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The Jury Decides Briggs Innocent.

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CHARGED WITH INCITING A RIOT THE SECOND CHARGE.

BRUMM'S LONG ADDRESS.

He Spent Eight Hours Connecting Links of Testimony and Pleading Earnestly for the Acquittal of his Client—Mr. Whitehouse Closing To-day.

Special to the HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 20.—When court opened this morning W. J. Whitehouse, Esq., commenced summing up the evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, and occupied the attention of the court and jury until 11:30 this morning. Mr. Whitehouse made an earnest and able plea for conviction, and at the end of his remarks Judge Weidman charged the jury.

The jury came in at 2:05, after deliberating one hour and thirty-five minutes, and submitted a verdict of not guilty as indicted.

George Dyson, counsel for defendant, asked that the prisoner be discharged, and the court granted the request.

The counsel for the Commonwealth immediately asked that $1,000 bail be furnished by Briggs to answer the charge of inciting a riot. The court so directed.

Special to the HERALD.

POTTSVILLE, Jan. 20.—All that John Briggs could expect to be done and said in his defense on the charge of the murder of James Parfit before the court here has been done and said by his senior counsel, Hon. Charles S. Brumm. The latter has made one of the best uphill fights ever seen or heard of in the criminal courts in this county and by his work in the case has shown himself a zealous, shrewd and indefatigable lawyer. If John Briggs is convicted is will not be due to a failure on the part of Mr. Brumm to take advantage of every point and to fully, clearly and forcibly bring before the jury every point tending, or seeming to tend, in in the prisoner's favor. If Briggs is acquitted, and there are many people who think he has such a chance, it will give Mr. Brumm an undeniable reputation of being one of the best criminal lawyers in the state.

It has been an uphill fight. He started out with what appeared to be a doomed murderer on his hands and to-day has at his side a client of whom many of the people who were first carried away by public sentiment are in doubt on the question of the killing of Parfit, and some openly declare that under the statement of facts as shown by Mr. Brumm during the past few days, if they were in the jury box, they would be obliged to acquit Briggs.

A Pottsville gentleman, of established reputation, not a lawyer, and entirely disinterested in either the prisoner or the quasi prosecution, but who was impelled by curiosity to attend every session of the trial, stated last evening that the whole question in the case had boiled down to a second and after taking all the testimony into consideration he felt that if seated in the jury box he would be obliged to acquit Briggs.

However, the prosecution has not summed up. Perhaps after it does some of the convinced and some of the doubtful ones will change their views, and perhaps not.

There were several painful scenes in the court room yesterday afternoon. As an oratorical effort the summing up was not up to Mr. Brumm's standard, but a plain, distinct and analytical presentation of facts, and the formation of apparently insignificant details into clear, stern evidence in favor of the prisoner the effort was one of the counsel's most remarkable efforts, and it was this effort that caused the friends of the deceased and the accused to weep.

Mr. Brumm spoke for eight hours, two Thursday afternoon, three yesterday morning, and three in the afternoon. The readers of the HERALD have had the benefit of what was said to the jury up to noon yesterday. After the recess Mr. Brumm devoted some time to the question on the right of the Schuylkill Traction Company to lay its track on the disputed territory and to send a body of men, with or without arms, to relay the tracks and protect the men engaged in the work. He took up the ordinance of the Gilberton Borough Council granting the original right of way and maintained that the street which the Council claimed as Gilbert street was Church street, that the former street is really a square east of where the Council claim it is and that, therefore, the track torn up was on conceded territory. As a proof that the street claimed as Gilbert street is not such he stated that if the railroad were run north on that street as required by the borough ordinance there would be no highway at the north end for a connection to run eastward, while at the north end of the street one square east there is a highway. He also stated that the Borough of Gilberton could not complain because the track were not extended the full length of the street upon which the company claims right of way any more than a saloonkeeper can complain if a customer drinks but half a glass of beer for which he has paid.

Mr. Brumm spent some time on this point. It is true, said he, that we didn't go as far as Gilbert street, but as far as we did go we went within the specifications and they had no right to tear up the parts of our track which were within the specifications. They swore that this track was laid on conceded territory, and yet there was no way for connecting with this public road unless we placed it where we did. They tore up the track on private property, bought and paid for by the Traction Company, and yet they say they were not trespassers and midnight rioters and assassins. Mr. Brumm produced a copy of the Gilberton Council's official map of the borough and showed what appeared to be an erasure on the place the borough claimed represented Gilbert street. He intimated to the jury, in fact almost declared, that the words "Church street" had been erased to make the map conform to the claims of the prosecution and added, "Shame! Shame! on the prosecution that will attempt to hang a man on such flimsy testimony."

