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THE DREYFUS TRIAL.

Demange Moved the Audience and Judges to Tears by His Eloquence.

Special to Evening Herald.

Rennes, France, Sept. 8.—The beginning of the end of the Dreyfus trial has been reached. The Government Commissioner, Major Carré, closed his plea, and was immediately followed by Demange, counsel for Dreyfus. The brilliant counsel for the defendant made the closing plea. By his eloquence he moved the audience and the Judges to tears.

Court adjourned for the day until tomorrow before Demange finished his plea, and he will conclude to-morrow. Somewhat to the surprise of the audience M. Labori decided not to speak. The Judges will deliberate on the evidence to-morrow, but no verdict will be rendered before Monday. Both sides are confident.

ACCEPTED ARSON.

An Unknown Party Tries to Burn Down a Dwelling.

Some time last night an attempt was made to burn down the property of Mrs. Mary Boran, corner of Jardin and Cherry streets. Mrs. Boran occupies a part of the property and one part of it is vacant. The odor of smoke caused an investigation to be made of the vacant part this morning and there were found unmistakable evidences of attempted arson. A stairway was found to be saturated with coal oil. Near the stairway was picked up a partly burned bundle of paper. The woodwork immediately about the paper was charred, but fortunately the fire had burned out before it ignited the saturated stairway. The attempt is supposed to have been made last night, and it is attributed to spite work.

Men's and ladies' tailor-made suits made by the Famous are admired by everybody. If

To Begin Work on Monday.

A representative of the Schuylkill Traction Company was in town today to learn from the street committee where the company can store its rails and sills for the new track until the work can be done. It will begin next Monday morning. Chief Burgess Taber this morning called at the company's headquarters in Girardville and gave notice of the action of Council last night concerning the railway. The Burgess learned that the company only received notice of the acceptance of its proposition by Council on the 7th inst., the Secretary's letter being dated Sept. 6.

12 bars Star soap for 25 cents Saturday at "Girvin's"

A Boy Run Down.

The ten-year-old son of Patrick McNamara, of Brownsville, while running across the street in front of the Centre street school building this morning, was struck by the pole of a beer wagon in charge of a driver employed by William Chmielewski. The boy fell between the horses and was thought to be seriously injured. Thomas Tosh, the janitor of the school building, picked up the boy and carried him into his house. Tosh also took the driver into custody, but released him when it was learned the victim was not seriously hurt. The boy had his hip and nose cut, and his head bruised. He was taken in charge by a relative, Mrs. John Cooney, of West Oak street.

Ladies, we can show you 400 styles of ladies' tailor-made suitings in all the latest fall shades. Call and leave your order with us. If your dress doesn't fit you, don't take it. THE FAMOUS.

Schoppe Bros' Minstrels.

The success attained by the minstrel performance given by the Schoppe Bros. and Vaudeville Club last season has encouraged the combination to make arrangements for another performance at Ferguson's theatre in the near future. A feature of the program will be a burlesque entitled "The Shenandoah Borough Council in Session." It is said this alone will be worth the price of admission.

Our merchant tailoring department is competent. You are invited to inspect the same. THE FAMOUS.

A Thief Caught.

Peter Butkiewicz was arrested at Hazleton yesterday by Constable Mast, Gibson of town, on a charge of stealing \$335 from a bureau in the house of Frank Dostal, of Peach alley, with whom Butkiewicz boarded. The robbery was committed last Monday. The prisoner was brought to town last night and placed in the lockup for the night in default of \$300 bail. This morning Gibson took him to the Pottsville jail.

Go to "Girvin's" for the latest styles in table lamps, dinner sets, odd china, separate lamp shades, etc.

Mr. Boyer Robbed.

A man giving his name as Michael Blass, and residence as Shenandoah, was arrested in Pottsville yesterday afternoon charged with snatching a purse, containing money, from the hands of Mrs. H. C. Boyer while that lady was waiting for a street car. Blass was sent to jail in default of bail.

One good sale brings many more. This is our motto. THE FAMOUS.

