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THE WEATHER.

The forecast for Friday: Clear, colder weather and fresh northwesterly winds.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Many Minor Suits Being Disposed of by the Three Judges.

Pottsville, Jan. 13.—The three Judges are making rapid disposition of cases this week. It was stated in the corridors of the court today that Messrs. Wadlinger and Marr, counsel for the School Directors of West Mahanoy township, on Monday last presented to the Judges the resignations of these Directors, which took place at the meeting of the Board last Friday, accompanied with a petition signed by over 200 citizens, including the clergymen of Shenandoah, asking clemency for the Directors. It is said the costs amount to over \$1,000 and that the Directors were prepared to pay the same. It is further said court decided to suspend the matter next Monday, when sentence will be pronounced.

S. G. M. Hollinger, Esq., appointed by the court public auditor, has begun the work of auditing the accounts of the county officials for the year 1897.

Judge Savidge will dispose of all unfinished business in his hands tomorrow morning, and Thomas J. Joyce, of Mahanoy City, has been notified to appear in court tomorrow morning to receive a sentence in the case in which he was convicted of libel. John J. Coyle was the prosecutor.

Attorney Snyder, up to 4:00 o'clock this afternoon, had not filed the remonstrances against the Shenandoah applicants published in last evening's HERALD, and which he notified the Clerk of the Courts he would do. Jos. Kosonowicz, guilty of selling liquor on Sunday, was sentenced by Judge Savidge to pay \$30 fine, the costs and 20 days in prison.

Stiney Mackiewicz and Charles Mullis, charged with burglary by Mike Chyko, a Shenandoah saloon-keeper, were on trial before Judge Koch.

Margaret Butler, of Minersville, was removed to the state hospital at Harrisburg, by order of court.

Michael Keefe, the prosecutor in cases last week in which Lewis Bankes, of Sheppton, was acquitted of selling liquor without a license and on Sunday, was sentenced to pay the costs, amounting to over \$200.

Two young men, Smedley and Monday, were found not guilty of stealing Madara's hunting dog, but will have to pay the costs. Young Madara had been accidentally shot by his brother on the Broad Mountain and shortly after the dog was missed. The defendants claimed the dog followed them.

Letters of administration were granted to Emma Michel, on the estate of Anna Michel, late of Pottsville, deceased.

Letters testamentary were granted to Elizabeth J. Jarvis, Wm. J. Jarvis, Edward J. Paynter and E. A. Beddall, on the estate of Wm. Jarvis, late of Pottsville and Gilberton, deceased.

Breen's Hialto Cafe. Piece of pea soup, free, to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Patterson Settled. Joseph Patterson, who was arrested, at an early hour yesterday morning on a charge of robbery by Policemen Foltz and Baltzer, has settled the case. It is understood that he paid Mr. Leitze, the proprietor of the Farmers' hotel, the value of the dog's head which was taken from the hotel and which was found under Patterson's coat when the arrest was made.

Bickert's Cafe. Potato salad and Wiener sausage, free, to-night. Fish cakes with dressing to-morrow morning.

A Big Fair Bill. Among the many attractions to be offered at the Phoenix Fire Company's fair to-night will be specialties by Shore and Connell, Patrick Cooney, Edward Tobin and Patrick J. McFall. Attend the fair and have a jolly night. 1-13-11

Robber Committed. Julius Gresko, who was arrested by Policemen Kester and Bolin on Tuesday night for breaking into Sol. Haak's beer refrigerator, was given a hearing before Justice Shoemaker last night and committed for trial in default of \$1,000 bail. He was taken to the Pottsville jail this morning by Policemen Kester.

The "Silver Dollar" fountain pen is solid gold 14k. fine. We fully warrant it. 1-10-11 E. B. BRUMM.

A Severe Cut. Annie Stelling, an 11-year-old girl residing on East Lloyd street, had one of the large vessels of her left hand badly lacerated yesterday. The girl fell and her hand struck broken glass.

