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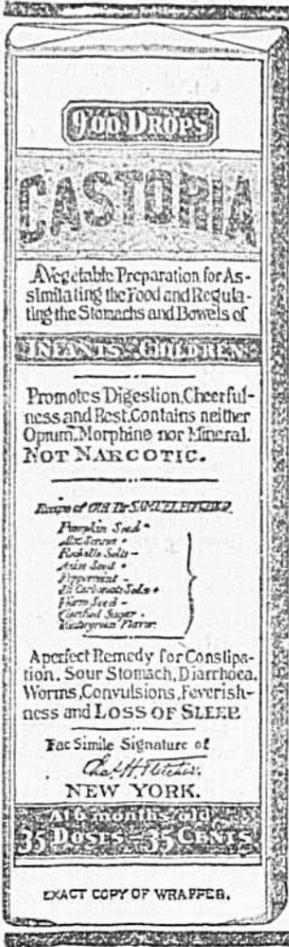
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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

### The December Term of the Criminal Court Closes.

#### ONLY TWELVE CASES ARE LEFT

For the New Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Meyer—Nearly Three Hundred Cases Decided at the Term Just Ended—January Term of this Court Begins Monday. Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners—Other Happenings at the Public Buildings.

The December term of the criminal court, Judge Huggs, came up to a close yesterday, and is chronicled as the busiest term of that tribunal yet held. At this term over 280 cases were disposed of, and Prosecutor Howard will leave office on New Year's with but twelve cases on the docket for his successor, Mr. William C. Meyer. At yesterday's session—the last—of the criminal court the following business was transacted:

State vs. Joseph Watson; misdemeanor, assault and battery; nolle prosequi.  
State vs. Clara Bradley; two cases, keeping house of prostitution; nolle prosequi.  
State vs. Thomas B. Colton; charged with illegal voting in the Eighth ward; nolle prosequi.  
State vs. Louis Schneller; misdemeanor, shaving on Sunday; demurrer overruled, and fined \$5 and costs.  
State vs. Joseph Canfield; loitering in a house of ill fame; fined \$5 and costs. The same punishment for the same offense was meted out to Lizzie Dayton, Virginia Vermont, Alice Smith and Annie Reynolds.

Court then adjourned for the term, leaving the docket clear for the new prosecutor, Mr. Meyer, with the exception of the following twelve cases:

State vs. John Junch; robbery at the Maxwell home; set for January 11.  
State vs. R. L. Lowry; forgery; set for January 15.  
State vs. James and Elizabeth Emblem; renting houses for the purposes of prostitution, fifty indictments go over awaiting the decision of the state supreme court of appeals, before which the defendants appealed one of the cases.  
The cigarette cases, involving the constitutionality of the state law regulating and licensing the sale of cigarettes, are also held over awaiting the appeal taken to the supreme court of appeals, by the American Tobacco Company (the cigarette trust).  
State vs. Julia and Martin Chisnell; renting houses for purposes of prostitution; awaiting decision of the supreme court of appeals on the Emblem case, which is identical with the Chisnell cases. There are five indictments against the Chisnells.  
State vs. John Mitchell; not found.  
State vs. William Smith; malicious assault; continued to the January term.  
State vs. Williams; keeping a house of prostitution; set for December 24, but was again postponed on account of the illness of the defendant.  
State vs. Louis Jones; accused of stealing a car load of beer; continued.  
The January term of the criminal court will convene next Monday, January 5, Judge Huggs on the bench, and Mr. William C. Meyer, the new prosecutor, at the bar. The grand jury will be formed on Monday. It is said the grand jury may bring in indictments in place of those found not perfect at the term of the criminal court just ended, including indictments against the principals and abettors connected with the Baker-Clancy "prize fight" out at Fulton last spring.

#### Mr. Richards' Appointments.

Sheriff-elect Richards, who enters office on New Year's, last night gave out the following list of appointments:

- Deputy and jailer—William McCormick, at present toll-keeper on the National road.
- Jail night watchman—Stephen Deviney.
- Chief deputy—John W. Kindelberger, at present city receiver.
- Other deputies will be appointed as the business of the office requires additional help. The present sheriff will collect all taxes now due and Sheriff Richards will have no taxes to collect until next fall.

#### Streets, Alleys and Grades.

The city council committee on streets, alleys and grades met at the city building yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and accompanied by City Solicitor Boyce and City Engineer White, proceeded to the South Side to inspect the alley that branches off Twenty-fourth street to the Red Men's cemetery, which was recently closed up by the cemetery association, under the claim that the alley was its property. City Solicitor Boyce examined the records and found that this claim was justified in fact. This was reported to the committee, and it was decided to open negotiations with the cemetery association for the purchase of the ground.  
The committee then went to Jacob street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, on the hillside, to investigate the proposition to open the street. City Solicitor Boyce and Frank Wendel were delegated by the committee to confer with Mr. Henry M. Russell, of the addition company, relative to formulating a plan for the opening of the street.  
The committee also approved grades established on several streets on the island.

