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TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE

The West Mahanoy Case Again Before the Court.

WILL GO TO THE JURY THIS EVENING

School Teachers, Directors, Contractors and Others Tell What They Know About Township School Affairs—The Defendant on the Stand This Afternoon.

The case of the Commonwealth against J. Jerome O'Neill, charged with libel on oath of P. J. Ferguson, president of the School Board of West Mahanoy township, was called into yesterday afternoon, and will close this evening. Judge Savidge made this announcement this morning, stating that he must be at home to-morrow as his own court opens on that day.

Martin McLain, school director of West Mahanoy township, followed Mr. Cole as a witness. He testified that the contract for the upper Wm. Penn school building was not given to the highest bidder. There was one higher bidder than Tim Mahoney, the one who got the contract. Mahoney always gave satisfaction, and that was the reason he got the contract. Witness had no knowledge of incompetency on the part of any of the bidders who didn't get the contract.

Mr. Whalen: Do you remember, about two years ago, paying a freight bill of \$346 and in turning it over to the Board and getting credit from the Board, as Treasurer, you changed the bill to make it read \$310? No, sir. Did it read \$346? No, sir.

Don't you remember anything about that transaction? No, sir; that ain't so. Don't you remember that Mr. James F. Gallagher threatened to have the Board arrested at that time on account of it? No, sir.

Did Miss Ellie Garvey, now Mrs. Cavanaugh, give you money to procure her a place as a teacher? Never in my life, as I can recollect. Did she not give you wife? Never directly, or indirectly, to my knowledge.

Did you not, as secretary of the School Board, change the minute book so as to make your son's salary \$45, instead of \$35 per month? No, sir, never. I refer you to the minutes. Why have you posted yourself about these minutes? Because I was told that some parties had said I had raised my son's salary, without consent of the Board. My son's salary was advanced according to his advance in the grade of teaching.

Don't you know that the Board advertised for P. & R. coal because the haul from the P. & R. collieries was so long that local haulers would not bid; and that after Carey got the contract he didn't supply P. & R. coal, but Wm. Penn and other coal which was more convenient to the schools? I couldn't say where he got his coal.

John F. Finney was called to the stand and stated he was manager of the Miners' Journal. J. Jerome O'Neill, the defendant, furnished the paper with items of news occasionally from Lost Creek. He was not a regular correspondent. We had no regular correspondence with O'Neill, and he would pay for news he furnished. I authorized the publication of the retraction of the article on which the libel suit is based.

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INCENDIARIES ARE AT WORK!

Destruction of a Valuable Breaker at Beaver Meadow, Presumably by Strike Sympathizers—Two-thirds of the Strikers Have Returned to Work.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 23.—Sheriff Martin and his 54 deputies were given a preliminary hearing before the court yesterday charged with the killing of 24 striking miners near Lattimer on Friday, Sept. 10. The deputies were brought up from Hasleton under military escort. A large crowd met them at the depot, but they proceeded unmolested to the court house.

Attorney John McGahren supported the plea of Mr. Garman, and said: "Will your honor allow a military order to overawe the civil authorities? As I understand it, the military authorities are subservient to the authority of the civil law."

Judge Lynch replied that the judges did not act hastily, but issued the warrants after due deliberation. The judge said that his hearing has nothing to do with the conduct of General Gobin. The court said that the witnesses who were not present should be brought in, and that the hearing could be proceeded with with such witnesses as were present.

John Welsh, of Hasleton, was the first witness. He declared that when the strikers started out some of them carried clubs, but upon his advice they threw them away. Walsh got on a car going to Lattimer, and Deputy Ed Turnback, who got on the car, said: "I don't know what the sheriff means by taking us around like this without ordering us to shoot."

Jonathan Liehensberger, a Hasleton contractor, testified that Sheriff Martin had a scuffle with the strikers, who prevented him from using his revolver. Then the shooting began. Charles Gusroff, the school teacher at Lattimer, gave important testimony for the Commonwealth.

At this juncture, in response to a question, Judge Lynch said that each man would be required to give bail in the sum of \$4,000 or else go to jail. Joseph A. Sims, trust officer of the City Trust Safe Deposit and Surety company, of Philadelphia, gave bail for all of the deputies, the amount required being \$356,000.

After further testimony the court adjourned until today. It is doubtful if the evidence submitted will be strong enough to hold the defendants for court. No witness has yet testified that Sheriff Martin ordered the deputies to shoot. The withdrawal of Attorney Garman and McGahren also weakens the case of the prosecution.

Peace has been restored in the anthracite region and nearly every colliery therein worked yesterday. Included in these were the Lehigh and Winkelman companies. A few minutes later Deputy William Rought deliberately shot at a man running through the woods.

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