A New Washery.

The contract for the erection of a washery to be located along the Little Schuylkill Railway, about two miles below Tanqueska, has been awarded to H. C. Christ, of Mahanoy City. It will have a capacity of fifteen cars of twenty-five tons each and will be put in operation about January 1, 1900.

Call at the Famous for the latest styles in men's boys' and children's clothing at low prices.

Broke Her Arm.

Mrs. John West, of West Oak street, while hanging clothes in the yard of her home yesterday, fell and sustained a fracture of the arm.

Ladies, if you have any cloth to be made into a dress, jacket or cap just bring it to us, we will do the rest. Satisfaction and price guaranteed. THE FAMOUS.

Filling Breaches.

The two large mine breaches at Lost Creek No. 2, caused by the caving in of Packer colliery workings several weeks ago, are being filled with ashes taken from the banks of the colliery.

You can have a bigger choice of men's and ladies' suitings at the Famous than in any other four stores combined in the county. Go and see them. Their prices for making up are moderate.

Ten Machinists Wanted.

A notice posted at the P. & E. machine shops at Palo Alto yesterday says that a blacksmith and ten machinists are wanted at once.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS I

A Warning Founded on Expenditures For Street Paving.

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION LETTER.

Work on the Centre Street Paving Ordered Suspended Pending Legal Advice. Report Submitted on the Police Department Investigation.

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held last evening and business of considerable importance was disposed of. The Councilmen in attendance were Messrs. McGuire, Tracey, Boshm, Straughn, Neiswenter, Bell, James, Hand, Harkins, Murphy, Shoemaker.

Messrs. James F. O'Hara, Oscar Bettegedie and John Canfield asked permission to run a sewer down Plum alley and along the Lehigh Valley Railroad, west of the borough sewer. The permission was granted upon the usual conditions reserving borough rights, etc.

Lewis Klein, as a committee, sent in a communication to the Chief Burgess, stating that the owners of the Main street sewer pipe, on the east side, between Cherry and Lloyd streets, gave notice to the borough authorities to enter therein until an agreement is made between the owners of the sewer and the borough authorities. Accompanying the communication was a proposed agreement providing for the payment of \$200 by the borough for the privilege.

The Finance committee reported that the connection had already been made, that property owners owning the sewer were taking advantage of the borough on a technicality and charging an exorbitant amount, notwithstanding they are getting their properties paved for nothing. On motion, the communicational was laid on the table indefinitely.

John J. Carey, of Lost Creek, sent in a communication, claiming \$30 damages sustained through an accident on August 5th, last, on account of their being no danger signs, or other means to notify people while driving along the street that danger existed from an opening in the public road. The communication was referred to the street committee and Borough Solicitor.

The following communication on measurements made by Borough Surveyor W. G. Gregory was read and filed: "On Lloyd street, from building line to building line, at the west side of Main street the width is 50 feet. Width of pavement, south side of Lloyd street, is 10 feet, north side of Lloyd street, is 11 feet. Width of Lloyd street, from curb to curb, is 29 feet. At the east side of Pearl alley, on Lloyd street, the measurements are same as above in regard to pavement, etc."

It was decided that where the street committee, according to surveys, finds that any sidewalks, or other streets that are to be paved, the committee have the curbs of such properties set back to the surveyor's measurements.

The following petition was read: "We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers residing in the Fifth ward of Shenandoah, request your honorable body that measures be taken to properly open to traffic that part of Vine street extending between Centre street and Raspberry alley, and that the terra cotta pipe at the junction of Vine and Centre streets be replaced by proper guttering, as the said pipe is dangerous to teamsters, etc. Attention is also called to the guttering at Centre and Gilbert streets."

The communication was referred to the street committee for a report at the next meeting.

A bill from J. J. Bradigan for \$962.50, one-half of contract price for cleaning the First ward creek, was read and discussed. Council, on motion of Mr. James, granted an order for \$410, the amount it appropriated for the work.

It was stated that, since the cleaning has been done, property owners have again built their outhouses over the creek, a nuisance that led to the complaint and work of cleaning. The Health Officer should look after the matter.

