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The Monotony in the Briggs Trial Broken.

IMPORTANT TESTIMONY!

Reparations Tell of the Unfortunate Expedition From Girardville to Gilberton and Give Their Versions of the Incidents at the Riot.

Special to the Herald.
PORTSVILLE, Dec. 12.—Yesterday afternoon's session of the trial of John Briggs, charged with the murder of James Parfitt, was made more interesting than usual by the testimony of men who formed a part of the party on the dinky which went to Gilberton on the night of August 21st, last. Some of the testimony caused quite a stir among the spectators.

JOSEPH MONROE
Sworn: I reside in the East ward of Gilberton. I was within 4 or 5 feet of the dinky that night. I recognized Amour and Benny on the dinky. That is all I can remember I saw. I heard Amour saying to me as we approached the dinky that he was opposed to the Council since they came with force of arms he stood by the borough. I didn't hear the reply Amour made. I walked away and a little while after I heard some body holler about the "Homesteaders" and "Where are the Girardville militia?" and at the same instant I saw a man come out and stick his gun over the dashboard of the dinky and fired. I heard him say, "Here we are," but couldn't catch what the other words were. I recognized John Briggs as the man who fired the shot. I did not see Mr. Mahony there. I didn't notice anybody that had hold of the gun at the time Briggs fired. I heard other shots. I saw a flash light in front of the car. I judged it to be from the crowd. It was the flash of the second shot and was fired about six or seven seconds after the first. It was fired towards Briggs. There was some shouting going on from the front platform of the dinky at the time the second shot was fired, but I didn't recognize who were in the scuffle at the same time the shot was fired at Briggs. There was a flash in the car door and the ball passed me and I thought it was time for me to get out. After the third shot I moved over to the north side of the car, at about the center and stood there 4 to 5 seconds, and in the meantime I saw a man shoot on the south side of the car, in an easterly direction. He fired three shots. I did not recognize the man who stood inside the car. I stood there four or five seconds and I saw a flash come up the street about 20 feet from the western side of the dinky and I ran into Foley's hallway. I couldn't say how many shots were fired in all or in what direction they were all fired from. I didn't see any person drunk that night.

PATRICK DOUGHERTY
Sworn: I reside at Homestead. I was working for the Schuylkill Reclamation Company on August 21st, last, as a repairman. I was called upon to go to East Gilberton that night to relay the train. I went on the dinky. Among the repairmen were Patrick Devers, John Gallagher, James Canfield, John Canfield, John Sweeney and Michael Lally. Sweeney was one of the boxes. There were other repairmen there but I didn't take notice who they were.

JOHN SWEENEY
Sworn:—I live at Big Mine Run. I am not employed by the electric railway company. I was employed by the company on August 21st. I was a boss. I went to East Gilberton that night to relay the train. They sent the dinky for me and I went on it. I recognized a majority of the people on it. They were Patrick Dougherty, John Canfield, James Canfield, John Gallagher, Pat. Davitt, Martin Farrell and Mike Lally, repairmen. And I saw Charlie Sheilthorn, a walking boss, John Briggs, Amour, Bonnie, the mousman; Ed. Foley, of Shenandoah; Bill Doley, and there were others I didn't know. I didn't know Weavill or Brown, or Williams, of Shenandoah. Briggs and Amour got on at Girardville and some of the repairmen got on there, too, and some of the other men I didn't know. There were five men in the car. I don't know exactly who took them in. From Girardville we went to Mahanoy Plains. I only noticed Richard Amour load a gun. I can't exactly say how many guns there were, but between 6 and 7. I don't remember whether Amour loaded them all or not. The firearms were loaded on the car, on the way to Gilberton. Briggs and Amour were the only ones I could identify as carrying rifles on the car. They were military rifles. The one marked "F" and "35" looked like the one Briggs carried. I didn't hear anything said on the way to Gilberton about firearms until we got to Mahanoy, when I heard Amour tell the men who had arms that in case of any trouble for so men to fire until he got orders. I heard no reply. As we got close to where the track was torn up at Gilberton, I got orders to get my men ready for work and we went in to get the tools out. Just as we got to the end the crowd was quite large and they were shouting. I went inside until I got the tools out on the track and then my men and the other boss' men went out and got along side of the

the witness should make his statements the best he could in English and District Attorney Ryan should repeat the answers.

Upon this understanding the following testimony was elicited: I live at Homestead. I was working for the electric railway company as repairman on August 21st, last. I have not worked for two months since and am not employed by the company now. I was on the dinky going to Gilberton. Patrick Devitt, John Gallagher, John Canfield, Michael Lally, James Canfield and John Sweeney and others I didn't know were on the dinky, too. I didn't know Richard Amour that night and I didn't know John Briggs.

