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COURT CLEANS UP THE WHOLE DOCKET

Judge Disposes of Every Matter on Hand

HOMER GREENE DEFENDS THE LEGAL PROFESSION — MANY APPOINTMENTS MADE.

With an avowed determination to lean up everything on the docket, Judge Alonzo T. Searle presided at a special session of Court, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and took occasion to thank the lawyers for the courtesies they had shown him during the past two years, when he sat on the bench by appointment of Governor Edwin S. Stuart.

"I want to thank all the lawyers for the courtesies of the past two years," he said. "A good bar makes a good bench. As a Judge I shall endeavor to sustain the reputation and aid in supporting the standard of every lawyer at the Bar. I shall give to the people of other counties the best reputation of you possible. I want it to stand where it has, of being one of the best in the State. If any lawyer feels that he has not been treated rightly just come to me, and we'll try to see that justice and fairness is done to all."

During the course of the session Homer Greene, Esq., took occasion to relieve his feelings, as he expressed it concerning an article which he saw in "Collier's Weekly," attacking the integrity of members of the legal profession. "I waxed considerably indignant," he vehemently exclaimed Mr. Greene by way of introduction to a sweeping denial of the charges in so far as they affected Wayne county lawyers. "So far as the Bar of Wayne county is concerned," he continued, "I cannot conceive of any set of lawyers more faithful to their clients than those of Wayne county. I feel that the members of the Wayne County Bar have been of a high grade, learned in the law and faithful and skillful."

In the cases of the Lake Lodore Improvement Company against Lyman Buckland, Joshua A. Brown, John Sensibile, Charles Buckland, George E. Giles, the Court drew an order awarding an issue and in order to protect the rights of the defendants made the Lake Lodore Improvement Company plaintiff, and the other parties defendants.

In the case of the Commonwealth versus Leona Lord the Court directed that a fieri facias issue in the Court of Oyer and Terminer to collect the costs of the trial. "This is the first case I can find of it in Oyer and Terminer," remarked the Judge, "but I think there is ample authority for it."

In the matter of the distribution of the moneys in the hands of Alexander Correll, surviving executor of William Correll, late of Lake township, deceased, Judge Searle stated that he had written a short opinion dismissing the exceptions and confirming the auditor's report absolutely.

In the matter of appointing inspectors to examine a reinforced concrete bridge over the Little Equinunk creek in Manchester township, the Court appointed as inspectors under the old Act, Messrs. A. V. Tyler, John Benett and Elijah Teeple.

"I don't know how many of you," said Judge Searle, "have examined the Act of 1911, I notice Judge Endlich declared it unconstitutional. I have appointed the inspectors under the old Act."

"I believe," continued the Judge, "that disposes of every matter that is in my hands. If the lawyers have anything in their hands I can dispose of I would be glad to do it."

Under the head of motions, the Court in the case of the Commonwealth versus Carl Howe, granted a rule on the Sheriff of Wayne county to pay the costs to the County Treasurer.

The Court also stated that the costs in the Carl Howe case ought to be collected, suggesting that "Lackawanna county ought to be proceeded against at once."

"That's a matter," said Attorney W. H. Lee, "that the new Attorney for the county commissioners can take up at once."

Homer Greene presented a motion amending the original statement in the matter of C. A. Cortright & Son versus Kretzner Bros. The Wayne Concrete Supply and Construction Company and Pierce and Baker, suit having been brought by the first named, recently, against the above-mentioned defendants for \$3,000 damages, charging the collapse of the Cortright concrete barn, October 25, 1911, to have been due to the negligence of the three aforesaid firms. The amendment was allowed.

The Judge thought it would be better to have two weeks of Court in March, as there are several cases which he will be unable to try, notably the case of Joseph Menger who is suing the borough of Honesdale to recover \$6,000 for injuries incurred in a runaway accident, July 11, 1911, at Fifteenth and West streets, when he was thrown from a wagon, sustaining injuries which made him a cripple for life. The Judge was an unfortunate witness of the case, and it is probable that he will be called upon to testify at the trial, as the attorney for the plaintiff, Homer Greene, stated that he was going to issue a subpoena for him.