The committee on roads and highways made a lengthy report stating, among other things, that the sewer contract on Coal street, between Main and White streets, was awarded to W. J. Britt for \$105. All bids for the Strawberry alley sewer contract were rejected because they were not satisfactory. It may be decided to let the Supervisor do the work. As to the Cherry street and Pearl alley sewers the committee had decided to have the property owners connected with them sign an agreement to pay their pro rata share of the expense of changes, and if the present is not signed the borough can cut off the connections on the Cherry street sewer and the trouble from the Pearl alley sewer can be done away with, so far as the borough is concerned, by filling up the borough building cellar, as the borough has no use for it since the Columbus Building Company has been leasing the building. No connection to sewer connections, it was stated that a man who connected with one of the sewers without permission of Council, charged his next door neighbor ten dollars to connect on the sewer. The committee asked Council to grant it an additional appropriation of \$1,500, and also that Contractor Britt be given \$3,500, as part payment on street paving contract.

In response to the above, Council decided that an agreement be drawn up for the Cherry street and Apple alley property owners to sign. The increased appropriation recommendation was laid on the table until the next regular meeting of Council. The motion by Mr. Neiswenter to grant Contractor Britt \$3,500 was declared out of order by Chairman McGuire, on the ground that no paving had been done yet.

After some discussion it was decided that if the Schuylkill Traction Company does not begin to remove the old track on Main street and get the new track in condition for paving by Monday, September 11th, by noon, the line be fenced off at the borough bridge spanning the Lehigh Valley railroad, at the western end of town, and that the Chief Burgess proceed to remove the track on Main street, so that the paving may go ahead, a special policeman to be on guard day and night at the bridge, if the line is fenced off. It was decided that the borough make connection with the Smith sewer, at the corner of Chestnut and Coal streets, and that a trap be put in there.

A question arose as to whether Council, or Contractor Britt, should pay for water supplied by the Citizens' Water and Gas Company for the street paving work. Chairman McGuire decided that the contractor is responsible for it.

Mr. Hand, of the finance committee, reported that the borough had \$1,350 to meet \$2,370 in bills. It was decided to negotiate a

temporary loan of \$2,000 for 90 days and that the \$4,000 note falling due on the 15th inst. be renewed for 60 days, if it cannot be met when due.

It was decided that a statement of the amount due from the Lakeside Railway Company for car tax be placed in the Sheriff's hands.

Mr. Straughn read the following communication, while financial affairs were under discussion:

"CHARLES T. STRAUGHN, Esq., Finance Committee, Shenandoah, Pa.

"DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication concerning the state of finance of the Borough of Shenandoah, which was sent in answer to my request for such information, I beg to say that it seems apparent that there is no balance left for which the cost of the permanent improvements now being made in paving some streets of your borough can be met."

"The total bonded debt is now over \$100,000. The valuation of the borough for 1899 is \$2,243,437 on which, even with the consent of the people, only 7 per cent. of this amount can be legally made, or \$157,040.69.

"In addition to the above bonded debt you have a temporary loan of \$100,000 of some \$50,000, and probably the Mrs. Haley judgment of \$2,000. You therefore are nearly your constitutional limit and, even by issuing bonds, this work would exceed your rights.

"But we have been told that this is to be built out of the current funds of the borough. Your statement shows resources of \$37,704.54 and estimated expenditures of that year, an amount of which only \$4,500 is devoted to street purposes. In this revenue you have not only estimated the amounts due from taxes on cranes, but also taxes for this year. Therefore there is no money left unappropriated.

"It has been suggested that you intend to pay for these improvements by raising temporary loans based on balance due by Collector Scanlan. As this amount is in litigation and cannot be received this year, you are likely to have these temporary loans outstanding at the end of the year, and this exceeds your limit of indebtedness, thus making you liable for such action."

"It has been held in Schuylkill county that a temporary loan may be made to anticipate the taxes for the current year, but it is distinctly held that such a loan in such amount as can be redeemed during the year out of the incoming taxes.

