

HARMON

Had His Own Choice.

Decided That He Preferred the Penitentiary

To the State Reformatory at Mansfield.

Motion Overruled in S. A. Martin's Case.

Injunction Proceedings Filed—Court House News.

Louis Harmon, who was convicted of burglary, was brought before Judge Kohler Tuesday afternoon to be sentenced.

An unusual circumstance in connection with the affair was the fact that the prisoner was given the option, in a way of naming his own punishment.

The court told him that he would sentence him to a year's imprisonment in the penitentiary or to the Mansfield reformatory for an indefinite period. Harmon was asked to choose between the two evils. After a few moments' hesitation he said he would prefer to go to the penitentiary for one year than to the reformatory for an unknown term. The court then fixed the sentence as the prisoner had elected.

Stephen Miller, attorney for Harmon, has filed another motion for a new trial. He claims to have discovered new and important evidence. The prisoner, with Roach and Garman, was taken to Columbus today by the sheriff.

Motion to Take From Jury. The attorneys for Martin filed a motion Wednesday morning, asking that the case be taken from the jury. It was claimed that the State had failed to establish venue. The jury was excused while the arguments on the motion were being made. The court overruled the motion.

Injunction Case.

Minnie E. Kreuder, executrix of the will of Lena Kreuder, has filed a petition in court asking for an injunction against John Kreuder. She alleges that he has taken possession of chattel property belonging to the estate. Part of this has been sold and the balance is kept under lock and key. She says she is afraid to attempt to get possession as she fears bodily harm. She asks for an order restraining the defendant from holding the goods.

Foreclosure Proceedings.

John Kling has commenced an action against Edward Dreher et al. to recover \$725.70, alleged to be due on a note. He also asks for the foreclosure of a mortgage.

Marriage Licenses.

Vern R. Hempstead, Twinsburg, 24
Gertrude S. Williams, Twinsburg 21
Samuel L. Warner, Akron 30
Jessie C. Whytelaw 23
Lewis Theiss, Northampton 24
Mary Higgins, Northampton 20
Thomas Cullen, Cleveland 82
Sarah Fredericks, Akron 30

NEGRO GIANT.

Seven Feet and Eleven Inches Tall Is Thomas Brockman.

"Seven 'Leben. That's my height, and I'm the longest baby in town," answered Thomas Brockman, colored, when interrogated by several persons at noon today.

Brockman is here advertising the summer resort at Cedar Point. He is 7 feet, 11 inches tall and very slender. He will not weigh much more than 180 pounds.

Formerly at Buchtel.

Miss M. A. Bortie of Mansfield, for eight years a teacher in Buchtel college, who has been preaching for two years at Mansfield and Belleville, was in Akron Tuesday. She has never been ordained, but will be July 2 at Mansfield. Yesterday she met the committee for the examination for her ordination.

While here she was the guest of Mrs. Jennie Rood of Adolph av.

AKRON ATTORNEY.

Defendant in a Divorce Case—Allegations.

A special from Upper Sandusky says:

John E. Seiber of Akron is the defendant in a divorce suit begun yesterday by his wife, Eva B.

Gross neglect of duty, drunkenness and failure to provide are the allegations in the petition. The plaintiff is one of the belles of the town, and the filing of the petition was somewhat of a surprise.

The defendant is an attorney at Akron. The parties to the action have not lived together for some time.

Mrs. Seiber alleges that she was married to the defendant in 1888. She claims he threatened her with personal violence, saying he would shoot her. Fearing he might carry his threats into execution she left him. During their married life, Mrs. Seiber alleges, she had to earn money to support both her husband and child. She asks for the restoration of her maiden name, Eva B. Hitchcock.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Tendered Miss Mary Comfort Hollowell Tuesday Evening.

The Sunday school society of the First German Reformed church on Tuesday evening tendered a farewell reception to Miss Mary Comfort Hollowell, a returned missionary from Japan, who has been spending a few days with Akron friends. The reception was held in the basement of the church.

The room was tastily decorated with American and German flags. Quite a large number of persons were present. An informal program consisting of vocal and instrumental music was rendered. The Lady Schubert club sang several selections.