Mr. Brumm turned his attention to the consideration of the testimony bearing upon the shooting scene. Councilman Stone, he said, that Mahony jumped in front of the car to grab Briggs' gun. "Jumped!" he exclaimed with great emphasis. Yes, Stone told the truth in this respect. Mahony had to jump to grab the muzzle because it was elevated and when Mahony jumped and pulled the muzzle down over the dashboard and pulled Briggs half way over the gun was discharged. Mr. Brumm produced a surveyor's upright and after arranging the disk at the testified height of the car rail above the ground, stood upon a chair and placed the muzzle of the gun beside the disk as the defense claimed Briggs held it, to show that Mahony had to jump to grab it.

After making this illustration Mr. Brumm turned toward and pointed to where the father of James Parfit was seated, and said, "They have convinced this poor old man, Parfit, that Briggs shot his son."

A woman dressed in deep mourning and seated near Mr. Parfit exclaimed, "so he did."

A death like silence prevailed for a moment and the spectators stretched their necks to get a glimpse of the woman.

"You are the mother of the poor boy, I presume?" queried Mr. Brumm with softened tone.

"Yes, and my poor boy didn't drink."

Mrs. Parfit burst into tears, her husband's eyes filled Mrs. Briggs wept almost hysterically, and Mrs. Briggs, Sr., also wept violently, as well as two young women beside her. The prisoner, for the first time during the trial, exhibited emotion. His father throw his head back and gazed steadily at the ceiling, but that didn't prevent the tears flowing down his cheeks. Judge Weidman was visibly affected and the eyes of three jurymen were filled with tears. It is safe to say that more than half of the number of spectators also cried, but Mrs. Parfit was the only one who cried aloud. It was an affecting scene and Mr. Brumm became quite nervous, but he instantly recovered himself and after momentarily turning from the distressed family he said in his softest and kindest tones that he had conveyed the impression that the boy did drink. He believed the boy was, as stated in the testimony, a good, dutiful, loving son and he only wished that he could be of some assistance to the parents in bearing their grief and he knew that if Briggs could make some sacrifice in the same direction that he would gladly do so.

Mr. Brumm then continued with his line of argument to show that Briggs did not shoot Parfit. The shot that struck Parfit came from outside of the dinkey, he exclaimed. The shot that came from Briggs' gun was the one found in the witness Connors' shoe. The witness Rafferty swore that the flash from Briggs' gun passed over his feet and where the flash went it was preceded by the bullet. It was geometrically impossible for the flash to pass over Rafferty's feet and the bullet to enter at Parfit's hip. Rafferty swore that at the time of the shooting he and Parfit were standing near the dinkey. Rattigan was slightly behind with his right shoulder against Parfit's left shoulder; and in that position it was geometrically impossible for the flash to pass to the left over Rafferty's feet and the bullet to go to the right into Parfit's hip.

As to the grabbing of the gun Mr. Brumm said that the Commonwealth in trying to contradict Sweeny by Boyle and proved nothing. Boyle swore that Sweeny told him that after the shot was fired Mahony took the gun from Briggs; but Boyle did not swear Sweeny told him that Mahony did not grab the gun before the shot was fired. To my mind, said Mr. Brumm, there exists in Gilberton a reign of terror and most of the men of that place who came here to tell the truth were afraid. And after this verdict of not guilty Parfit's friends will congratulate themselves upon finding that they were led into error by the ill will and ill feeling of a few Councilmen who wanted to crack a whip over the Traction Company for some purpose concealed.

The people of Gilberton were the midnight assassins. They shot twice at Briggs and four times at Amour, but failed; and now they want this court to do what they failed to do—kill Briggs. They thought they had killed Amour, but it was God's will that Amour should live to tell the story. Had Amour died, God knows what would have become of John Briggs. But they crippled Amour for life. It was a miracle that he did not die. There is only one case that I know of where a similar wound was survived and that was the case of General Shields who was shot on the field of battle in Mexico. God said, "We want Amour to tell the truth, and he shall not die." And God has got the truth. Mr. Brumm made a point that notwithstanding many of the Commonwealth's witnesses had sworn Parfit was close to the muzzle of Briggs' gun when shot, they had failed to show that there were any burns of powder marks on Parfit's clothing or body, and the boy's coat in evidence had failed to show any. The doctors had failed to show any.

The witness Connors, of Gilberton, had sworn that he stood a little behind Parfit, and a little to the left of him, when the shot was fired. Mr. Brumm arranged before the jury junior counsel George Dyson and Mr. Young, Welsh, of the *Journal*, in the positions the witness had testified he and Parfit stood at that time. He then argued that it was geometrically impossible for the bullet to enter Parfit's right thigh, pass out to the right of his spine, and then enter the heel of Connor's left foot. The bullet from Briggs' gun, Mr. Brumm said, struck a piece of rock on the track and on glancing off entered Connors' left heel. Mr. Brumm fitted the flattened bullet in the rent in Connors' shoe and said that it was impossible for either the bones in Parfit's body or the leather in Connors' shoe to flatten the bullet as it was. It must have struck a hardened substance, yet Connors' swore that the bullet that passed through Parfit's body was the one he found in his shoe.

