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JUNE TERM OF COURT.

Decision in the Hazen Case Given. Other Business.

Constables making returns were: Blooming Grove—E. N. Pierson Delaware—Charles Person. Dingman—Theodore Bosler. Greene—E. H. Butler. Lackawaxen—Frank Kelly. Lehman—W. S. Van Anken. Milford Borough—George Smith. Milford Township—Chas. Bosler. Palmyra—J. N. Degroot. Shohola—George Bogart. Westfall—B. C. Totten.

Application for incorporation of Egypt Mills club. Incorporation decreed.

Commonwealth vs. Chas. Hazen. This is a case which arose from the defendant being found on lands of the Blooming Grove Park Association, arrested and taken before Justice Billings and fined; from which decision the defendant appealed and the question of the constitutionality of the act of 1871 incorporating the park was raised. The court in a lengthy opinion giving reasons for its findings says in conclusion: "From what precedes we are not to be understood as holding that this entire act of incorporation is void because of its defective title. Whatever the body of the act contains that is germane and naturally relates to the subject expressed in the title may be valid although other provisions may be void for want of proper notice in the title to sustain them. * * * That the penal provisions of the act in question and the provisions for enforcing these penalties are unconstitutional and void for want of proper notice in the title of the act to sustain them and as infringing the constitutional right of trial by jury. And now, June 3, 1901, the proceedings against the appellant are quashed and set aside and the appellant, Charles Hazen, is discharged by the court."

Estate of Ruth S. Hill, deceased. Heirs called in open court and all refusing to accept except Winifred C. Horn, who bid for purparts Nos. 1 and 2 the sum of \$801 for each purpart. Same day purparts awarded to Winifred C. Horn and she is appointed trustee to make sale of balance of real estate, to give bond in \$5000.

Estate of Jacob Kleinhaus, deceased. Heirs called to accept or refuse purparts and none accepting, real estate ordered sold. Mary M. Kleinhaus, administratrix, appointed to make sale, to give bonds in the sum of \$15,000.

Mathias Wycle of Westfall naturalized.

Estate of Charles Wolf, deceased, Greene township. Frantz Wolf, administrator d. b. o. c. t. a., appointed to make sale of real estate.

Estate of Geo. F. Schutte. Order to administrator to sell real estate of decedent to pay debts.

Estate of Julia A. Van Gordon, deceased. Bond of R. P. Nills filed as trustee for Alice Bergstresser and Moses W. Van Gordon.

Lena A. Cole vs. Walter C. Cole. Divorce. Geo. R. Bull appointed to take evidence.

Schoonmaker vs. Schoonmaker. Divorce. Order for publication awarded.

Road in Shohola from near German Lutheran church to near St. John Gardner's store. Petition for review. W. H. Layton, Emmet Asher and Sol. Hazleton appointed.

Estate of Catharine Eckart, deceased. Return of sale of real estate confirmed nisi.

Estate of Gottlieb Mulheisen, deceased. Sale of real estate confirmed nisi.

Moses V. Brisco, resignation as tax collector of Lehman filed and L. B. Westbrook appointed in his place.

Estate of James H. Shields, deceased. Petition of Mable, Ruth, Raymond and Earl Shields for guardian. S. St. John Gardner appointed to give bond in \$500.

Road in Lehman running west from a point near house of John Cook vacated and new road laid out.

Bridge over Little Bushkill on road from Bushkill to Kesaca in Lehman. Viewers report that bridge would cost more than township is able to bear.

Commonwealth vs. Howard Greening. Surety peace on complaint of Ernest G. Wood. Defendant was charged with making threats against Wood, and after hearing the evidence the court sen-

tenced defendant to pay costs and enter in recognizance in \$200 and keep the peace for one year, especially toward Ernest G. Wood.

Accounts confirmed absolutely were: Estate John H. Newman, account of E. Vandermark, trustee, and Geo. R. Bull appointed auditor to make distribution of funds. Estate of Sarah Brisco. Account of Geo. E. Horton, administrator. Estate of John A. Labar. Account of Daniel Labar, administrator. Estate William Downey. Account of Thos. F. Mangan. Appraisement to widow, estate of W. H. Courtright Appraisement to widow, estate of Geo. R. Piott.

Cole vs. Cole. Evidence filed and decree granted.

All commonwealth cases were continued to next term.

Venues were ordered for October term.

Court adjourned to Aug. 5 at 2 o'clock p. m.

Badly Wounded.