After the conclusion of the program, strawberries and cream, cake and other refreshments were served, and a good social time was enjoyed by all.

Miss Hollowell was attired in Japanese costume. She spoke a few words of appreciation of the courtesy shown her, assuring all present that their kindness would not be forgotten. Miss Hollowell left Wednesday morning for Louisville, Ky., where she will visit friends.

COMMENCEMENT

Of the Boxwell Graduates in Portage Township.

The annual commencement of the Boxwell graduates of the schools of Portage township will be held in Trinity Reformed church, North Hill, Friday evening. The graduates are: Marvin Beltz, Jennie Frederick, Ralph W. Hollinger, Claude Koplin, Nina C. Richards, Fred Sherbondy and Mary Towns.

The program will consist of essays, recitations and music. Supt. Frederick Schmees will deliver a short address. Miss Gertrude Kirwin will have charge of the vocal, and the Hawn Sisters of the instrumental music.

BADLY HURT—Sam Miller, aged 30, son of Henry Miller of Copley Road, was thrown from a high wagon at the Mill st. crossing, Wednesday morning, by one of the wheels catching on the rail and sliding. He was badly injured internally, but will recover. Dr. A. K. Fouser attended him.

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ENDORSES JUDGE GRANT.

Editor Louis Seybold gave Judge C. R. Grant the following splendid endorsement in Tuesday's edition of the Akron Germania:

Judge Grant for Justice of the Supreme Court.

It is announced through the Democratic press that Judge Grant, of Akron, is a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court. We must confess that the Democrats could not find a better man for this office, even though we cannot agree with all of his political ideas.

Judge Grant is a man of strong, honest mind and unbiased judgment, with a profound knowledge of the science of law.

Whatever may have been the cause of his leaving the Republican party and joining the Democratic ranks, it was not from a selfish motive, nor for political honors, but for the reason that, with his political convictions, he was no longer at home among Republicans. And to those convictions he gave public expression regardless of personal interests or those of others. And although his former political friends threatened to treat him as an outlaw, he went right on his own way, giving abundant evidence that he was willing to sacrifice everything for his political convictions.

Judge Grant may have been too severe in his attacks upon the Republican party; his political judgment may sound harsh in the ears of our fin-de-siecle people who adhere to the principle, "alles verstehen, alles verzeihen," and it may hurt the feelings of the party fanatic, but to the non-partisan, independent citizen he appears to be, for these very reasons, particularly qualified for the judgeship.

Judge Grant may not be what they commonly call a smart politician, but he is decidedly fit for the bench, and on account of his superior knowledge especially for the bench of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

We would recommend his election to this office whether his name was on the Republican or Democratic ticket, for we consider it a pressing duty of the people to look for incorruptible and upright men for their judges and keep political corruption out of the administration of justice.

ENTHUSIASTIC

Concerning Judge Grant's Candidacy Are His Many Friends—What They Are Saying.

Judge C. R. Grant is very well pleased with the enthusiastic manner in which his friends at Akron and cities throughout the state are receiving the announcement of his candidacy for the nomination for Supreme Judge. Many of Akron's leading Democrats have cheerfully volunteered their support and prominent members of the bar in the Western Reserve are congratulating him upon his determination to enter the race for the nomination, at the same time assuring him of their energetic support.

"An Ideal Candidate." The following communication explains itself. To the Editor: The announcement in your paper that the friends of Judge C. R. Grant have prevailed upon him to allow his name to go before the Democratic State convention as a candidate for Supreme Justice, will please every one who wishes to see the triumph of the principles of right and justice. His eminent ability, long experience and profound knowledge of the law and the constitution, coupled with a steadfast adherence to principle, an abhorrence of political trickery and a desire to have the will of the people carried out, in preference to the will of political bosses, make him an ideal candidate for the office of a judge. These qualifications are a guarantee to the people that Judge Grant, if nominated and elected, will interpret the law and the constitution as the people intended they should be, and not to meet the exigencies of any corporate or party demand. Respectfully,

O. S. SEEVERS,
Mr. Seever's, the author of the

WESTERN STAR. Mr. and Mrs. Orris Ream spent Sunday with friends near Paxton. Jesse Bachtel and Mrs. George Bachtel of Akron, were guests of Levi Nash and family, Friday.

