

AN ECHO OF SLAVERY.

The Supreme Court Asked to Settle a Will Dispute and A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S HOBBY.

Murderer Bradford's Fate is Now in the Hands of the Jury.

GENERAL HAPPENINGS OF THE COURTS

The appeal of the plaintiff in the case of M. A. Stewart and wife against Charles Madden was argued in Supreme Court yesterday. There is an interesting story back of the suit, and an equally interesting point of law involved. Sometime prior to 1854 Dr. Charles D. Everett, Sr., a wealthy slaveholder of Albemarle county, Virginia, died, having first made his will, by which he liberated his slaves and left for their use certain money to be invested for them by his executor, Dr. Charles D. Everett, Jr.

BRADFORD'S JURY OUT.

The Defense Asks for Acquittal on the Grounds of Drunkenness—District Attorney Burleigh Attacks It and Claims the Murderer Knew What He Was Doing.

The jury is out in the case of John Bradford, tried for the murder of Henry S. Floyd. At the opening of court yesterday morning a couple of witnesses were heard. This concluded the testimony, and Thomas M. Marshall addressed the jury in behalf of the defendant. He contended that Bradford was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing.

District Attorney Burleigh for the prosecution made a strong argument for a verdict of murder in the first degree. He assailed the defense of drunkenness and said it was no excuse for crime and afforded no defense. When Floyd struck him after the first shot the blow did not knock him down. Mr. Burleigh said further: "Have things come to this in Allegheny county that a man can walk into a room and splatter a man's brains against the wall and then be acquitted? This was the most disgraceful and cowardly assassination that ever disgraced the already disgraced annals of Allegheny county." In conclusion he asked for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

THE EXECUTORS SUSTAINED.

Mrs. Risher's Exceptions Overruled by the Judge Hawkins, in the Orphans' Court yesterday, dismissed the exceptions to the account of the executors of the late John C. Risher. The question was the widow of Mr. Risher. The question involved was if she was entitled to the value of certain stocks bequeathed to her but not owned by the testator when he made his will nor after. Mr. Risher bequeathed to his wife water bonds of the city of Pittsburgh to the value of \$42,000. He also bequeathed to his son, the same amount of Pittsburgh water bonds. After several other bequests the residue of his estate went to his other children. After his death it was discovered that at the date of the will and after he only owned \$42,000 worth of Pittsburgh water bonds. Mrs. Risher signed a release of her claim on the \$42,000 worth of bonds found, giving them to her son. After this the executors made a distribution. On a second account for a distribution Mrs. Risher filed exceptions to it and claimed that she was entitled to the value of the bonds bequeathed her.

The Preliminary Injunction Refused. Judge Ewing yesterday refused to grant a preliminary injunction in the suit brought by W. G. Johnston and others against the Pittsburgh and Duquesne Traction Companies to restrain them from occupying High street. He stated that there were important questions involved that could not be determined on a preliminary hearing, and the case must go to a final hearing.

County Contracts Let. The County Commissioners yesterday awarded the following contracts: Filling approaches to Bull creek bridge, to James M. Eiler at \$750; filling a approaches to Turtle creek bridge, to George M. Greer at \$440, subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Westmoreland county; repairs to Peters creek bridge, to William Young at \$70.

Claims He Was Swindled. E. R. Thompson, Sr., yesterday entered suit against Henry Sprout & Co. to recover \$7,500, the value of 250 shares of stock in the Central Traction Company. Thompson alleges on June 4, 1892, the certificate for this stock was held by the defendant as his agent. On that date he charges, Henry Sprout fraudulently converted the stock to his own use.

A Postmaster on Trial for Theft. In the United States District Court, before Judge Buffington, Edward F. Goller is on trial for detaining letters and interfering with mails, while occupying the position of postmaster at Fort Hill, Somerset county. He had the postoffice in the corner of his grocery store, and it is alleged he appropriated the contents of registered letters.

Geis Was Acquitted. Three criminal courts were in operation yesterday, with Judge Kenneth, McCung and Porter on the benches. Before Judge Kennedy, George Geis was tried for involuntary manslaughter for the killing of James Masterson, owner of a shooting gallery at 2345 Penn avenue, on July 12. He was acquitted.

Ready for Allegheny County Cases. The Supreme Court adjourned yesterday and nothing more will be taken up until Monday. Arguments in the Allegheny county cases then begin. There are 210 cases on the argument list.

To-Day's Trial List. Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Daniel

Hartfield, August Schaefer, Thomas Hall, Bridget Hall, W. J. Londerbach, John A. Shaw, John Groenka, John Elshaker (3), Peter Hartz, Martin Clifford, Mary Clifford, L. Barkey, Benj. Thomas, Wm. Walters, Fin W. Weisner, Fred Teufel (3), Patrick Driscoll, Stephen Holman, Charles Holman, C. C. Bannoy, George E. Dorman, James Hunter, Coleman Muerkin, Martin Muerkin, Joseph Sorg, Anron Rigma, Frank E. Dean, Charles Worze, Louis Schmah, Has Alreo, Ida Styles (3), Rebecca J. Algeo.

Small Bits of Justice. An inventory of the personal property of the late John Dunlap has been filed. It shows stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc., owned by Mr. Dunlap to the value of \$474,675.

The United States District Grand Jury returned a true bill against Harry W. Keith and John H. Devora, charged with passing counterfeit money in Clearfield county. Jurors Burynovos, of the United States District Court, handed down an opinion yesterday in the case of Stewart Boer against the steamer Little Fred, dismissing the suit as the cost of the plaintiff.

The bank book of the late Thomas J. Price was filed yesterday for probate as his will. It contained a few lines leaving all his property to his wife, Mrs. Price. His mother, who filed a caveat protesting against the probate of the will.

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