Stamping and Embroidery. Scholars wanted in embroidery and fancy needle work. Lessons given every afternoon. All kinds of stamping done. Miss Laura Folmer, corner Main and Lloyd Sts. 1-13-11

The Coyle-Joyce Case. Harrisburg, Jan. 13.—The grand jury today returned a true bill against Thomas J. Joyce, of Mahanoy City, charged with perjury. John J. Coyle, of Philadelphia, is the prosecutor. The case will be called for trial tomorrow morning. The case was to have been called yesterday, but Coyle failed to put in an appearance. Joyce's witnesses were on hand.

The "Bride Elect" is the title of Sonna's latest march. At Brumm's. 1-10-11

Druggists Meet. The Shenoykill County Pharmaceutical Society convened to-day at Meyer's hotel, Tamaqua, in response to a call for the regular monthly meeting. A number of town druggists were in attendance.

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CONNELL TESTIFIES!

The Ex-Clerk Makes a Startling Statement Before Court.

"A NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE!"

Ex-Clerk Connell Makes the Positive Statement That Neither Himself Nor Any One in the Commissioners Office Received the Money.

Pottsville, Jan. 13.—Judge Bechtel yesterday afternoon adjourned court at an earlier hour than usual, to allow some of the jurors to go to their homes. His Honor took advantage of the opportunity to speak to counsel about the technical points raised by Mr. Ryan on the statement presented to court about the county indebtedness and permission to erect the new buildings at the courthouse. Judge Bechtel said he held to his previous ruling that the date of April 6, 1896, should be amendable to read October 7, 1896. The commonwealth gave notice they would move to amend the error this morning.

His Honor also stated that the situation was such that he had decided to secure the services of another judge to take his place next week, in order to wear out the case. Irvin W. Moser, of Pottsville, formerly typewriter in the Commissioner's office from March, '94, until August, '97, was clerk and typewriter; I did copying, transcribing and etc., was authorized at times by the Commissioners, other times by Mr. Connell, to prepare notes for loans; the outline was all written for me; made carbon copies of notes and resolutions; original note was signed and taken to the bank; carbon copies were filed away in the vault; the resolutions were also taken to the bank. Have no recollection of the note of July 3rd, 1895, for \$15,000, negotiated with the Safe Deposit Bank.

THOSE ERASURES. The witness was asked in reference to several notes and loans, but he invariably answered he could not remember. The original notes of January 8, 1895, and April 2, 1896, with alterations, were shown witness, but he explained that he did not know any drawing this note up. It is for \$10,000, but should be for \$5,000; I made the erasures or changes; it is my writing; the erasures were made before the note was signed, I think; the resolutions call for \$5,000; resolutions were first passed, and the notes prepared after the fact. I don't know any more. Resolutions; can't say if I wrote the resolution of June 6; (the carbon copy of this was shown witness); it was in the line of my duty; the resolutions of June 6 and 8 inst., 1895, are different; the note of June 6 seems to correspond with the carbon copy of the resolution of that date; don't know anything about the original resolutions; he has no recollection of the transaction with the Safe Deposit Bank on June 6; can't say what became of the carbon copy of the resolutions of June 8; I drew money from the Schuykill Trust Company on loans, but never got any back from the Safe Deposit Bank; besides myself, Mr. Connell, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Coogan used the typewriter; I took my vacation in August, 1896; never used any private marks for identification.

WRITING THE MINUTES. Joseph Schmidt, who was witness and docket clerk, said he did general work, was directed by Mr. Connell in 1895, in the latter part of the year for a period of two or three months, to look the minutes in the book; my entries began January 3, 1894, and I also entered minutes late in 1895 and some in 1896. I never attended the Commissioners' meeting; the back minutes were in an envelope and were given me by Mr. Connell; never wrote notes and resolutions, and knew nothing about the transactions of June 6 or 8, 1895; had nothing to do with loans, resolutions or notes.