E. A. Richardson and E. M. Horton were appointed auditors of the borough of Prompton on petition of (Continued on Page Five.)

MRS. N. A. RAY SERIOUSLY BURNED GASOLINE IGNITING GLOVES

WHEN FLAMES ENRAPT HER PERSON AND SEVERELY BURNED HER ARMS, HEAD AND HAIR.

Mrs. Noble A. Ray was seriously burned from gasoline at her home last Saturday morning. She had washed her gloves in the highly explosive liquid and left them upon her hands to dry while she busied herself with other household duties.

The cloth with which the gloves had been cleaned was left lying on the kitchen table. Mrs. Ray placed it in the range and taking precautions so that the flames might not shoot out into the room, gave the cloth an extra poke. In an instant the gasoline cloth ignited, also Mrs. Ray's gloves. She applied water to them in an effort to extinguish the fire, but all to no avail. She then screamed and her niece, Kathryn Fitch, who was in another room, rushed to her assistance. Kathryn's first thought was to grab a rug from the floor, but as Mrs. Ray had been sweeping all the rugs had been removed. She was being enrapt in flames, the gasoline in the gloves that were worn by her was burning rapidly and the fire had reached her head. A coat was hanging in the room and Miss Kathryn jerked it from the hook and threw it over her aunt's head, which partly subdued the flames. Mr. Ray, who was on the second floor arrived upon the scene at this moment and assisted in extinguishing the fire and saving his wife's life. Had he been 30 seconds later the flames would have conquered.

Dr. F. W. Powell was called and he dressed the burns, which were deep in some places. Mrs. Ray's hands and arms were badly burned. Her neck and head were also in the fire's path, while her hair was somewhat burned.

Mrs. Ray's condition is somewhat improved and her physician is confident of her speedy recovery. Mrs. Ray's many Honesdale friends were shocked to learn of her accident and sympathize with her in her painful injuries. That Mrs. Ray escaped with no further misfortune is miraculous for which her relatives and many friends are exceedingly thankful.

COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZE.

John Male, Cherry Ridge, Chosen President Tuesday Morning.

The Commissioners-elect met at their office in the Court House, Tuesday morning, and organized by electing John Male, Cherry Ridge, president.

All three officials, Messrs. John Male, Cherry Ridge, Earl Rockwell, Ariel, and Neville Holgate, Honesdale, were present at the meeting and decided to fix the salary of the Commissioners' Clerk, Thomas Y. Boyd, Boyd's Mills, for the first year at \$900. They also resolved to retain the present efficient Court House janitor, Isaac Ball, at a salary of \$1.50 a day.

The tax levy for county purposes was set at four mills, a reduction of half a mill from the 1910 figures which were four and one-half mills.

The tax collectors are to be notified that June 27, 1912, will be the last day for filing exonerations and returns. The regular meeting day for the Board was fixed for the first Tuesday in each month.

BROWN LOSES CASE.

Texas Supervisors Awarded Verdict of \$4 And Costs Against Cliff Street Contractor.

Squire Robert A. Smith handed down a decision Saturday afternoon in the celebrated case of the Texas Township Supervisors versus Contractor Charles C. Brown, imposing a fine of \$4 and costs on the defendant. Contractor Brown was charged with diverting the course of the water in a ditch in front of his new home on Cliff street.

AUDITORS ORGANIZE.

E. R. Bodie Elected President and W. O. Avery Secretary.

County Auditors E. R. Bodie, Prompton, W. O. Avery, Bethany, and F. L. Gilpin, Dreher, organized Tuesday morning by electing Mr. Bodie president, and Mrs. Avery, secretary. District Attorney M. E. Simons was retained as attorney for the Board. The auditors are located in the Grand Jury Room where they are busily engaged in going over the county accounts.

COMMISSIONERS' BANQUET

Outgoing and Incoming County Officials Enjoy Spread at Heumann's.