Mrs. Orpha Serfass (nee Hollinger) visited with her parents south of town one day last week.

The Jeremiah Harter family entertained friends from Michigan and Indiana.

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CATS! CATS!

"Scat Dash the Cats"

Says an Akron Newly Married Couple.

Successful Joke Played by Their Friends.

An Advertisement Brought a Large Return.

Boys Brought the Felines by the Score.

The social crowd, of which Mr. Sam L. Warner, bookkeeper for the Klages Coal & Ice Co., and Miss Jessie C. Whytelaw, until recently corresponding clerk for the Werner Co., are members, is famous for its joking. Mr. Warner, it is said, is one of the most prominent and successful jokers in the crowd. Nothing pleased him better than to conduct a series of jokes on members of the crowd when they got married.

Not long ago a prominent young attorney was married. When he and his bride returned to their home the house was decorated with old shoes and placards galore. Such signs as "Law by the Bushel," and "Boy Wanted," were conspicuous, and sundry and various styles of dilapidated baby carriages were in evidence. The joke was enjoyed with that good nature characteristic of the crowd.

But by and by Cupid sent an arrow into Mr. Warner's heart.

When it became known that Mr. Warner and Miss Whytelaw were to be married, the members of the crowd lost no time in racking their brains for the very best jokes to be played on their leader.

"I have it," said one. "Why, Warner himself told us the very best going. It was played successfully on a Cleveland newly-married couple. It was advertised that cats were wanted at the residence of the young couple, and all their friends saw that they were supplied. Oh! it's immense! That's what we'll do"—and they did.

This want ad, in Tuesday's DEMOCRAT brought good results:

WANTED—A good cat to catch mice. Call at 114 Vine st. and bring cat with you at 9 a. m. Wednesday.

It is said that along about the hour named, certain individuals carrying mystic looking packages approached the residence and delivered their burden. When the packages were untied out would jump a cat.

By and by little boys, who read the DEMOCRAT, were seen in the neighborhood. They didn't care how they handled the cats, just so they got them. While one carried a squalling feline by the tail, another shut off the squall by grasping Thomas or Tabby, as the case might be, by the neck.

Then it was whispered to the boys that a certain young man was paying 5c. per cat were the same delivered in good order at 114 Vine st. Business began to get brisk and cat-owners in that neighborhood also began keeping an eye on their favorite cats. No unusual sight, it is said, was to see a crowd of boys and dogs after some scared feline.

But the boys were successful in landing quite a number and now there are some fine specimens in the cat corral of the yard at 114 Vine st.

It was all a huge joke, and all concerned are laughing jovially over it. Mr. Warner says his telling about the Cleveland affair was in his case "bread cast upon the waters." It returned in Wednesday mornings' joke.

Mr. Warner and Miss Whytelaw were united in marriage at the bride's home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Scoville, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The house was beautifully decorated, large wreaths of daisies being conspicuous. The newly-married couple will leave this evening on a wedding tour.

This afternoon a one-horse ice wagon was driven back and forward on Vine st. On it were signs advertising the Warner-Whytelaw marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner say they will get even with their friends in some way.

SERIOUS INJURIES—Conductor John A. Fallor, 230 Coburn st., who was badly beaten Monday evening, still remains in bed. Tuesday he bled quite freely from the wounds inflicted. His injuries are quite severe.

SURPRISE

Will Follow Report of the Committee.

Prof. R. S. Thomas Made a Partial Statement Tuesday Night.

Prof. R. S. Thomas made part of his statement to the School Board Investigating committee Tuesday night.

The work of the committee was not completed last night as was expected and undoubtedly the closing session will be held tonight. Prof. Thomas will then complete his statement.

The examination of F. G. Frese, J. Kelley and J. C. Meriam, principal of the Spicer school, was completed last night.