Clerk Schmidt recalled this morning and cross-examined by Mr. Marr. The minute book was in the drawer at times and often laid in the drawer. Connell's desk was for a long time without a lock. The clerks used the seal whenever necessary. It always stood on Connell's desk, and could be gotten without the asking. He never knew of the Commissioners using the seal. I went up to the Grand Jury room to write out the minutes because it was quieter there than in the clerk's office.

Charles G. Reed, now first assistant clerk in the Commissioners' office, said the \$10,000 receipt was, to the best of his knowledge, received from the floor by himself and G. A. Berner, Esq. He also told of the manner in which papers were or were not filed away.

CONVEXITY OF THE CASE. Phil. J. Connell, was called and sworn. He said: I entered the Commissioners' employ Jan. 1, 1888. Was promoted Chief Clerk January 1st, 1892. Was familiar with the method of negotiating temporary loans. The Deputy Treasurer would notify me when the funds were low and I would notify the Commissioners. The work instructed me to do with the banks by telephone or otherwise. Sometimes they would confer with banks at their respective homes. Allen at Tamaqua, Reutz at Ashland, and Martin at Pinegrove.

They negotiated loans with the said banks. They also would instruct me to negotiate loans by word of mouth, naming the amount, time, bank and rate of interest. I would prepare resolutions and notes according to the forms in use before I took office. I would dictate the form to the typewriter. If they were busy with a crowd of people they would not formally arrange, but simply tell me to prepare the resolutions. The typewriter during my time was Mr. Moser. He came in during 1894. At first I wrote out the forms, but after a while he became familiar with the forms and I would simply tell him the amount, time and rate. When prepared he handed me the notes and resolutions. The originals were used and signed, the carbon copies were filed away; we kept carbon copies of all official business.

It was Mr. Moser's business to file carbon copies. Mr. Moser was the only one ever instructed to write notes and resolutions, and used the typewriter, including Clerks Coogan and Schmidt and myself. I don't know that Clerk Reber never used the typewriter.

The witness then explained the lead pencil notes on the carbon copies. "T. L." stood for temporary loans and included it was to be filed in the temporary loan file. Mr. Schalk called his attention to the carbon copies of Jan. 6, 1896, and he explained the note in ink to be in Clerk

Moser's writing. The "T. L." in pencil was in his handwriting. He identified the handwriting of Moser and himself on other carbon copies. Moser's writing showed the amount of loan, note, time, rate and bank. To the best of his knowledge a carbon copy of every note and resolution was kept on file. They were kept to keep the temporary loan account straight and for reference when a bank demanded payment of a note. We never had any difficulty with any bank.

When a bank official called us up by telephone and said a note was due I told Moser to look up the carbon copy and in every case he found it.

RENTS OUT IN THE WOOD. It was not my practice to write out the resolutions in full in the minutes, and I simply took notes on a piece of foolscap for reference. During the first year everything was carried out legally, but after that everybody seemed to grow careless, myself included. The Commissioners depended on me to keep everything straight. It was our practice.

Q. What caused the laxity or carelessness after 1894? A. During 1894 Messrs. Allen and Martin worked together and Reutz was left out in the cold. During that time he was very particular to have his objections entered on the minutes, and to keep everything in accord with the law.

After the year 1894 all the Commissioners were more friendly and everybody gradually grew careless. It was our custom to lay all notes and resolutions upon the table or desk of Mr. Allen, president of the Board of Commissioners.

It will be remembered that in January, 1894, Allen, Republican, and Martin, Democrat, made a deal in selecting appointments, and left Mr. Reutz, the other Republican, out in the cold, as stated.

By direction of Mr. Schalk, Mr. Connell read from the minutes of March 2, 1891, showing that the resolutions were written in full on the minutes, and also a copy of the note. He did not know what caused the Commissioners to become more friendly in 1895 and afterwards. Minutes of other dates in 1891 showed that the notes and resolutions were spread upon the minutes fully. The notes were drawn on Pottsville and Ashland banks.

He then read, by contrast from the minutes of July 3, 1895, which simply recite "a resolution negotiating a temporary loan with the Safe Deposit Bank was adopted." The carbon copies of the note and resolution ought to be on file in the vaults. This \$15,000 loan was negotiated in the usual way, and after I put the seal on the note and resolution I would deliver them, (the note and resolution) to the Deputy County Treasurer.