"We feel that you will be running a great risk in negotiating such loans, for it is evident that they cannot be paid this year, as you have already this year redeemed over \$100,000 of such loans on the 1st of January. We fully believe in such permanent improvements as paving of streets, but they should be made only with funds available or by bonds not indebtedness. In this case it seems you cannot borrow on bonds and will not be able to pay out of current funds."

"We write this to caution you in involving the borough into such expense as cannot be legally met."

"Yours very truly,"

W. J. SHEAFFER,

"For Associated Taxpayers of Shenandoah."

On motion of Mr. Tracey, it was decided that the communication be placed in the hands of Borough Solicitor Burke by the Finance Committee, to get his opinion on it for submission at the next meeting.

Mr. Straughn asked to be relieved from the Finance Committee, as he cannot give it the attention he would like, and do justice to his own business. Chairman McGuire requested Mr. Straughn to continue on the committee pending resolution on the matter.

On motion of Mr. Neiswenter it was decided that the East Centre street paving work be suspended pending the receipt of the Borough Solicitor's opinion on the Taxpayers' letter.

The lamp and watch committee, through Mr. James, submitted the following report:

"Your committee, under instructions, investigated the rumors relative to the case of the Commonwealth vs. Pauline—and Pauline—and the warrants were issued by M. O'Hara, accompanied by Chief Murphy and Patrolman Mullaly. That the case was referred to Chief of Police Murphy that there was sufficient evidence to hold the defendants. That Chief of Police Murphy had five witnesses who were willing to testify that the defendant maintained a bawdy house, but for some unknown reason, the case was settled upon the advice of the Borough Solicitor, but the Chief admits that he failed to advise the solicitor that he had the five witnesses before mentioned. That the sum of over \$400 was collected from the defendants, in violation of the act as the Justice stated that he had not sufficient evidence to hold the defendants.

The investigation shows that only three of the officers, viz. Chief Murphy, Patrolman Mullaly and Heaton received witness fees in said case. That Chief Murphy swore out a warrant against the parties arrested by M. O'Hara, charging the same without consulting the lamp and watch committee, in conjunction with the borough solicitor.

On motion of Mr. Tracey it was decided that the police paid, if they arrest any person in a house of ill fame, or any other such place, must not settle the case without consulting the lamp and watch committee, in conjunction with the borough solicitor.

Go to "Girvin's" for tin cans, stone jugs, little preserving crocks, preserving kettles, etc.

"The Hustler" to-night.

An old acquaintance and universal favorite is that time tried tonic for dispelling care with exhilarating amusement, "The Hustler." It is a merry melange of satire and nonsense of the day, which only resembles its original idea in name. It is a comedy of the times—"mixed" every day—brisk, colorful, timely and reduced. While no claim is made to the possession of a pretentious story or intricate plot, it provides a very satisfactory vehicle for the exhibition of the diverse talents of a wondrously versatile company. It is one of the very few farces that deals with humorous incidents of the present day and introduces characters with which one constantly comes in contact. Incidental to the amusing comedy situations and tableaux is introduced a perfect avalanche of songs, dances, marches and graceful and grotesque skippings of every description. All the recent novelties in the line of music and mimic are seen in "The Hustler," which appears at Ferguson's theatre this evening.

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Oyster soup to-night. Vegetable soup to-morrow morning. CHAS. MADEWICZ'S.

Clam soup to-night.

FOOLER'S.

Oyster soup to-night.

BOERS READY FOR WAR.

Exciting Session of the First Road at Pretoria.

PRESIDENT KRUGER DEFIANT.

"What Mr. Chamberlain Desires is Possession of the Transvaal!—A Strong Force of Boer Troops Concentrating on the Border."

Special to Evening Herald.

London, Sept. 8.—The London Journal says that the Cabinet has decided to convene Parliament on September 30th, and will ask for \$25,000,000 as war credit. Every indication points to war with the Boers.