After tonight's meeting it will take some time before the committee will be ready to make its report. They will review the whole matter first.

More facts have been gleaned at each succeeding meeting and there is hardly any doubt about that when the committee makes its report the general public will be surprised at some of the findings.

Beware of Food Samples.

Quite recently in New York two deaths occurred from poisoning by the use of powders sent to the victims by mail. In Leavenworth, Kas., the other day nearly every doctor in town was called to attend the children who had gathered up, eaten and been ill by samples of an article left at houses by canvassers for advertising purposes.

Alum baking powders have always been favorite articles for this sampling business. Yet there is nothing more liable to lead to danger than the practice of using the various samples of baking powder left at the door. They are presented by irresponsible parties, in appearance are not distinguishable from arsenic, and indeed, in Indiana some time since one package was found, after it had caused the death of the housewife, to have been mixed with that poison.

It is safer to refuse all samples of food or medicine offered at the door. Pure cream of tartar baking powders sell upon their merits, and are never peddled or sampled.

Settling Wage Question.

The wage question between the A. & C. F. R. T. Co. and its employes is not yet settled.

No conference has as yet been held by the committee of three owing to the fact that the man selected by the employees—Wm. Graham, of the firm of Graham & Baum, is a witness on the Martin embezzlement case now being heard in court.

Mr. M. H. Howe of Cuyahoga Falls, selected by the company, declined to serve on the arbitration board.

"The rumor that he was removed because the men objected is false," said Frank E. Welton, member of the executive board of the local union, to a DEMOCRAT reporter today.

Mr. O. C. Barber has now been selected by the company. He and Mr. Graham will as soon as possible meet to select another man and the wage question will be duly settled.

Both sides have signified their intention of abiding by the decision.

Quiet at Cleveland.

The reports today from the street car strike in Cleveland were that the cars were running on the principal streets without interference. The cars are well protected by the police.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Even if It Did Spoil the Story a Little.

"My little girl," began the man with a fondly fatherly manner.

Two men among the listeners got up and went out.

"My little girl," repeated the man as he waited for the others to settle down again, when three arose and went out softly.

Only one man remained by the stove and he had a lame foot.

"My little girl," said the man for the third time in a hurt tone, but with a fine determination, "is so cute and says such unexpected things that we sometimes wonder if it is good for her to be so bright. I don't think we are at all prejudiced because she is our child, but really she is the smartest child for her age I ever saw."

The man with the lame foot nodded, as if the statement were similar to others he had heard.

"Why, do you know," continued the man, "that only this morning as she was studying her lessons, which she is slow about learning, as all bright children are, she laid aside her book with an air of having had enough of it, and turning to her mother she said, 'So, mamma, why don't children born educated?' Now what do you think of that?" And the man with a lame foot laughed right out and asked how old the child was.—Detroit Free Press.

No Visible Sign.

Redd—That fellow over there is one of the best golf players in the country. Greene—He doesn't look it.

"Why doesn't he?"

"He hasn't even got a red vest on."—Yonkers Statesman.

HIDDEN PAGE

In the Life of Brewer William J. Wright

Recalled by the Reading of His Will—Died in Akron.

A peculiar circumstance has been brought to light by the will of William J. Wright, the Pittsburg banker who died at the Hotel Buchtel in this city some time ago.

The details are given in the following special from Pittsburg:

"Two months ago William J. Wright, one of the owners of the Phoenix Brewery, died at Akron. He left a will and a \$500,000 estate. Among his bequests was brewery stock which he left 'to my daughter in Chicago.' This was the first knowledge his wife had of the existence of such daughter.

"When the executors went to look up the Chicago girl they were astounded to also find a Chicago wife. The latter claimed she was deserted by Wright, or Wm. J. Moran, which she says was his name 24 years ago. Alleging herself to be the first and lawful wife, the Chicago woman claims one-third of the estate.

"The Pittsburg wife is prostrated at the discovery of the hidden page in her husband's life."

CONFERENCE

Of the Akron District Will Be Held Here.