A. J. Nye, who resides in Milford township about two miles from town, was badly cut and bruised at his home Tuesday night. Entering his home about 10:30 he proceeded to strike a match with which to light a lamp when he was suddenly assailed by some one and struck a blow to the face which partly stunned him. This was followed with several blows with some sharp instrument which inflicted a number of serious cuts about his head. His body was also badly bruised. He finally managed to crawl out of the house and after lying unconscious several hours got to the stable, mounted his horse and came to town which he reached Wednesday morning greatly exhausted from loss of blood. His wounds were dressed by Dr. H. E. Emerson who found him in a serious condition. Being attacked so suddenly in the dark he is not certain as to his assailant but believes Thomas Gibbons, his brother-in-law, was the person, with the assistance, perhaps, of another.

Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. W. Raitt and others to John F. Raitt, 49 acres, Delaware. Consideration, reservations, etc.

J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to Edwin and Stephen Drake, Garret Brookhead, No. 149, 133 acres, Dingman. Consideration, taxes.

Edwin Drake and wife and Stephen Drake and wife to Eleanor Lavinia Hilliard, same land. Consideration \$125.

Albert Nipert and wife to Edward Nordell, 150 acres, Greene. Consideration \$1.

Albert B. Nordell to Margaret Nipert, same land. Consideration \$1.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Walter Vetterlein, commission as Justice of the Peace, Palmyra township.

Received by the King.

Saturday, June 1st, twenty-two Americans, delegates of the New York Chamber of Commerce, were guests of King Edward at Windsor. They were representatives of many millions of money and vast commercial interests and were very graciously received by the King and Queen. Among them were J. P. Morgan and our townsman, J. W. Pluebot, the latter of whom was somewhat surprised by being remembered from a previous meeting. Refreshments were served the party in the Orangery and all came away impressed with their cordial welcome and the affable manner of the royal couple.

Powers of U. S. Commissioners.

An act approved May 24 authorizes United States commissioners to administer oaths and affirmations, to take affidavits, to take depositions to be used in any court of this commonwealth or elsewhere, and to take and receive acknowledgment and proof of all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, leases or other instruments of writing touching any lands, tenements, hereditaments or other property matter or thing situate or being within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to take and receive the separate examination of any *ferre conset* relating to the same.

FOUND—On the road to Port Jervis, an Ingersoll watch. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this ad.

New line hats and caps at Mitchell's.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. H. Dinsmore of Newark was in town last Sunday.

W. S. Ryman and wife have been visiting friends at Hackensack, N. J. Samuel G. Peters and E. P. Peters of Bushkill spent a couple of days in town recently.

Albert Q. Wallace was in New York this week making purchases for the new store.

Wade Buckley and Miss Elizabeth Whitaker of Port Jervis called on friends here Wednesday.

Walter Vetterlein of Palmyra, mercantile appraiser, was in town Tuesday attending to appeals.

Charles Van Eiten of Atlantic City, N. J., recently visited his aunt, Miss Cornelia Van Eiten.

Miss Blanche Billack has returned to her home here after spending the winter in New York and Washington.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy and wife have been spending a few days this week at Depue Tarn's place in Monroe county.

Fred Wilson of New York is spending a few days' vacation with his family at the Armstrong home on High street.

L. G. Loomis and his son-in-law, Mr. Howell, of Deckerstown passed through here Wednesday bound for Shohola Falls, where they expect to spend several days fishing.

A party consisting of the Misses Bertha and May Reed, Bonnie Cross, and George Armstrong, chaperoned by Mrs. J. J. Hart, went to Shohola Falls last Monday for a two weeks' outing.

C. B. Staples, Esq., and wife, Miss Louise Yetter and Layton M. Schoch, of Stroudsburg, were guests at Hotel Fauchere over last Sunday. Mr. Staples was interested in some court matters at the session held this week.

Jervis Gordon of Port Jervis, for many years a resident of this town, visited friends here a couple of days this week. He is delighted to meet and greet his many acquaintances and feels that this is yet his real home.

Rev. Thomas Nichols with his family left town last Friday for a few weeks' vacation, part of which will be passed at Atlantic City. His many friends will hope to see him return soon completely restored to health and his wonted vigor.

Nat. C. Detrick, who has for some time been employed in the St. Cloud, New York, is in town this week, the hotel by reason of the construction of the rapid transit tunnel having closed. He expects soon to go to the Hotel Breslin on Lake Hopatcong.