Pretoria, Sept. 8.—There was great excitement in the first road yesterday on Mr. Coetser's interpretation of the government regarding the presence of British troops on the borders and the stoppage of ammunition consigned to the Transvaal.

President Kruger, the members of the executive council, and most of the principal officials were present, together with a large representation of the general public, including many ladies.

At the outset the chairman and president urged members to preserve calmness and to avoid insulting language.

The state secretary, F. W. Bells, said he had called the previous day on the British diplomatic agent, Mr. Conyngham Greene, and had asked him what reply the government could give in the volcanic regarding the alleged massing of British troops on the borders, and whether Mr. Greene would communicate with the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner. The reply from Mr. Greene, he continued, was in the following terms:

"Mr. Bells: The following is Sir Alfred Milner's reply to the telegram which I sent him at your request: 'I don't know to what Mr. Bells refers when he alludes to the massing of troops. This must be the British troops in South Africa, the position and numbers of which are no secret, but it is a matter of common knowledge that they are here in order to protect British interests and to make provision against eventualities.'"

Mr. Coetser and other members then made violent speeches, declaring that they could not understand Sir Alfred Milner's reply, since the Transvaal had never threatened the English colonies. "It is time," exclaimed Mr. Coetser, "for the Transvaal also to prepare for eventualities."

One member said: "England's action is like putting a revolver into a man's face."

Another concluded a warlike harangue in this strain: "It is time to send our burghers to the borders to ask these troops what they want. The fire is bound to start. So let them light it and allow it to burn out quickly. War is better than the present state of affairs. Business is ruined and the public treasury is drying up. Chamberlain is trying to ruin the country."

Mr. Tosen, who declared that Sir Alfred Milner's reply was tantamount to a declaration of war, read a telegram from the field cornet of the Pletretief district, stating that the people there would rise in rebellion if President Kruger went to another conference.

The chairman called Mr. Tosen to order for saying that the Jameson raiders ought to have been hanged.

President Kruger, rising, said: "The aliens have been offered equal rights with the burghers, but have refused them. Mr. Chamberlain is striving to get the franchise, which the outlanders do not want, but what he really desires is possession of the Transvaal. The burghers are willing to concede much for the sake of peace, but will never sacrifice their independence."

After eulogizing Mr. Gladstone's action of retrocession in 1881 as a noble deed, President Kruger said that if it now came to fighting the Almighty would be the arbiter. He urged the members of the road to show moderation, reminding them that the reply from Mr. Chamberlain was en route, and pointing out that if the proposal for a commission were agreed to the republic would send delegates to further discuss matters and if possible to make peace.

The speeches following the president's were more moderate in tone and the road rose without passing any resolution.

BOER TROOPS ON THE BORDER.

A Strong Force Within Striking Distance of Laingsnek Pass.

Cape Town, Sept. 8.—The Boers, it is positively stated, are concentrating a strong force on the border of the Transvaal within striking distance of the only pass through the mountains which separates the Transvaal from Natal. This force is composed in part of 1,200 riflemen, the best trained of the Boer army, who came by train from Pretoria and camped Wednesday evening at Standerton, 50 miles from the frontier.

At this pass on Jan. 28, 1881, the Boer troops, withstanding the British invaders, fought the bloody battle of Laingsnek, a decisive victory for their cause.

The Natal authorities at Newcastle, which lies in the angle of the Drakensberg and is open to attack, have taken alarm at the prospect of invasion from the north, and have urged that reinforcements be dispatched, and that a strict watch be kept on Laingsnek.

It is not thought probable here that the Boer troops will refrain from seizing the pass. Once in occupation they will be in position to defy the invaders or to swoop down upon the unprotected British towns near the frontier.

A New Shop.

The butcher shop on South Jardin street formerly conducted by Henry Hoeher is to be re-opened by Felix Ostrowski, late of Nantcoke, Pa.

The biggest variety of stylish neckwear and shirts at THE FAMOUS.

MAX LEVIT'S.
SOFT SHIRTS AT HALF PRICE.

The latest fall styles of neckwear are now being shown in our north window.

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