The three outgoing Commissioners, Messrs. J. K. Hornbeck, Equinunk, J. E. Mandeville, Hawley, T. C. Madden, Newfoundland, their clerk, Geo. P. Ross, their attorney, E. C. Mumford, Esq., and the three incoming Commissioners Messrs. John Male, Cherry Ridge, Earl Rockwell, Ariel, Neville Holgate, Honesdale, enjoyed a sumptuous banquet at Heumann's Hotel last Friday night.

BARBER BIDWELL FORTY-EIGHT J.P.'S BEGINS YEAR RIGHT IN WAYNE COUNTY

Takes Out First Marriage License For 1912

W. C. M. L. P. WALLACE J. BARNES PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINS HIS FIRST COUPLE.

Barber Floyd Bidwell, sometime artist at the Allen House Tonsorial Parlors, now of Carbondale, made a good New Year's resolution. He decided to get married. The girl was willing. And so, bright and early Monday morning, they hied them to the office of the Wayne County Marriage License Purveyor, officially known as the Clerk of the Orphans' Court Wallace J. Barnes. The M. L. P. was non est inventus, which is French for "had not yet come down from Beachlake to the County Seat."

A close shave! Yes. But it takes more than that to daunt a stout-hearted barber. "I have it," he said to himself. "I'll come later."

He came. She came. They both came. This time the coming was in the afternoon, just as the clock struck two.

The W. C. M. L. P. and his predecessor were in the inner office. The ex-Prothonotary was explaining to his successor the mysteries of entering up a judgment. The inevitable reporter was there. He sounded the alarm.

"Come on," said Mr. Hanlan to Mr. Barnes. "Drop that. This is more profitable."

Going into the outer office Mr. Hanlan greeted the youthful couple with his most engaging smile. "This is our new Prothonotary," he said, by way of introducing Brother Barnes. The amenities were duly exchanged. The required documents were produced, forthwith.

"We are all ready for you," continued Mr. Hanlan. "Have a chair." The couple took two.

"Well," pleasantly rattled on Mr. Hanlan, "Mr. Barnes will give you his first license."

The bride smiled. The groom shifted uneasily in the swinging chair dreading the trying ordeal.

"Mr. Hanlan will have to watch me," explained the W. C. M. L. P. Barnes.

The catechism began. "What is your first name?" "What is your last name?" And so on all through the fifty-seven customary questions on the list.

No, they were not related, as yet. Yes, they were both twenty-one. No, they never were married before. Yes, they both would swear that what they said was true to the best of their knowledge and belief. Then, at Mr. Barnes' request, they signed their names.

"You got better luck than I had," remarked Brother Hanlan in an aside to Brother Barnes. "The first one I had, I couldn't find the blanks, and I had to go to work and write it all out. There was nobody around to show me."

The initiation ceremonies were happily concluded. The groom-to-be breathed a sigh of relief and confided to the bride-to-be, "It takes long enough," smilingly. She agreed to what he said.

"Here is your marriage license," said Mr. Barnes.

"How much is it?" inquired the young man.

"He paid the price." "Well, I hope you'll have good luck," was Mr. Hanlan's farewell wish.

"Happy New Year to you both," exclaimed Mr. Barnes.

"Twas done. The great transaction was done. The happy pair left the office. Floyd Bidwell, Carbondale, and Daphne Williams, Honesdale, proudly marched down the Court House steps and out into the Great Wide World.

Mr. Hanlan grew reminiscent. "Many a one I gave out," he told the newspaperman, "and got no dollar for."

FATHER HANLEY TO LEAVE HONESDALE NOTED DIVINE IS TRANSFERRED

HIS PARISH AND TOWNSPEOPLE REGRET TO LEARN OF HIS DEPARTURE—GOES THIS WEEK TO NICHOLSON.

The people of Honesdale in general and the people of his own parish, more in particular, will regret the announcement made by Right Rev. M. J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton, that Thomas M. Hanley, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church of this place, has been transferred to the parish of Nicholson.