Mrs. Kate McCown will go next week to attend the wedding of her cousin, Samuel Lewis Van Akin, of Lackawaxen to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Hamlin which will take place at the home of the bride's parents in West Hoboken, N. J., June 12th. While absent she will also visit her sister, Mrs. Clovis Loreaux, in Brooklyn.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Teachers' examinations for 1901 will be held as follows:

District	School House	Date
Shohola	Shohola	June 3
Lackawaxen	Lackawaxen	June 4
Dingman	Union	June 5
Milford	High School	June 7
Palmyra	Red (Pappack)	June 11
Greene	Kiptown	June 12
Big Grove No. 1 (Westbrook's)		June 13
Delaware	Cole's	June 17
Lehman	Meadow Brook	June 18
Westfall	Matamoras	June 20

Teachers desiring certificates should attend the public examinations.

All directors and others interested are cordially invited to be present at any of the examinations.

GEO. SAWYER, Supt. Pike Co. Pa.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending June 8, 1901:

Joe Walford, Domenico Digtulo, Wm. Moore.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Milford Hand Laundry.

The undersigned has opened a laundry on Centre Square Milford, Pa., in the store room formerly occupied by Geo. Danman, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the business with promptness and in a neat careful manner. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.

JOHN L. GOURLAY.

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 5, 1901. President McKinley is so concerned over Mrs. McKinley's condition, she having done little, if any, more than hold her own since she got back to Washington, that he has canceled all of his June engagements, except that to visit Harvard University commencement June 26, which is held in abeyance, he being very anxious to go there if Mrs. McKinley's health will permit. Her physicians are hopeful but admit that Mrs. McKinley is still dangerously ill, and that her failure to gain strength more rapidly is alarming.

Director Merriam of the Census Bureau has been breaking records ever since the taking of the census was started last year and the final report on population, showing the aggregate population by states and territories, density of population, center of population in its medium point, population of Hawaii and Alaska, etc., the first half of which has just been issued, and the concluding half of which will be issued in the early fall, will be four years ahead of similar reports made in any previous census.

Attorney General Knox, at the request of the Spanish Claim Commission, has rendered an opinion that claims growing out of the loss of the battleship Maine are properly claims of the United States against Spain, which means that they have no legal status, as the Treaty of Paris expressly stipulated that no claims of the United States against Spain on account of the war should be made. Such claims are still being filed, but it is probable that they had been prepared before the Attorney General had been heard from, and that the attorneys are filing them so as to be in a position to take advantage of the possibility of the opinion not being upheld by the courts, although so far as known no steps have been taken towards getting its legality passed upon.

One of the results of a published interview with the President of Venezuela, in which he reflected severely upon United States Minister Loomis, now in Europe on a vacation, for acts in which he was carrying out his instructions from Secretary Hay, is that President McKinley has decided that Mr. Loomis shall not return to Venezuela, but shall be given another diplomatic position of equal importance. The President of Venezuela will find no difference in the change as the new minister will be given precisely the same instructions that were given to Mr. Loomis. Meanwhile Mr. W. W. Russell, who is in charge of the United States Legation at Caracas, has been instructed to inform the government of Venezuela that this government endorses every official act of Minister Loomis.

Attorney General Knox is now engaged by direction of President in preparing a comprehensive opinion on all the Supreme Court Insular Decisions, showing precisely how far they go and what effect they will have upon insular relations. That opinion will be submitted to the President and Cabinet this week, and after its careful consideration it will be decided and probably officially announced what, if any, changes will be made in any branch of those relations. The opinion will also be a determining factor in the question of whether an extra session of Congress will be called.

Secretary Root's letter, instructing General Wood to inform the members of the Cuban Constitutional Convention that this government did not approve of the additions made to the Platt amendment, before its acceptance by the Convention, was a long and carefully prepared document, in the preparation of which President McKinley assisted. It impressed upon General Wood that this government does not wish to offend the Cubans, but that they must accept the Platt amendment just as it passed Congress, if they wish American authority to be withdrawn from the island; that nothing short of that will be satisfactory to this government. The Platt Amendment is plain and the attempt to interpret several of its provisions, which the Cubans added, are obscure.

BRIEF MENTION.

The legislature has voted to adjourn June 27th.

Pete Edwards has been appointed tax collector of Palmyra township.

August Bertend is just completing a new barn on his attractive place up in Dingman township.

Mr. Kuzler is building a large addition to the house on his farm on the Dingman road a mile from town.

The girls' guild of the Episcopal church are practicing for, and will give an entertainment in Brown's Hall Thursday evening, June 27th.

A letter received here states that Rev. Thos. Nichols, who left last Friday for Philadelphia, stood the journey very well and was feeling in very good spirits.

