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IN COMMON PLEAS COURT.

Some of the New Cases Filed With Clerk Davies.

Suits For Damage—To Recover on Promissory Note and a Variety of Other Actions at Law.

Petitions in the following new cases have been filed in the office of Clerk Davies within the last week:

Charles Ross has entered suit against the Village of Barnesville to recover on paving contracts to the amount of \$12,136.51.

Wm. Warnock alleges that he entered into a verbal contract with Thornton A. Roderer to cut and saw timber, and on that contract there still remains unpaid the sum of \$200.

John S. Smith brings suit against Thomas Jacobs and others, and in default of payment asks that the premises be advertised and sold under the terms of a mortgage.

For selling liquor to her husband in defiance of the proper notice given to the clerk of the township, Rose Leonard files her petition in a suit against Philip Dorsch and others, asking damages in the sum of \$300.

Fielder Rucker alleges that he has enjoyed a good reputation as a citizen of Belmont county, until Lindley Bracken averred that some one broke into his cellar, and that he (Bracken) tracked the miscreant to Rucker's door, and there used words to the presence of others, which conveyed the impression that Rucker was a thief, and guilty of the crime of burglary.

For services rendered in the performance of general housework and caring for Wm. Warnock in sickness, Jennie McKirahan brings suit against John Workman, as administrator of Wm. Warnock, dec'd., asking judgment in the sum of \$161.

Ellen J. Whittle wants a divorce from her husband, John Whittle, on account of gross negligence.

The Sheriff and Clerk of Courts on Monday, drew the Grand and Petit Juries for the Spring term of Court, beginning on February 7.

Grand Jury, to appear February 7—David Pange, Glesner; W. S. Carroll, L. Fawcett, Bellare; G. T. Ambler Mead; Mechem Moore, Wayne; E. S. Ely, Robert Hanes, Joseph Steer, Warren; Smith Branson, Thomas Kirk, Flushing, James A. Gray, Robert Coss, J. T. Ritchie, Pease; P. C. Ayers, Kirkwood, John Caldwell, Wheeling.

Petit Jurors, to appear February 8—John Shry, Wayne; J. A. Patterson, T. E. Bolon, Goshen; Geo. C. Giffen, W. E. Thomas, Pease; J. J. Murphy, A. Pummer, Warren; John Marsh, Sr., Bellare; Asbury Kirk, Flushing; T. C. Kirkland, Mead; George Ward, Kirkwood; Wm. Shepherd, Union; T. W. Armstrong, Washington; Frank Amos, Colerain; J. L. West, Somerset; John Christy, Richland.

The Tax Inquisitor. The Bellare Independent notes the fact that there is some dissatisfaction over the employment of Mr. Bowman, of New Lisbon, as tax inquisitor for two years. It is naturally to be expected that persons who have been "pinched" by the said inquisitor would not look kindly on his business, but when all men become strictly honest and return all their property to the assessor, then will there be no business for an inquisitor. Until that time let us have the inquisitor, if the Auditor neglects that branch of the business, whether he comes from the county or not. However the Independent may be right in saying that two years is a longer engagement than is necessary or proper.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage permits were issued by the Probate Judge during the week ending Tuesday: John S. Willis and Lottie L. Thompson, John Harris and Mary E. Gilham, Cassius C. Shepherd and Katie K. Ayers, Eugene L. Israel and Ella M. Landers, Wm. Hickenbottom and Rosa Street, Calvin G. Todd and Flora Anderson, Isaac F. Hatcher and Cora B. Palmer, James M. Norman and Minnie J. McElroy.

Last week's CHRONICLE mentioned the marriage of Josiah C. Merritt and Rebecca S. Frail. At a monthly meeting to be held at Plainfield on the 19th, the day will be appointed for this marriage, and it will be solemnized at the close of a meeting for worship, held by the members and invited guests. Those who have attended this place of worship will be welcome.

Institute at Flushing. The Flushing Farmers' Institute will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 25th and 26th. Flushing has held very successful Institutes in former years, and may be depended upon to present to all who attend this year another valuable and interesting program.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS.

A Few General Remarks and Familiar Reflections.

Publication of the fact that nitroglycerine has been prescribed in Mr. Blaine's alarming relapses has aroused inquiry concerning the drug, which, as such, is but little known. The use of nitroglycerine in cases of heart failure is rare indeed, probably not more than one in a thousand. Nitro-glycerine is so powerful that even the handling of it is dangerous, and the dose of it is extremely small—decided effects having been obtained from the administration of one-fourth of a drop, and in other cases a loss of consciousness and other alarming symptoms were produced by about the forty-fifth part of a drop. The reaction of this powerful chemical production causes both muscular weakness and either partial or complete unconsciousness. The use of the drug in the most infinitesimal quantities would of itself produce fatal results after continued administration for any length of time. The compounding of the pellets is a dangerous task, as the yellow liquid of nitroglycerine can only be handled where the temperature is below the freezing point, and even then only with the most extreme caution.

George Jepson tells a little story, connected with his army life, down in the southeastern part of Virginia. When the division to which he belonged, was marching along the valley, they struck an old plantation, which showed signs of prosperity in former days. There was not a man in sight about the place, but there were many women and children, all perched upon the fence and lounging about, watching the boys going by. Presently Gen. J. G. Mitchell, now located at Columbus, and his staff, accompanied by the regimental band, passed. A half-grown colored girl, standing on the top rail of the fence, began a wild sort of dance in time to the music, and the General halted and kept the band playing several lively airs, to all of which the solemn-faced young negress kept perfect time with her flying feet. When the music stopped, the General said: "The day of Jubilee am come," to which the girl responded, quick as a flash, "Return, ye rascals sinners, home." This did the General up, and he ordered the march continued.