One of the Commissioners or any one of the clerks who was not particularly busy, or myself, if the loan was on an Ashland bank, Reutz would take it; if at Pinegrove, Martin; if Tamaqua, Allen; if in Pottsville, myself, the Deputy Treasurer or any one of the clerks.

RECEIVED CASH. Q. Did you receive money from any of the banks on the 6th inst. A. Once, and sure only. I can't tell when, and I remember saying to the County Treasurer, "This is a dangerous thing to do, you might be held up and knocked down, and I'll never do it again." I never did. All the money I got from the banks I handed to the County Treasurer.

This money was wrapped up and sealed in the shape of a brick. I did not count it and can't remember what amount was in it. I never heard a thing about the transaction until August 13th, 1897. Never heard a whisper. That was the time the complaint was made about the missing \$15,000. I cannot bring to mind anything about the loan of \$15,000 on July 3rd, 1895, when, it is alleged, \$5,000 was missed.

Judge Bechtel: Who was the Deputy Treasurer to whom you remarked, "It was a dangerous thing, etc." A. If it was during 1891-'93, it was Mr. Kline.

Witness could not bring to mind what became of the original resolution of June 6th, 1895, of which a carbon copy was produced. Neither could he tell where the carbon copy of the resolution of June 8, 1895, is unless it is in the vault. He recited from the minutes of Saturday, June 6th, 1896, which recited that a \$5,000 loan with the Safe Deposit Bank was received. The minutes of June 8th, 1896, referred only to fixing the price of post-mortem examinations at \$10, except when bodies were exhumed, in which case \$15 was to be paid. These minutes were in Clerk Schmidt's hand writing.

A POSITIVE STATEMENT. Q. By Schalk. Did you receive those \$5,000 on June 6 or 8, 1895, or at any other time? A. I did not; and, furthermore, I believe no one connected with the Commissioner's office ever received it.

To further questions he said, "I positively and emphatically swear that neither myself nor, to my belief, any one connected with the office ever got a penny of this money."

I might have cancelled this note with the circular punch. My desk was open for two years; the key was lost and the lock was broken. There was no use in keeping the desk locked. We had little earthen vessels there in which we kept the money gotten for postage stamps from other offices, and I would often find this money missing. Other things were stolen from the desk, so I decided to leave it open.

Carl Coogan, formerly warrant clerk, was in charge of the bills from which he drew the warrants. He would present the warrant and bill form to the Controller. He had no particular remembrance of the transaction of December 7th, 1896, when the note of June 6th, 1896, was finally paid.

Connell's testimony points out new possibilities in this remarkable trial, and there may be a colored gentleman or two now in the woodpile, who may be rooted out before the thing ends.

CONNELL'S CROSS-EXAMINATION. On cross-examination by Mr. Marr, ex-Commissioner Clerk Connell said Commissioner Reutz had frequently urged him to get the minutes of the previous meetings written out before the following meetings, and admitted that Commissioner Reutz had complained that the minutes were not complete enough during 1894. The minutes were kept on loose sheets of paper.

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NAMED TWO CANDIDATES

The Newitt Supporters in Philadelphia Bolt the Convention.

TWO TAX RECEIVER CONVENTIONS

The Leaders League Members, Failing to Secure Recognition For Legally Elected Delegates, Leave the Hall-Martin's Arbitrary Ruling.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Although receiver of taxes in the only city office to be chosen at the coming municipal election in February, with one police magistrate to fill a vacancy, the struggle of the past few months between factions of the Republican party to obtain control of the nominating convention has been the fiercest political contest in this city for many years. This fight culminated yesterday in two Republican candidates being placed in the field. There was a bolt in the Republican convention, one faction nominating William J. Romey, the present incumbent, for receiver of taxes, and the other, Harvey K. Newitt. For magistrate the Romey following nominated David T. Hart and the Newitt faction left the magistratorial nomination open for a few days. The Democrats, in a harmonious convention, nominated Charles P. Donnelly for receiver of taxes and James E. Gorman for magistrates.

