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The Thaw Trial. How Now?

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The great trial is going on in New York, but the whole country takes interest, and everywhere the newspapers convey information of what is going on and men form and express their judgment. It is well for the American people to feel great interest in this trial because the questions involved are of vital importance to the social fabric.

From a careful perusal of the trial as reported in the newspapers we have gleaned the following facts:

1st. Thaw murdered White. This is the first great fact of the case. The prosecution proved this beyond the shadow of doubt by direct, clear, unchallenged testimony. The defense made no attempt to deny the charge. Sometimes a murder is proven by indirect testimony, by inference from facts given, circumstantial evidence; but this murder is proven by the testimony of eye-witnesses—men who saw the shooting and heard the murderer avow his deed.

2nd. The insanity of Thaw has not been proven. The defense has introduced testimony which goes to show that the man was somewhat off; but insanity, that is, such as the law defines, has not been furnished. Thaw himself has no faith in the insanity plea. He strenuously opposed the plea until forced into it by his mother and his able attorneys. There he sits apparently as sane as any other man in the court-room. An attempt was made to prove insanity by the testimony of Dr. Wiley but Jerome drew from the witness the confession that he had never talked with the prisoner—had never given him any sort of personal examination. Furthermore, the witness was made to confess that he knew next to nothing about the modern tests of insanity. Of course, such expert testimony is ridiculous and of no effect. So we may say, and truly, that the insanity of Thaw is not proven as yet.

3rd. The young wife's testimony, even if every word of it is true, goes to prove the wickedness of White, not the insanity of his murderer. The young woman told a pathetic tale, and told it well, artistic we may say, so artistic indeed as to suggest the masterly training of an expert criminal lawyer. It may be the exact truth. The dead man is not here to contradict her odious tale; but admitting every item in the pathetic recital it only proves that White had proved himself a very wicked man—a monster in vice. We see no proof in this of the insanity of Thaw. The dead man is not on trial; it is his murderer that is being tried.

4th. The young wife has motive enough for deviating from the plain truth. Her husband's life is at stake. Nothing strange if she did color matters so as to save, if possible, her husband's life. The young woman is to be pitied. She had lived in a perilous environment. Her lapse comes natural. She was more sinned against than sinning. For some time the two men, White and Thaw, were rivals for her favors each trying to blacken the character of the other, and finally Thaw won out, and married her—married her in spite of her confession of her previous rela-

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tions with White. Her testimony is to be taken cum grano. It may all be very true, and it may be mixed up with much imaginary stuff. Anyway, true or false, it leaves the fact of murder, and the insanity of the murderer altogether untouched. Mr. Jerome was right in demanding a proof of insanity by competent direct testimony, and the court so ruled.

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"Darke County Boy" Touring the South.

Welsh, La., Feb. 5, 1907. Saturday we went to Houston, Texas, and Sunday to the washed city of Galveston. This city has now four miles of sea wall 4 feet thick at the top and 17 feet high, backed up with sand blown through 18-inch iron pipes from the sea, and in front of the wall very large granite rocks shipped from Northern Texas. I never saw such wide-open towns as Houston and Galveston. Every saloon, meat market and grocery is open on Sunday the same as through the week. Galveston reminds me of Sodom. I did not see Lot's wife, but saw the wicked dames of other nations mixing together like different colored cattle, and the jim-crow car is in evidence. Readers, don't think for a minute that Darke county is the paradise of the world. You should have seen us eating strawberry short cake and greens for dinner today. Mother Eve must have visited this country when she was driven out of Eden and scattered fig seed here, so that almost the year round the leaves are large enough for aprons. Flowers are blooming like on a June day in the north.

To my old comrades I will say that the old Confederate soldiers have nearly all gone hence and are very scarce here. There are several Yanks here. I met one the other day and he wanted to know if I was one of the old coffee coolers; I answered, "Yep, 94th O. V. I." "Good," he says. I must say I like this part of Louisiana very well, and I have been thinking of buying a nice little home of twenty acres in the south side of this little city so I can spend the long winters

here instead of shoveling snow or coal in Indiana for six long months. I have seen no ice, excepting artificial, or snow either, since I left home a month ago. We go back to New Orleans on the 9th and stop there a few days to see King Rex and hobnob with the Creoles of the Crescent City. From there we go to Nashville, Tenn., for a few days' visit on our homeward trip.

The south is a good place for some of our young farmers to come; there are lots of northern men here and all are doing quite well and do not have to spend through the winter what they make in the summer, for as soon as one crop is harvested you can prepare the ground for the next. Garden truck on tap here all the time; they eat the cabbage from one patch and in other places in the same lot some plants have just been set out, while some is half grown. And when they want a mess of potatoes the good housewife picks up the hoe and digs them any time in the year. So new potatoes are here all the time. The festive mosquito will tickle your ears with songs so familiar to August evenings in Ohio, and they're apt to succeed in getting in their bills, too.