Q. Now you recognize any of the other men you saw on the dinky if you were to see them again?

A. I don't think. I saw guns on the car that night when we went to Gilberton. I saw some 3 or 4. I saw one man load his gun. When we got into Gilberton we got orders to take the tools out of the dinky to get to work. I took my shovel and pick out and stood a while. I couldn't get near the track with the crowd of people shouting and hurrahing. The Gilberton people said, "Why don't ye come here in the day time with ye pick and shovel to put the road down and don't come here at night time with guns killing the people." I went to work and threw me pick and shovel in the dinky again and a man walked round to the back of the dinky and stood there a while; and the man, he says, "Clear out and go in the dinky and get out of the road here." I went into the dinky and sat in the corner in the back of the dinky and the whole of the men did come in—the whole of the repairmen went in. I saw Briggs standing up and taking the gun and going out. I saw Briggs taking the gun. I stooped in the corner to save myself. I was in the corner sitting with my arm up and a rock struck me and knocked me down. And Briggs he fired the first shot. He didn't leave. I was knocked down there when the man (Briggs) went in front on the dinky and I seen him getting up with the gun and got out. I don't know what he did with the gun. I couldn't say. I mean I didn't see him shoot.

Q. Did you hear any remarks by the bystanders?

A. No, sir; I was a long time lying down in the dinky and when I got up I saw a lot of stones in the dinky.

Q. Where was John Briggs when you put your hand up, to save your head?

A. He went out of the dinky. He was in the front of the dinky. I think it was at the door, I don't know whether it was outside or inside. When I saw Briggs again he was in the dinky with me, going home. He got on a good piece down the road. I went down the street a good piece and then got into the dinky again and Briggs came into it to go home.

Q. Do you know who fired the first shot?

A. I don't know. I couldn't tell.

Q. Do you know how many shots were fired?

A. I can't tell. I was in the dinky, lying down. I couldn't tell by the stores and the shots coming crackling against the dinky.

Q. When you got up in the dinky who did you see there?

A. I didn't see anybody only myself trying to get my way outside. I met me boy outside and he told me "what is the matter?" and I told him I got hot on the land.

At times Messrs. Ryan and Brumm got somewhat tangled in interpreting the witness' tongue and explanations were required to enable Stenographer Patterson to get the answers correctly in his note book.

When the direct examination was concluded Mr. Brumm said there would be no cross examination.

HARMONIOUS MEETING

Citizens' Standing Committee Adopts Rules.

A VERY BRIGHT OUTLOOK!

The Crawford County System Was Considered by the Committee and Conditions—Rules to That Effect Adopted to be Enforced in 1895.

The members of the Citizens' Standing Committee met last evening at McElhenney's to consider the adoption of rules governing the party, and at the same time to learn the views of the various candidates for borough offices upon the subject. There was a full attendance of the latter, and if the interest and enthusiasm displayed in any criterion, the Citizens' party should be successful at the approaching borough election. Present indications unmistakably point in that direction.

At the previous meeting of the Standing Committee rules were adopted for the government of the party. The primary election, the last evening of the candidates favored the adoption of the Crawford county system, but the majority seemed to favor the present system of voting for congress. The following unanimously passed resolutions were presented for the consideration of the committee:

RESOLUTIONS.
The undersigned electors of the borough of Shenandoah respectfully submit that in view of the fact that under the provisions of the Act of May 23, 1893, the Chief Burgess of the borough will be clothed with extraordinary powers, charged with responsible duties and elected for a term of three years, the present system is imperfect and an improvement in that under its operation a full and free expression of the judgment of the voters cannot be secured, and the candidates of the party are often, if not always, the choice of the minority.

We therefore recommend that the City Committee of the Citizens' party abolish the present system of making nominations, and substitute therefor a regular system of holding for candidates at the primaries, under which the nominees of the borough, as well as the ward tickets, shall be chosen by popular vote.

The candidates, after expressing their views fully upon the system, retired and the Standing Committee went into session behind closed doors. The question was considered in all its bearings, and while the committee appeared to be favorable to the plan in vogue in Crawford county, yet they felt, in justice to all candidates and the near approach of the primaries, it would not be advisable to enforce that system here at present. The following resolution, therefore, was adopted:

The names of all candidates for borough offices shall be placed upon one plain cross mark (X) opposite the name of those candidates he desires to vote for, and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the respective offices shall be entitled to three votes, the committee from the Citizens' party to meet the day following for the purpose of computing the vote and announce the respective nominees of the party.

The above resolution does not go into effect until 1895, and the primaries to be held on the 19th inst. will be governed by the rules adopted at the previous meeting of the Standing Committee, which are as follows:

1.—The primaries of the several wards shall be held on the same night.

2.—The primaries shall be called upon five days' notice published in at least one paper favorable to the party in the borough, and by such notice in printed form as may be amended upon by the Standing Committee from time to time.