Edgar Van Eiten, formerly general superintendent of the New York Central Railroad, has been elected to the position of vice president. William Newman was elected president.

A. W. Hornbeck, who conducts a store at Dingman's Ferry two or three years ago and who has recently been located at Winwood, Wayne county, will it is said soon open a business in Matamoras.

Rev. S. Morris of Port Jervis desires us to state that he is willing to supply any church in the absence or sickness of the pastor. He is engaged nearly every Sabbath now in such work.

August Moreaux of Dingman township has recently purchased through Edward Orben a stylish carriage and a fine set of harness. He now has one of the handsomest turnouts in that section.

Mrs. George Doty of Palmyra township was recently bitten on the arm by a bug, presumably of the species known as the "kissing bug," and was so severely affected as to require the services of a physician.

Chas. B. Staples, Esq., announces that in the event of Monroe and Pike being formed into a judicial district he will, at the proper time, be a candidate for judge, and thinks he will have no opposition in Monroe.

Some quiet electioneering was done this week by reputed candidates for county offices. Presumably they were getting a finger on the popular pulse or perhaps trying to resist the ardent persuasions of many friends.

Mrs. Charles White, who for many years has been a resident of Dingman township and of late resided at Mr. Kleinstuber's, died last Friday aged about 80 years. The funeral was held Sunday and interment in the Travis burial plot.

Charles Elwell of Rowlands was run over by the cars near that place Wednesday night, May 28, and had both his legs cut off, from the effects of which he died next morning. He leaves a wife and five children in destitute circumstances.

Mrs. Eliza E. Griswold from Union church Lackawaxen, Miss M. G. Griswold from the M. E. church of Berkeley, Colorado, and J. P. Huntington from the Presbyterian church of Griswold, Kansas, united by letter with the Presbyterian church here last Sunday.

Dr. B. V. C. Dolph, who is a practicing physician at Suffern, N. Y., recently returned to his father's home in Port Jervis feeling quite unwell. A physician was called who pronounced it a genuine case of smallpox and the home and family is quarantined.

Peter Radolph Pickell, author of "Charity Buns" and the "Faith of John Hardrow," which latter work was considerably criticized, has just written a one-character story called the "Autobiography of a Sinner," which will soon begin in the *Advertiser* of Chicago, and this fall will be published in book form.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the directors of Blair Presbyterian Academy to be present at the dedication of Clinton Hall June 7 at Blairstown, N. J. An address will be delivered by Prof. Andrew F. West of Princeton. The commencement exercises of the school took place this week ending today.

Villa Seitz, on upper Water street, has received a large addition making many more spacious rooms. The grounds have been nicely arranged and laid out and the place presents a very attractive appearance. Its progressive business proprietor, Frank Seitz, has recently added a fine horse to his belongings and now appears in a style befitting his surroundings.

There are eighteen members in the graduating class at Blair Hall, N. J., this year.

The commencement exercises of the Milford schools will take place next Monday evening at the court house at 7:30.

The condition of Mrs. McKinley does not materially improve and is far from reassuring, though being an invalid she may live many years.

It would be a good idea to have the loose stones raked off the roads leading to town. This would make them much pleasanter to drive.

Part of the semi-annual returns of the assessors of births and deaths have been filed and when they are complete will be published in the *Press*.

Pory Bosler now carries a mail to the homes up Raymond's Valley going as far as Ira B. Bosler's. It is a private subscription arrangement.

Calvin L. Seymour of Matamoras was badly injured by a piece of stone or of the chisel with which he was cutting it striking him in the eye Wednesday morning. The sight may be destroyed.

E. I. Roberts, who for many years has been the Erie's general passenger agent, has tendered his resignation, to take effect July 1st. Delos V. Cooke, assistant passenger agent, has been appointed to the place.

San Jose scale has appeared in the fruit districts of the Hudson river valley and the pest is being fought by the state officers in conjunction with the growers. Fruit interests will be jeopardized if the insects are not suppressed.

George D. Horron, Christian socialist, was expelled from membership in the Congregational church at Grinnell, Iowa, Tuesday, for immoral and un-Christian conduct. He deserted his wife, secured a divorce and subsequently married a Miss Rand.

A very pretty wedding occurred in the Presbyterian church at Delaware Water Gap Monday when Miss Marguerite, daughter of J. Davis Brodhead, was united in marriage to C. Howard Tate of New York, manager of the art department of Munsey's magazine.