The Republican conventions were very turbulent, and there was much disorder and considerable fighting outside the halls, caused by the exclusion of delegates who were said to be not properly accredited.

The factional trouble among the Philadelphia Republicans dates back to the spring of 1896, when Boies Penrose, now United States senator, was, as he averred, "turned down" for the nomination for mayor by David Martin, ex-national committee member and the recognized leader of the Republican party in the city. War was declared on the leadership of Martin, and in the fall of 1896 there was a split in the shrewdly convened, and Alexander Crow, who was nominated by the bolters and also received the endorsement of the Democrats, was elected sheriff over Samuel Ashbridge, the regular Republican nominee. Since then there has been continuous fighting for party control.

Meditates Cafe. Bean soup will be served, free, to all during and between the acts to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

MRS. M'CUSKER ACQUITTED. The Jury Declares That She Did Not Murder Her Husband.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Florence M'cusker, charged with the murder of her husband, Michael, by shooting him on Nov. 6 last, was acquitted by the jury in Judge Garrison's court yesterday afternoon. The trial for the life of the woman, who was shot in the chest by the assassin's bullet, and ended with the appropriate climax. The jury spent one hour and a half deliberating, and when they returned and announced the finding the handsome young prisoner uttered a convulsive "Oh!" exhaled a sob, and, while the tears rained from her eyes, and she toppled over in a faint. Her aged mother fell on her knees and cried, "Thank God!" while the crowd of friends and relatives pressing about the dock grew so great that it became necessary to clear the room.

Several different scenes meanwhile enacted a few feet away, where the relatives of the dead man were. When the verdict was announced his old mother sobbed aloud, and his sister cried out: "She may go free, but she is a murderer just the same."

The defense was that the shooting was accidental, and the result accords with the general expectation.

To Publish the Pension Roll. Washington, Jan. 12.—Representative Beach, of Ohio, has introduced a bill providing for the mark failed of publication and posting of the pension roll. The bill declares that no pension, except by special act of congress, is to be granted under any prior act to any widow or any soldier or pensioner, or to the children of such who becomes the wife of the soldier within five years of the passage of the act, and all pensions heretofore allowed are to cease on the remarriage in the case of a widow, or attainment of 16 years of age in the case of children. All pensions to children of pensioners who are over 16 years of age are to cease immediately, except where provided otherwise.

At Kepchinski's Arcade Cafe. Liver and onions will be served, free, to all during and between the acts to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning.

Foremen Subpoenaed. All the inside and outside foremen of the P. & R. C. & I. Co. and the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. have been subpoenaed to appear at Saturday next Monday as witnesses in the suits brought against the companies for damages to lands by culm deposits in the Mahanoy and other creeks.

Kendrick House Free Lunch. Sour kraut, pork and mashed potatoes will be served, free, to all patrons to-night.

Road Pulled Down. A cave-in occurred yesterday afternoon on the turnpike between Barry's Junction and Jacksons. Supervisor Welsh promptly filed the trench. It was reported that the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks had been disturbed, but this was a mistake, as the cave-in was at least sixty feet from the railroad.

Another Business Man to Retire. Having devoted my attention to another branch of business, I will close out my entire stock in my fully equipped shoe store at Saturday next Monday as witnesses in the suits brought against the companies for damages to lands by culm deposits in the Mahanoy and other creeks.

An Important Meeting. Henry Horvath, Camp No. 49, S. of V., will hold an important meeting this evening. A large attendance is requested.

Rooms For Rent. Two heated rooms suitable for office purposes, other conveniences, apply at No. 19, S. Jardin St. 12-23-11

A Common Cold

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A New Patient's Story. Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Five citizens and electors of this county yesterday filed in the common pleas court a certificate declaring the formation of a new political party, to be known as the Good Government League. They propose to begin business in time for the election next month. The declaration is in the form of an affidavit sworn to before a notary.

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