3.—The several primaries shall be called to order by the committee of the party, presiding at the meeting, who shall act as chairman, presiding, recording secretary and teller.

4.—The method of voting shall be by ballot and each voter shall have his ballot taken to one of the tables, at the same time giving his name.

5.—The voter or voters upon receiving the ballot or ballots shall distinctly and loudly call out the name of each voter, which shall be verified by the recording secretary.

6.—Each nominee must pay his proportionate share towards the expenses of the same, viz: printing, stationery, water and hall rent, such payments to be made in full before any of the Standing Committee nominating after the above conditions are made.

PENCIL POINTS.

The First National Bank of town, has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. This shows that this institution is still in a healthy condition.

Miss M. A. Dillon, of Mahanoy City, has an important advertisement in today's Herald. Read it carefully. She means what she says. Harry Roxby has a handsome new delivery wagon in use for the U. S. Express in town.

The Shenandoah Regulars and National teams will play a game of foot ball at the Trotting park Saturday at 3:30 p. m., to test the digested championship which exists. The contest promises to be very interesting.

Mrs. Kate Moore, widow of Thomas Moore, private Co. A, Second Regiment, Second Cavalry, received a pension of \$5 per month. Spouse W. H. Shoemaker was instrumental in securing the pension.

Beard in Heat.
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PERSONAL.

John B. Leisinger, of Hackett, was town caller to-day.

Lewis Kline transacted business at Frackville to-day.

S. David Edwards, Esq., of Pottsville, spent the day here.

Ed. Sitcher, of Pottsville, came up on the noon train to-day.

Attorney Reinhold, of Mahanoy City, was in town to-day for business.

Lewis Wilkins, the Kansas giant, left town to-day for Scranton.

Charles Radosevich and Andrew Melonkey were county seat visitors to-day.

William Wiedower, of Wilkes Barre, spent last evening in town among friends.

John A. Titman boarded the B. & O. Lehigh Valley train for Mahanoy City to-day.

Or. J. C. Biddle, of Fountain Springs, let the light of his countenance shine on acquaintances in town to-day.

Jerry Oakley, formerly of town, but now of Philadelphia, came up from that place to visit his brothers and sisters.

Henry Wiederhold, wife and son left town at noon to-day for Berwick, where they will spend a few days prior to their departure for their new home in Philadelphia.

A. H. Lamb, of the Third ward, was elected last evening to fill the vacancy on the Citizens' Standing Committee, vice James McElhenney, removed from the ward.

Ed. Mason, an old soldier, a very worthy citizen who is unable to do hard work, is a candidate for High Constable and will ask the Citizens' party for the nomination.

"The Trukey System."
A full-length audience witnessed the performance of "The Trukey System" last night in Ferguson's theatre. The play was under the personal direction of Thomas Waters, Jr., and his manner in which it was produced adds much to its reputation. Paddy Scanlon in support of Mr. Waters was very clever. The specialties introduced were well received, especially Scanlon and Deley in their act of "Fun in a Laundry." J. D. Jenkins uttered much applause, and T. W. Waters seemed to meet with much favor, as he was called before the curtain three times. As an Irish comedian Mr. Waters is fast climbing the ladder of fame. H. A. Waters, the cornetist, sustained his past record, while the statue gave half play tournament was the finest we have ever seen. James O. Werritt in his black-face delineation and spade juggling was greeted by the audience's approval. Master Dick Wilson, as a contortionist, did very well. Taken as a whole the performance was very good, and should meet with success every where.

Boys for Council.
D. J. Doyle, one of the enterprising publishers of the Sunday News, who has been a resident of the Second ward for 20 years will be a candidate for Council the coming election. His Democracy is unquestionable and the Democrats will make no mistake in nominating him. Should his election be accomplished it would be the watchword of this body and the taxpayers saved of much money.

Borough Council.
The Borough Council met last evening, but owing to the absence of Mr. Quinn, the contractor, there was little business done. J. J. Root, of Jenneville, Superintendent of the iron works of that place, and A. J. Wameleifer, of Cottsville, were in attendance.

"The Limited Stock."
Elmer E. Vance's famous drama of rail road life, "The Limited Stock" which for the past three seasons has been packing the houses wherever it has been played, will be given at Ferguson's theatre on Tuesday evening, January 16th.

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Federal Notice.
All members of Shenandoah Lodge No. 281, I. O. O. F., wishing to attend the funeral of our late brother, Alexander Garroway, will meet on Saturday at 1 o'clock. Train leaves Gilberton P. & B. R. at 3:30 o'clock for Tanawana.

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"Black Cross."
Wednesday next will be the only opportunity the people of Shenandoah and vicinity will have to witness the production of the "Black Cross" in this region. Trains for Mahanoy City, Girardville and Ashland will be held until after the performance. Don't miss this rare treat.

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