DARKE COUNTY BOY.

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Otterbein.

James Gabbert and Mrs. Wills were called to Virginia last week on account of the death of their father. They expected to arrive home on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Joseph Shumaker is suffering with a severe attack of grippe at present.

Charles McLearn, T. L. Howell and wife, John Ozias and family called on Joe Shumaker's Sunday evening.

Lewis Westfall of Ansonia, Miss Eva Odell of Greenville, T. L. Howell and family visited Ezra Slifer and wife Sunday.

Miss Debbie Shuler, Frank Co-

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blentz and wife visited Perry Niswonger and family Sunday.

Miss Debbie Shuler spent Saturday and Sunday with Frank Coblentz and wife.

Orla Shaffner spent Sunday with Herschel Niswonger.

Charles Bussard's moved near North Star last Thursday. We regret to see them leave this neighborhood, but trust they'll get in as congenial a neighborhood as the one they left.

Jacob Geeting filled his ice house last Friday and Saturday; the church helped for the free use of ice at celebrations next summer.

Dora Hendrickson and family, John Hetzler and family visited Ezra Hetzler and family Sunday.

Benjamin Marling is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

Misses Hazel and Versa Siler spent Sunday with Thos. Broadstock and family.

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Gettysburg.

Just now an epidemic of grip seems to prevail among our people. The numerous public gatherings provided for our amusement may have caused some of the ills afflicting us.

We had a two days' session of the Farmers' Institute last week and about every person within a radius of ten miles was there, filling our Armory hall to its utmost capacity. The questions discussed were numerous and interesting, and very many good and useful things were brought out, to the edification of the hearers. Very many commendations were made, and I think the large audiences were generally satisfied with about all that was said. If the effort will have the effect of producing useful results it will be well. But if after all, every farmer shall return to the old rut and go on as before, the question may be asked, what change for the better has been brought about? Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Cyrus Bigler, President; J. H. Stoltz, Vice Pres.; William Craig, Treas. With such an efficient board of officers a career of progress and usefulness may be predicted for the future.

On last Thursday evening our young people gave an exhibition in our Town hall which seemed to have been a drawing card, and proved quite encouraging to the projectors. On Sunday afternoon last our Township S. S. Association held a convention in our Presbyterian church and had quite an encouraging congregation. Very good discussions were given on the assigned topics by Rev. Kissell, and Ed. Little of Bradford.

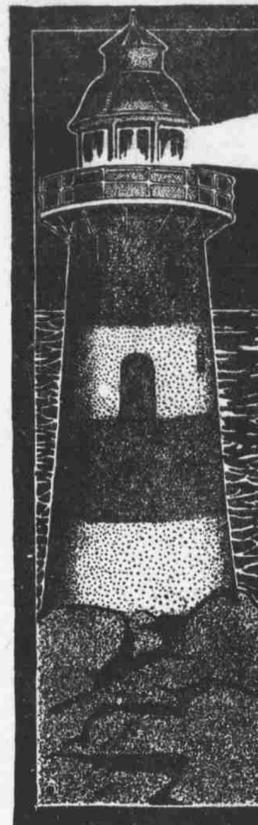
On next Thursday evening the fourth number of our High School lecture course will be given in our Armory hall. I bespeak a generous attendance and a satisfied audience.

Samuel Moul returned home last week from Ironton, where he had been employed for some time, to take a position with the D. Moul Lumber Co.

Just now we are having a large number of public sales, shaping up for the many changes to take place about March 1.

Our Masonic fraternity had a feast of good things last Thursday night and most of them went home well filled with bivalves.

Feb. 11. XOB



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COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

Inventory and appraisal filed in estate of F. L. Marchal, and order issued to sell personal property at private sale.

A. E. Hill was appointed administrator of estate of Mary E. Wolf. Bond \$600.

A. J. Reed was appointed guardian of Robert B. Reed et al. Bond \$7000. Guardian filed petition to sell real estate, also an inventory of his ward's estate.

Sale of real estate in estate of Henry S. Detling confirmed and deed ordered; petition for allowance of claim filed, which was allowed.

W. S. Rosser was appointed executor of estate of Sophia A. Koop. Bond \$60,000.

Margaret Reeser was appointed administratrix of estate of Susannah Weaver. Bond \$700.

W. H. Apple was appointed administrator, with will annexed, of estate of Jno. C. Kleinschmidt. Bond \$3000. Petition also filed to sell real estate; order of appraisal issued and filed in said estate and order of private sale issued.

Inventory filed and order granted to sell personal property at private sale in estate of Rebecca E. Hetsler.