The pathetic scene above referred it was repeated by Mr. Brumm turning to Mr and Mrs. Parfit and saying, the shot that struck your dear boy killed him and made him fall the moment it struck him.

Mrs. Parfit exclaimed about "O, God!" and the rest of her short sentence was made indistinct by her sobs.

Mr. Brumm turned to the jury and contin-

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CITIZENS' PRIMARIES.

Held in the Various Wards Last Evening.

STRONG TICKETS NAMED.

The Voters of the Party in the Borough Select Their Standard Bearers—The Conferees Meet To-night to Name the Borough Ticket.

The Citizens' party held their primaries last evening for the nomination of ward tickets and election of conferees. The latter will meet this evening in the Council chamber for the purpose of placing in nomination a borough ticket to be voted for at the election on the 20th February. All the primaries were well attended, and considerable enthusiasm prevailed. The ward tickets are exceptionally strong in several respects, and with the harmonious feeling existing within the ranks the party would and undoubtedly will be successful at the polls.

The conferees elected in the First, Fourth and Fifth wards are said to be favorable to Mort and Gable as the nominees respectively for Chief Burgess and Tax Receiver. They also claim those from the Second ward, but on the other hand, it is said they are elected as independent and are pledged for neither candidate.

The chairman of the Standing Committee will call the conferees together this evening, after which the latter will effect their own organization.

The general demand for the Crawford county system of voting was apparent at all the primaries, and there is no question but that the new Standing Committee will adopt that system with a few modifications. The present conferee system must go.

FIRST WARD.

The First ward primary was held in the Keudrick House. Committeeman Adam Mort called the meeting to order. A permanent organization was effected subsequently as follows: Chairman, John Lawson; Secretaries, Frank C. Reese and John Ramage. The conferees were elected, and then the convention adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, the 25th inst, as a committee of the whole to place a full ward ticket in the field. Thomas Miners, David Rennie and Alex. Morris were elected as conferees, receiving 42 votes.

SECOND WARD.

The Second Ward, primary was held in Ferguson's hall. H. C. Boyer, committeeman from that ward, opened the meeting promptly at 7 o'clock. Daniel Ogden was made permanent chairman; H. C. Boyer, secretary; George Krick, assistant secretary; David Llewellyn and Henry Goodman tellers. The new rules were adopted to govern the meeting, and the Crawford county system was favored governing the party in the future in that ward.

James McElheany was elected as the nominee for Council on the first ballot as follows: James McElheany, 78 votes; John F. Boehm, 50; Joseph Wyatt, 19. The nomination of McElheany was then made unanimous.

Marshall Baugh was nominated for School Director by acclamation, there being no opposition.

For Judge of Election, Fred. H. Hopkins, Jr., and Inspector, Henry Goodman, were also named by acclamation.

George Holvey, Edward Kester and Benjamin Church were elected as Conferees by the following vote: George Holvey, 80; Edward Kester, 78; Benjamin Church, 82; William Schwindt, 36; F. H. Hopkins, Jr., 34; Charles Schoppe, 32; William Steiner, 24; William S. Davies, 24; Edmund Williams, 24.

H. C. Boyer was re elected a member of the Standing Committee.

THIRD WARD.

The Third ward primary was held in the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company's building. Standing Committeeman Lamb called the meeting to order, and immediately after Alex Strouse was selected as chairman with George Haimer and Harry Reese as secretaries. The new rules submitted by the Standing Committee were adopted with the exception of rule six which requires that the names of all voters shall be recorded as they deposit their ballot. A motion was also passed that the Crawford county system shall govern primary elections hereafter held in the ward, and the Standing Committeeman was instructed to vote accordingly in the organization of the new committee.

The nominees for Council were William Neiswenter, Benjamin Richards, James Morgan, C. T. Straughn and John Wagner. It required three ballots to decide the contest. After the first ballot Wagner withdrew, and Richards and Morgan were dropped when the second vote was announced, being the two lowest, leaving the field to Neiswenter and Straughn. The vote in the first ballot was as follows: Neiswenter, 80; Straughn, 65; Morgan 58; Richards, 57; Wagner, 4. The second ballot resulted: Neiswenter, 65; Straughn 64; Morgan, 46; Richards, 39. The third and decisive ballot resulted in the election of C. T. Straughn by the following vote: Straughn, 126; Neiswenter, 81.

There were only two candidates for School Director, John Roberts and Charles Hooks. The latter received 138 votes and Roberts 71.

