MEET DEFEAT. The two great leaders of the Repub-

met defeat in their own States. Roose-

38.40 Democratic senator to succeed Chaun-

1.50 cey M. Depew.

13.75 representatives to nullify what re- will be a Republican. mains of his legislative programme. THE SUMMARY

Summed up, the results of the var-

Democratic-Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Nev- | State, ada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska,

Tennessee and Wisconsin.

DARED TO DEATH—Several bys close home are in Columbia way close that the water even in ordinary care of coal dirt. Some six hundred cratic representation in their legida. cratic successor to Senator John Kean. slow during the early part of the day. stages might wash it away. Most of New Jersey's ten Congress- Up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon at men will sit with the Democratic majthe voting places in town less than ority in the Sixty-second Congress.

Connecticut has elected a Demo- rush that occurred between that hour lican party. Taft and Roosevelt, alike cratic Governor for the first time since and closing time swelled the vote Although it would be difficult to re 1893, in the person of Judge Simeon weld be defeat in their own States. Koose- 1893, in the person of Judge Sincon Although it would be difficult to re-velt's home town of Oyster Bay went E. Baldwin. The chief feature of call a campaign in which so much inagainst him; his congressional dis- Judge Baldwin's campaign was his terest was manifested in the general trict chose a Democratic representa- long-drawn-out controversy with Col- result as during the one just passed

tive to replace Congressman W. W. onel Roosevelt over their respective yet it is remarkable that there was no  $Cocks, \ Roosevelt's \ warm \ personal \ views of compulsory compensation for \ real \ contest \ in the \ general \ acceptance$ friend; his State repudiated the Re- workingmen injured in industrial ac- of that term except for one office, that had dwelt to show that the plaintiff's 129.00 tional blow, the New York State leg- 5,000. The rest of the State officiary man, who was on the Democratic, the 1.50 islature is Democratic and will elect a will be Republican. Prohibition and Keystone tickets, was perts but he said that in this matter

### REPUBLICANS LOSE HEAVILY

The Republicans lost heavily in the ticket at all, but who was voted or against ten experts. The barren President Taft today find himself Rhode Island, re-electing Governor for by "stickers." 81.50 face to face with the one danger which Abram J. Pothier by a scant twelve generally regarded as an unusual one. refutable testimony that the land has 1.60 he has most dreaded and which he be- hundred votes, as against his plurality A great deal of hard work was done by 2.89 sought the Republican voters of the of about twelve thousand in the last each of the two candidates. Probably nation to prevent-a hostile house of election. Senator Aldrich's successor every voter in the county was seen or was communicated with through the

mail.

New Hampshire's new governor is

Robert P. Bass, Republican, who won the nomination on a progressive platious State elections were as follows: form. Diminished Republican pluralities were the rule throughout the

Republican — Colorado, Delaware, Michigan was overwhelmingly in favor of Chase S. Osborn, the Republican New Hampshire, North Dakota, Penn-sylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Francis E. McGovern, Republican by Wisconsin chose a reduced plurality.

He laid it down as a principle that the defendant is liable only for the

half the full vote was polled. The injury it inflicts and can be held only for its proportionate share of the damage. It was for the jury to determine. he said, whether other companies are responsible for the damage the plaintiff has sustained and, if so, what is the proportionate share.

> In taking up the analysis of the soil on which counsel for the defendant farm had sustained no permament damage. Mr. Hinckley stated that the defendant's case was made up of ex-

Dr. P. C. Newbaker, who was not on he would place one experienced farm-The contest was field, he decalred, lies there as ir

been permanently damaged.

He ridicaled the theory that the coal dirt came from collieries miles up the river as urged by the defend-

ants. It was not necessary to look so far, he said, when the Catawissa creek

Mr. Hinckley said no attempt would be made to hold the defendant for the whole damage, but only for its pro-

portionate share. The defendant, he said, admitted that "all of them" have been contributing to the pollution. The Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company have three operations; therefore

dollars were required to pay off the jurors Saturday.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY

A great demonstration of the Holv Name societies of this section will be held at Shamokin next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The following towns will participate: Danville, Ashland. Centralia, Mt. Carmel, Locust Gap,

Shamokin and Trevorton. An address will be delivered in St. Edwards' church by the Rev. Father Luke A. Grace of Philadelphia, one of the finest orators in the There will be an immense parade for which all the Shamokin bands have been engaged.

These parades are becoming annual occurrences all over the State. Last year's demonstration was prevented by the big snow storm on Thanksgiv. ing Day

### Well Known Milton Resident.

John W. N. Swartz, a well known resident, of Milton, and one of that town's most prominent and successful business men, fell over dead while walking on the street Tuesday evening.

### Scarlet Fever In Madison Township.

Scarlet fever has broken out an the pupils of the Vandine school in Madison township, and the school has been closed. There are six cases and of the eight culm banks maintained it the homes have been quarantined.

### Relating to the State ticket in this county it became manifest early in the campaign that party lines would not with coal dirt. closely drawn. There was a "Berry sentiment' that seemed to grow as Tenessee elected a fusion candidate, election approached, the converts apparently coming in equal numbers from both the Republican and the Democratic ranks. The issues of the campaign were warmly discussed, but no one seemed in any way positive as to the results and as a rule no fore-casts were made.