Petition filed to sell real estate in guardianship of Ora Trace; hearing February 20 at 9 o'clock.

Report of sale of real estate and personal property at private sale filed in estate of Mac McCabe, and sale of real estate confirmed.

N. T. Irelan was appointed administrator of estate of Alfred B. Moore. Bond \$12,000.

Sarah M. Amburn was appointed administratrix of estate of Sarah Freidline. Bond \$100.

Lillian R. Booker was appointed administratrix of estate of I. N. Booker. Bond \$4000.

Sale of real estate in estate of Marilla Michael confirmed and deed ordered; also in estate of George Buckmaster.

Second account filed in guardianship of Rae and Gladys Houdeshell, and third account in guardianship of Ardie Washington et al.

Application filed to settle claim against Traction Co. in estate of Emeretta Arnold, and authority granted to settle.

W. J. Ross was appointed the guardian of Alma and Allie Wash-

ington. Bond \$6000.

Petition filed to sell real estate to pay debts in estate of Allen Stonerock. Answer of John H. Puterbaugh filed in said estate.

Last will of Amanda Rhoades was admitted to probate and record. Isaac Marker was appointed administrator, with will annexed, of said estate. Bond \$2000.

Huldah Hermeier, widow of Henry Hermeier, elected to take under the will of her late husband.

H. P. Hartzell, surviving partner of Hartzell & Booker, filed application for appointment of appraisers of partnership assets; notice waived and same granted.

Inventory filed in guardianship of Peter Fink.

Order to sell real estate at private sale issued in estate of John Petersime.

A. C. Robeson was appointed administrator of estate of Martha J. Weston. Bond \$30,000.

First account filed in estate of H. A. Kepner, and final account in Marilla Michael estate.

Petition filed to sell real estate in guardianship of Irwin L. Gibboney.

Inventory filed and order granted to sell personal property at private sale in estate of Henry Meyer.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Elmer H. McEowen, 22, farmer, Rossburg, and Sadie Guitner, 19, New Weston.

Homer Sproat, 22, farmer, and Susie Cain, 19, both of Wayne township.

Harry E. McKibben, 22, farmer, Wabash township, and Myrtle Sink, 20, Rossburg.

Henry E. Shaw, 25, laborer, and Jennie Cochran, 20, both of Union City.

Burman F. Potter, 36, merchant, Metamora, Ohio, and Isabelle H. Keyes, 23, Versailles.

John F. Carter, 23, fireman, and Myrtle Gavit, 22, both of North Star.

John H. Black, 21, laborer, and Iona Emmons, 18, both of Rossburg.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

18376—Kenneth R. Everhart, by John E. Everhart, his next friend, vs D. & U. R'y Co.; for \$10,500 as damages.

18377—I. F. Rehmer vs Ella Rue et al; for partition of real estate.

COMMON PLEAS DECISIONS.

State of Ohio ex rel. Ethel Davis vs Ward Long. Trial to jury; defendant found guilty as charged.

T. J. Norris vs John H. Martin. Trial to jury; finding in favor of plaintiff and assess the amount due him at \$343.95 with 6 per cent. interest from June 18, 1903.

O. R. Krickenberg, guardian of Sarah Shover et al. Sheriff to sell described real estate and make due return of proceeds to court. John F. Maher appointed guardian ad litem in this cause for Sylvan and William Bolen, minor defendants herein.

Peter Niswonger et al vs Commissioners of Darke county. On motion of defendant Henry Shank, Sr., Chas. Grilliott, G. A. Gavit, Mary A. Niswonger, A. Blickenstaff, J. D. Hartzell, Charles, George and Henry Shank, Jr., are made parties defendant herein.

Jennie D. Center vs Grace Rogers et al. On motion of defendant, plaintiff to give security for costs by Feb. 20.

Reuben Mills vs William Westfall. Motion for new trial overruled and former judgment for plaintiff by jury for \$862.50 to hold.

Sadie A. Young vs Charles E. Young. Divorce granted defendant and also to have custody of child.

Dottie Webster vs Lodema Gregg et al. On application, this cause is reinstated on the docket and Jovis McCary and Mable Madison made parties defendant with leave to file answer by Feb. 12.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

James Knick, Sr. to James Knick, Jr., 80 acres in Greenville township, \$4000.

James Knick, Sr. to Charles Knick, 80 acres in Greenville-tp. \$4000.

Bashaba Carpenter to Rilla C. Carpenter, small tract in German township, \$1200.

Nancy A. Stover to C. M. Stover, lot in Palestine, \$1, love and affection.

Mary A. Hunter et al to A. D. Hufford, lot in Ansonia, \$2200.

Ella D. Long to D. D. Peck, 10 acres in Adams twp., \$2050.

J. D. Detling, administrator, to Wm. and John Detling, undivided one-fourth of 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

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