Dr. J. W. Hamilton of Cincinnati was the principal speaker at the Akron district M. E. conference in Akron Tuesday. Other speakers were:

Rev. W. H. Dye of West Farmington, Rev. W. D. Starkey of Kent, Rev. W. F. Wikoff of Bristolville, Salem Kile and J. C. Smith of Akron, Rev. J. K. Grimes of Bedford, Rev. J. W. Orin of Mantua. The conference requested Presiding Elder J. W. Robins be re-assigned to this district and decided to hold next meeting in Akron. Forest H. Hill of Akron, was licensed to preach.

UNIQUE INVENTION

It Will Deal Out Wholesale Death to Potato Bugs.

Through his attorneys, Messrs. Humphrey & Humphrey, of Akron, D. B. Kimberlin, of Hudson, was on Tuesday granted a patent on a rather unique invention, being a device for the extermination of potato bugs.

The device consists of a sled-like base to be drawn by a horse between the rows of potato vines. In the rear is a wheel which drags on the ground and develops motive power for two sweeps which brush the bugs off the bushes into a receptacle at the bottom, where a reciprocating roller crushes them.

Recruits for Philippines.—Wm. Ernst of Wooster, recruited at the local office for foot service in the Philippines and Robert Canfield of Cleveland for cavalry service in the Philippines, will on Thursday be taken by Capt. Tilton to Cleveland, at which place they will be assigned to regiments.

LEAN MEN'S OUTFIT.—The Lean Men's Fishing Club left for Twin lakes early Tuesday morning to spend the day angling for the festive blue gill. Those in the party were: A. Kull, Joe Bachman, Joe Bulger, Fred Koerschner, Louis Loeffler, Tony Rohner and Louis Mueller.

DOYLESTOWN.

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H. G. Younger of Columbus visited last week with his mother on High st.

Rev. Bishop Horstman of Cleveland confirmed a class of 125 last Thursday morning.

Freddie and Rosa Whitman spent Sunday with relatives at Fulton.

While Prof. E. E. Adair was driving through town Saturday afternoon his horse took fright and ran away, breaking his left arm near the elbow. Henry Gardner and wife visited at Canal Fulton Sunday.

Rev. McFarion of Connecticut will occupy the pulpit at the Catholic church during Rev. Lindsmith's absence.

PICNICS.

Akron Moulders' Union Will Give One.

Randolph Park Order Book Is Being Filled Rapidly.

A large number of picnics at Randolph park have been arranged for, and 30 more are in sight.

Saturday, June 24, will be a big day at the park. Under the auspices of the Iron Moulders' Union No. 3, a banner picnic will be held. The union asks all its friends to join with it in making the picnic a great social success.

The program of amusements for the occasion follows:

Morning—Base ball, Akron moulders vs. Barberton moulders; tug-of-war, moulders vs. machinists; races, boat race, foot race, potato race, wheelbarrow race, swimming contest and children's races. Valuable prizes for winners of each event.

Afternoon—Base ball, Akron vs. Kent, cash prize to winning team, \$50; dancing, free in afternoon and evening, silk umbrella and opal ring to best lady and gentleman waiters.

Other picnics: Old Fellows of Ellwood City, June 17; New Castle firemen and their friends, June 21; German Lutheran day, June 29; Father Elliott Society, Youngstown, July 1; Youngstown Union Iron and Steel Workers, July 3; I. M. I. Society, Rochester, July 6; Cleveland drug clerks, July 18; Ohio Paper Box Co. employes, Cleveland, July 20.

Thirty other picnics may in a short time be arranged for Randolph.

LAST LINKS.

JUNE COLLECTION.—The June collection of taxes has commenced. A large number of property owners have paid the assessments against them.

INITIATED.—Clint Pfahl, Frank Convey, Chas. A. Koch, Wm. Spahr, Chas. Crispin and John Evans were initiated at the Clerks' union meeting Tuesday evening. Three applications for membership were received. The meeting was largely attended.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of Chas. J. Gerstner will be held at his late home, 159 Grant st., Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. H. W. Blake will preach the sermon. The White Anchor Relief association will attend in a body.

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