#### Change of Judges.

This week one of the judges of the circuit court, Judge Campbell, will retire and will be succeeded by Judge H. C. Hervey, late of Brooke county, but now of Wheeling. Judge Hervey will open his first session of the November term of court on next Monday morning. He will be on the bench in Part I, while Judge Paul will preside in Part II.

#### County Commissioners.

The present board of county commissioners, accompanied by the members of the new board, went out to the county poor house farm, near the Grove yesterday, and inspected the institution, which was found to be in first class condition.  
Today the present board will meet in auditing session, and the final meeting will be held to-morrow morning, when the records prepared by Clerk Moffat will be signed. The new board meets for organization next Monday morning.

#### His First Fire.

The fire in the art and photographic establishment of J. H. Kirk, on Main street, just below Tenth, yesterday afternoon, was the first since Chief Kloyes came into office, and needless to say the new chief showed the fine qualifications which his friends proclaimed he possessed. The fire was not formidable and was put out by the Chemical, with little loss. It had caught from an overheated boiler.

#### An Empty Wall.

The following notice was served on W. D. Johnson, trustee of the Turner estate yesterday morning. The wall of the building lately occupied by Henry Speyer has become unsafe since the old Riverside office building was torn down, and this order follows:

"Mr. W. D. Johnson, Committee of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, Wheeling, W. Va.  
Dear Sir:—One attention having been called to the excavation at No. 1201 Main street, and the danger of the wall of the building adjoining, we to-day proceeded to the premises to view same, and having carefully examined it, in my opinion, believe the wall in its present condition to be unsafe, and which will be made further unsafe as the excavation is proceeded.  
Yours faithfully,  
C. CALDWELL, Mayor.  
CHARLES E. KLEVES, Chief of Fire Department."

## IN CLERK HOOK'S OFFICE.

#### Deeds Recorded, Marriage Licenses Issued and Other Transactions.

Yesterday in Clerk Hook's office Philip Koehert was appointed administrator of the estate of Charles W. Hess, with Henry Helmbrecht surety.  
The certificate of incorporation of the Germania Hall Association, issued by the secretary of state, was recorded. The association is formed for the purpose of cultivating the theory and art of music, of giving the musical concert, of purchasing ground and erecting a building, etc. Capital stock subscribed \$25, with privilege to increase to \$100,000. The incorporators are F. D. Froelich, Henry Schafer, Jacob Korn, Philip Koehert, A. A. Schraun and George Miller.

#### J. M. STUART ASSIGNS.

His Assets and Liabilities are Sold to be About \$1,500.  
Yesterday afternoon Mr. J. M. Stuart, who has been conducting a retail grocery business at No. 2309 Main street, South Side, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, naming Mr. T. M. Garvin as assignee. Slow collections of outstanding accounts are the cause of the failure. The assignee says the liabilities will reach \$1,500, and if the book accounts turn out at all reasonably the assets will equal that amount.

#### New Year's Entertainment.

The following is the programme for the musical literary festival to be given by the First Christian church New Year's eve:

- Piano Solo.....Miss Lydia Hamp
- Soprano Solo.....Miss Jessie Clemans
- Bernard Pero and Harry Howers
- Soprano Solo.....Violin and Piano Accompaniment.....Miss Jessie Clemans
- Miss Jessie Clemans
- Recitation.....Miss Goldie Walters
- Mandolin and Guitar.....Mr. S. Emerson
- Solo.....Messrs. Bern and Howers
- Solo.....Autograph Accompaniment.....Miss Eva Conrad
- Tenor Solo.....Mr. S. Emerson
- Recitation.....Miss Goldie Walters
- Piano Solo.....Miss Jessie Clemans
- Tenor Solo.....Mr. Wallace Smith
- Duet.....Miss Estle Rosenberg and Mrs. Sanderman
- Harjo Solo, unaccompanied.....Bernard Pero
- Tenor Solo.....Mr. Will M. Nesbitt
- Recitation.....Miss Goldie Walters
- Alto Solo.....Miss Furgeson

#### Death of Mrs. Cowgill.

Intelligence of the death of Mrs. Amanda J. Cowgill, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, has been received in Wheeling. She had been an invalid for about two years, and her death was not unexpected. She was the mother of Mrs. N. B. Scott, of this city, who, with Mr. Scott, was with her when death came on last Wednesday morning. Her body has been brought west to her old home for burial. Mrs. Scott will probably accompany Colonel Scott back to Wheeling early next month.

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