Father Hanley had charge of St. John's church since April 1896, having succeeded Rev. Dr. Dougherty, whose death occurred a month previous. During his pastorate in Honesdale Father Hanley has made great improvements upon the church property and beautified the grounds and surroundings. Two years ago he had the interior of the church decorated and other improvements made so that at the present time St. John's church is one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese.

Father Hanley was pleasant, congenial and during his stay in Honesdale has made warm friends who will regret his departure from here. Besides the care and attention given to the temple and affairs of the church his influence among his own people is felt and great improvements are noticeable. During the last few months, Father Hanley's health has been seriously impaired and the duties of the Honesdale parish were thought to be more than his strength would permit him to discharge. Rev. Hanley is one of the veteran priests of the diocese, having been ordained in 1886. On account of his health it was considered advisable to place him in charge at Nicholson, where his duties will not be as arduous as in Honesdale. His many friends in Honesdale regret very much his departure and only hope that the change is for his own benefit.

Father O'Toole, who succeeds him in Honesdale, is very well known in this district. He was ordained in January, 1892, by the late Bishop William O'Hara, and for several years he was assistant at the Holy Rosary church in North Scranton. He has been pastor in Wellsboro for several years.

Eleven other changes were made in the diocese, prominent among them are the appointment of Rev. R. D. Jordan, of Pittston, and Rev. John Jefferson, of Wilkes-Barre, to their first pastorate. Father Jordan is named pastor at Wellsboro, and Father Jefferson becomes pastor at Rock Lake. Father Jordan is succeeded at Pittston by Rev. M. F. Loftus, assistant pastor at the Holy Rosary church in North Scranton. Father Jefferson succeeds Rev. P. E. Lavelle, who is now pastor at Taylor.

HEPTASOPHS CELEBRATE.

White Mills Conclave Presented With Costly Silk Banner, Saturday Night.

Improved Order of Heptasophs, White Mills Conclave, No. 499, was presented with a beautiful \$75 silk banner last Saturday evening as a reward for hustling and for meritorious services to the order in general. The presentation speech was made by Judge J. W. Carpenter, Scranton, who took occasion to congratulate the members of the order upon their good work. James Firmstone accepted the banner with a few well-chosen remarks. District Deputy W. L. Allen, Peckville, made the principal address of the evening. W. W. Jones, the genial editor of the Olyphant Gazette, enlivened the occasion with a witty speech.

Following the formal exercises refreshments were served to the 200 or more Heptasophs present.

Out-of-town guests included: Judge J. W. Carpenter, J. K. Smith, H. U. Hopewell, C. A. Keller, John J. Gaffney, C. A. Nicholson, Sylvester Bush, Park E. White, Scranton; Gomer Jones, Taylor; District Deputy W. L. Allen, R. J. Reese, Peckville; W. W. Jones, Olyphant.

REV. RAINY RESIGNS.

Veteran Baptist Preacher To Leave Aldenville Church.

Rev. James Rainey, the oldest Baptist preacher in Wayne county, last Sunday startled the members of his congregation at Aldenville by handing in his resignation to take effect on or about April 1. The members of the church were taken completely by surprise, and many of them were moved to tears.

Rev. Rainey only recently celebrated his 70th birthday. He and his family expect, shortly, to remove to Tunkhannock where they formerly resided.

GETS 3; WILLS 3.

Sheriff Braman Enters And Leaves Office With Three Boarders.

Sheriff M. Lee Braman willed three prisoners to Sheriff Frank C. Kimble, the same number as was handed over to him by Sheriff Wm. B. Roadknight. They are A. F. Schimmell, Honesdale, who was in jail when Mr. Braman took office; William Marks, Waymart, in for alleged burglary; and William Lumpport, charged with false pretense.

Deposit Boy Wins.

Glenn Bellby, of Deposit, has been one of the successful candidates for the \$100 Scholarship at the New York State College of Agriculture, offered by Farm and Fireside, the National Farm Paper. As a result, all his necessary college expenses, including board, room, tuition and other expenses up to \$100 will be paid out of a fund that Farm and Fireside has deposited with Prof. Charles Tuck.