Rev. J. W. Lowden of the Reformed church of Dingman's will hold services at the Upper Walpack church in New Jersey next Sabbath, June 9. Services at Dingman's in the morning and at Bevens in the afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Seven inches of water fell during the 20 days it rained in May. This means seven million pounds of water to the square mile or about five and a half tons to the square acre. From this any one can easily figure the weight of water which fell on his premises during that period.

The force of men employed on the railroad from Stroudsburg to Bushkill has been largely increased and the contractors expect to have the work completed by July 1st. The next step it is said will be to build a line from Stroudsburg to Saylorsburg so as to make a direct route to Philadelphia.

Considerable interest centers on the bills now being railroaded through the legislature at Harrisburg to permit laying tracks on streets not now occupied and the bill to provide for the erection of elevated and underground railways. The idea is prevalent that they are aimed at the Johnson schemes to provide cheap fares and are in the interest of corporations and not of the people, which would seem to be a natural inference.

Two human skeletons were unearthed recently by workmen on the Erie short cut near Goshen, N. Y. They were found about 15 feet below the surface and are supposed to be the remains of Indians buried long ago. The hair found with the skulls was black and very straight. Nothing was found besides to lead to identification. It was customary to bury Indians in a sitting posture and to place with them their weapons and trinkets. The absence of these would cast some doubt on the correctness of the supposition that they were Indian skeletons.

A Terrible Explosion

"Of a gasoline stove burned a lady here frightfully," writes N. E. Palmer, of Kirkman, Ia. "The best doctors couldn't heal the running sore that followed, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve entirely cured her." Infallible for Cuts, Corns, Sores, Boils, Skin Diseases and Piles. 25c at all drug stores.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Court attendance was rather light. The decision in the case of Blooming Grove Park Association vs. Chas. Hazen gives general satisfaction.

Stephen Drake while attending court had the misfortune to lose sixty dollars. Where and how he does not know.

Here is a good one: Because one person occupies a seat in a free church another will not attend. How many heavens are there?

There will be lots of corn planted in June this year.

Our fire ladders talk strong of having a Fourth of July celebration. That's right. Let the eagle scream! What's become of the old cannon.

Pink eye shad are the go.

A mix up will cause disappointments. The Memorial day exercises were a sample. Hardly anyone knew that Brown's Hall was the place where the services were to be held, consequently the attendance was light.

Chauncey Watson has another new boss.

Miss Sarah Lambert has returned to town.

Mrs. Susie Seely has also returned. Struble took another railroad tie raft down the raging Delaware this week.

This town will be well supplied with stages after the 15 inst., when Metz Bros. will start in.

Sidewalks are not made to drive on, neither are they supposed to be blocked by three or four bicycle riders standing across the walk resting their wheels compelling pedestrians to walk in the gutter to get past.

I hope Brother Warren of Laytons will not forget his friends when he goes to Buffalo but will write one of his interesting letters to the *Press*.

A little dog is liable to cause quite a commotion if he unexpectedly takes hold of the lower extremities of a lady.

This town seems well supplied with good looking wagons. Even Findlay's stages have been newly painted.

Blairstown, N. J., has a Nail Keg association, Montague a Lairs' club, while this town has nothing but the little gathering on the corner.

Trial by Jury.

"The destructive influences of the jury system upon morals and honor are becoming more and more apparent to thinking people, and even judges are becoming disgusted with the results of jury trials," said General Von Niemand at the Cincinnati Bar Association meeting.

"In what way are juries destructive of morals and honor? Scarcely a day passes without our hearing of some miscreant who has escaped the just penalty of his wrong-doing by appealing to a sympathetic jury.

The police court shyster has used the jury for this purpose until the police court jury has become a stench in the nostrils of self-respecting people. State criminal courts have had experiences of this kind, but for years the public has retained a sort of a lingering hope that juries in the United States courts were of a higher type of men and would, by their verdicts, support that palladium of our liberties by dealing out considerate justice on lines which would encourage the highest type of honor among men.

But the destructive germ seems to have at last infected a jury of that kind, and the worst feature of its action is that it struck a blow at honor itself by destroying a principle dearer to the American heart than any written law of the land."

State Convention.

The time for holding the Republican state convention has been fixed by the state committee for Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1901, at 10:30 o'clock at Harrisburg. One person for Justice of the Supreme Court and one for State Treasurer are to be nominated. This county is entitled to one delegate.

Didn't Marry for Money.

The Boston man, who lately married a sickly rich young woman, is happy now, for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills, which restored her to perfect health. Infallible for Jaundice, Biliousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague and all Liver and Stomach troubles. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at all drug stores.

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