For assessor—Edward Roberts, 177 votes; H. Henry Javons, 1.

Inspector—Daniel Snyder, 81; John H. Rose, 74.

James Champion was nominated for Inspector acclamation.

The vote for conferees required two ballots, and finally resulted in election of Messrs. George Davis, Frank Schlitzer and William Zimmerman. The vote is as follows.

	1st Ballot	2d Ballot.
R. A. Davenport	39	—
Wm. Troxse	9	—
H. P. Parrott	39	—
Geo. Davis	49	60
Frank Schlitzer	41	60
Wm. Zimmerman	49	60
Marshall Hughes	27	18
David E. James	17	27
David Reese	27	26
Frank Codrington	23	—
William Daddow	21	—
Wm. C. Richards, Jr.	23	—

A. B. Lamb, the present Standing Committeeman, was elected by the unanimous vote of the convention to represent the ward in that body.

FOURTH WARD.

The Fourth ward primary was held in the house of Peter Hiley. Committeeman George Hares called the meeting to order, after which permanent officers were chosen as follows: Chairman, J. J. Powell; Secretaries, T. W. Grant and Pierce Walker; Tellers, P. W. Biestein and Louis Hopkins.

Peter Hiley and William Yeale were named for Council, and the former was nominated by the following vote: Hiley, 108; Yeale, 71.

David Morgan was nominated for School Director by acclamation.

For Judge of Election, Thomas N. Grant, Inspector, P. W. Biestein had no opposition.

Thomas Butts was unanimously elected as a member of the Standing Committee by acclamation.

The election of conferees was as follows: George Lorah, 108; D. O. Pritchard, 108; George Hares, 108; Fred Hafner, 38; John West, 38; Harry Aregood, 38; Harry Bishop, 11; Louis Hopkins, 11; Louis Lehr, 11.

FIFTH WARD.

The Fifth ward meeting was a spirited one, and was held in Schmidt's hall. Committeeman Jerry Roxby called the meeting to order, after which a permanent organization was effected as follows: Chairman, John Bunn; tellers, Wm. H. Dettrey and Albert Lauderman. Christ. Schmidt and Richard Reese were the candidates for Council, and the former was elected by the following vote: Christ. Schmidt, 97; Richard Reese, 70.

John T. Lee was nominated by acclamation for School Director, as were also Henry Schultz and Anthony Grimes for Judge of Election and Inspector respectively.

Jerry Roxby was re-elected as a member of the Standing Committee by acclamation.

Benjamin Beacher, William Brown and Wm. Temple were elected as conferees on the first ballot.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Jonathan Rogers, of West Coal street, is reported seriously ill.

John Kelly, the E. Centre street tailor, was a Shamokin visitor this afternoon.

Charles Davenport, of Raven Run, paid the HERALD a pleasant call last evening.

Rinaland Beddall, of Pottsville, was the guest of his brother Nathan, of town, to-day.

Dr. A. R. Guilbousan, of Pottsville, held a consultation with Dr. J. S. Cullen to-day.

John F. Feaney was a passenger on the 12:45 a. m. Lehigh Valley train for Mahanoy City to-day.

Mrs. M. J. Faust, of South West street, and Miss Nellie Faust, daughter of the popular insurance agent, David Faust, are visiting friends and relatives at Shamokin.

F. E. Steos, of Philadelphia, a former Schuylkill boy and a veteran of the war, was a visitor to the HERALD sanctum. He is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Sons of America in the country.

Our old friend and neighbor, John R. Miller, now of Bethlehem, paid the HERALD sanctum a visit yesterday. There is not much change in Mr. Miller since he left us as we found him as good natured and jovial of old.

An Elopement.

John Stone, a Polish resident of the First ward, on Wednesday, left town very suddenly, and with him went the wife of George Machinsky. The friendship that existed between the wife and John was noticeable for some time, and the knowledge of their elopement was no surprise. Machinsky traced them to Philadelphia, and with the aid of the authorities there, effected a capture. His wife returned home with him, but her paramour was left in charge of a policeman. Constable Gibbin this morning telegraphed the authorities of that city to hold Stone until he arrived. Not being satisfied with stealing another man's wife, Stone is also charged taking money with him belonging to two fellow boarders, $100 from one and $150 from another.

Buried To-day.

The remains of Samuel Roberts, whose death occurred at his home in Mount Carmel on the 16th inst., were brought to town this afternoon for interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery. The deceased was a prominent member of the Welsh Ivorites and Rebecca.

Up Town Office.

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Libby Prison.

The services in the Trinity Reformed church to morrow evening will no doubt be very interesting. Rev. Robert O'Boyle, the pastor, will deliver another of his interesting sermons on popular subjects. The subject tomorrow evening will be "Libby Prison." Members of the G. A. R. and kindred organizations and others are cordially invited to be present.

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