M. J. HANLAN GETS GREAT SEND-OFF

Lawyers Eulogize Retiring Prothonotary

POPULAR CLERK OF THE COURTS TENDERED REMARKABLE FAREWELL LAST SATURDAY.

Ordinarily as "gabby" as the rest of them, Prothonotary Michael J. Hanlan for once in his life was unable to make a speech last Saturday morning, when, at the close of a special session of Court at 10 o'clock, featured by a cleaning-up of everything on the docket, Judge Alonzo T. Searle called upon him to respond to a remarkable set of tributes paid him by the members of the Wayne County Bar, on the eve of his retirement as Clerk of the Courts after a continuous service of nine years.

The setting for the farewell scene could not have been better arranged. Judge Henry Wilson had been summoned to the bar, and asked by the Court to call off the cases on the list. With this voluminous docket lying open wide before him, Judge Wilson was about to begin a reading of the score or more of cases some of which were of the 1907 vintage, and many of which will never be tried.

Without a moment's warning Judge Alonzo T. Searle, looking up from some legal document to which he had just affixed his signature, startled the Prothonotary, who was busied with his duties, by saying:

"I am reminded that this is the last time Mr. Hanlan will sit with us. He has made a most efficient, able and courteous clerk. They are few better or his equal in the State of Pennsylvania. We shall miss him as a clerk. We hope he may practice in Honesdale. We are glad to welcome Mr. Barnes too."

Mr. Hanlan has been clerk for nine years. He has been a great help to the Court in keeping the records in good shape. Every lawyer felt when his papers were put in his care they were in good keeping. I wish Mr. Hanlan a very great deal of success if he enters the practice of Law in Honesdale or elsewhere."

Rising from his seat, Homer Greene, who for the past thirty-three years has added lustre and distinction to the Bar to which he belongs, said:

"The very best I can wish for the new clerk is that he be as efficient as Mr. Hanlan."

Judge Henry Wilson, the Dean of the Jurists, loved and respected by all who know him, continued the song of praise by saying:

"I've been here forty years and one of the Clerks of the Courts rises up to the standard set by Mr. Hanlan."

Then up rose the Hon. Wm. H. Dimmick, scion of an illustrious family, bearer of a name famous in the annals of the Commonwealth, and of these United States, and with characteristic tact and eloquence, spoke the final words of appreciation, saying:

"It is with sadness, and I know I voice the sentiments of the Bar, when we bid good-bye to our friend, Mr. Hanlan, as Prothonotary of this Court. There is no one, no member of this community, that has stood so near to the community as the Prothonotary for the last nine years. There is no one who could have gone to that office, rich or poor, high or low, but received the same recognition. No officer in this county ever performed his duties with more fidelity than Michael J. Hanlan. As we bid him good-bye, we know he'll be a success. His character and ability will secure him a high standing in this community, if not in the State and Nation."

Judge Searle nodded to the clerk, and spoke his name.

It was too much for Mr. Hanlan. In a voice choked with emotion, with quivering chin and tears rolling down his cheeks, the Prothonotary feebly tried to express his thanks.

"I want to thank you for your expressions of appreciation and goodwill. Ordinarily I am as 'gabby' as the rest of you. I want to say to you I am not prepared to make a speech. I thank you for your expressions of sympathy. I hope we'll always continue to be as good friends as we have been the last nine years."

Once Court was adjourned lawyers and spectators crowded around the Prothonotary's desk, grasped him by the hand, and told him they were sorry to see him go.

ASSETS PASS 3 MILLION.

Wayne County Savings Bank Makes Great Record.

The Wayne County Savings Bank, in the statement for December 30, 1911, shows total assets of more than \$3,000,000. This is the first time that any financial institution in Wayne county has reached these large figures. The directors and stockholders of the Wayne County Savings Bank have reason to be proud of its honorable record of more than forty years, and of the confidence reposed in it by the people.

Wm. Marks, Waymart, Charged With Diamond Store Robbery, Put in Jail.

William Marks, Waymart, was arrested last Thursday by Constable Leroy H. Sinquet, charged with robbing the Diamond store and brought to Honesdale and lodged in the county jail.

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