Dr. A. H. Hewetson last week received a letter that surprised him. It came from Cambridge, and contained a check for \$25, payable to the order of the writer, and stated that the money was in payment of a bill of ten dollars, which the writer's mother-in-law had owed the present Dr. Hewetson's father for medical services. The older Dr. Hewetson died in 1855. The bill was therefore nearly forty years old, and had been forgotten by those to whom the money was due. This man must have had an exceptional mother-in-law.

Among the best anecdotes told of Ben Butler are those of his short replies to opponents. Gardieled once interrupted him, and he said, "Nil nisi mortale tuum." Sunset Cox, in a debate in Congress, once interposed some witty remark while Butler was speaking. The General instantly replied by the refrain of a popular song: "No, fly, don't bother me, utterly squelching the witty Cox.

Barnesville After It. There is quite a movement among Barnesville people and others along the line to have the Wauhatchee Valley railway extended from Coshocton through this county, following Salt Fork Creek and on via of Barnesville to interest the O. R. R. at some point on the Ohio River. It is claimed a continuous and extensive coal field will thus be opened and developed. Barnesville enthusiasts propose to offer a good bonus in cash and the right of way to procure this important result.—Cambridge Jeffersonian.

Not Enough Coal. "Everyone has been using at least twice as much coal as usual," said a dealer a few days ago. "At our mines we can not get out enough to supply the extraordinary demand. Most of our coal goes to Cleveland, where it commands a price second to but one other coal in the market. Near by points are clamorous for fuel. Last week we could send only two car loads to St. Clairsville, and if the present winter harnes on somebody is apt to go cold."

A Slow Train. A passenger train on the B. Z. & C. last week consumed two days in going from Woodsfield to Zanesville, a distance of 75 miles. First a broken rail was struck and the train left the track. It took about a day to get it back on and by that time the engine had no water in its boiler. Snow was melted, the boiler filled and the train started on. It struck snow drifts and met with other mishaps so that it arrived at Zanesville 48 hours late.

Row Over a Bonus. A row is on at Cambridge in regard to paying out a \$20,000 bonus for a new iron mill. Persons there have enjoyed the town from selling the bonds to raise the money, and much bad feeling has been engendered. From the experience of other towns in like matters, the citizens of Cambridge may some day be glad that the injunction was issued. It does not pay to get industries in that way.

Weather Lies. At Morgantown, W. Va., last week, the ice was reported to be twenty feet thick. The river was said to be frozen solid to the bottom, the snow to be thirty-six inches deep on the level, and most of the country roads to be buried under ten feet of snow.

HARRY BOROOF, on the strength of recommendation by a prominent sporting paper administered a dose of a teaspoonful of arsenic to a dog afflicted with mange. The dog will not have the mange again or any other disease.

SHORT STORIES.

Richland Township Teachers' Meeting Last Saturday.

A Brief Report of the Day's Doings—A Supposed Russian Noblemen Killed on the Railroad, Etc.

The Richland Township Teachers' meeting was held at Beech Hill School-house, on Saturday last. The attendance was small, owing to the condition of the roads and severely cold weather. Mr. T. R. McGlenn gave a talk on Arithmetic, urging the necessity of securing accuracy and rapidity of work. He gave a number of devices for shortening the work, many of which were new to the teachers present. He advised placing the dollar sign and the divisor on the right instead of the customary way. He favored the teaching of mental arithmetic. Mr. McGlenn's remarks showed him to be master of the subject of arithmetic, and were greatly enjoyed by those present. Mr. Stewart was afraid some of the methods, by differing from the textbooks, might confuse the pupils. Mr. Morgan spoke of his experience as a pupil and teacher, and advised the use of supplementary work. Mr. Hammond thought the pupils should be taught only such "short cuts" as they could understand. Discussion was further continued by Miss Nina Morgan, and Messrs. Taggart, Dixon and Porterfield.

J. O. Dixon opened the discussion on Discipline. He thought the teacher should be a model of order and discipline himself, should not ride hobbies, should use the natural punishments where any were needed, and should consider the motives of the transgressor when punishing. The discussion was continued by all present. The Superintendent returned the examination manuscripts, and expressed himself as well pleased with the results of the first examination. Messrs. Dixon and Taggart spoke in praise of the method of conducting examination and the effects upon their schools.

Adjourned to meet at Great Western in five weeks. Patrons urged to attend. The thanks of the teachers from a distance are due to Mr. Taggart for his kindness.

A Russian Noblemen. A Russian peddler was killed by a freight train at Rush Run on Thursday. He stepped out of the way of one train directly in front of another. Concerning him an exchange has the following: Concealed about his clothing was found about \$200 in greenbacks, some of it being sewed in the lining of his coat. In his pocket was an old worn pocketbook containing papers which are supposed to have been the property of the dead man. They prove that at one time he was not such an obscure man as was at first supposed. The papers and letters contained the name of Johann Louis Romanoff Satolski, and from one paper he was seen to be a Russian family, with vast estates situated near St. Petersburg, but being implicated in a nihilist plot against the Czar, the family estates had been confiscated by the State and all but two sons were banished to Siberia for life. These two sons managed through the services of a faithful servant, to escape to France and afterward to this country, where, by privation, they were driven to peddling a southeasterly. The younger brother died near Ithaca, N. Y., in June of 1886. The mangled remains were interred in a humble potter's grave near the scene of his violent death, as the paper stated that none of his family were living except those in exile.

Death of Dr. Cooke. Dr. John Cooke, died at his home in Bridgeport on Friday afternoon. Although he had been ill, his death was sudden and unexpected. A few weeks ago, while in Kansas City, he fell down a stairway and struck his elbow, inflicting a bruise which developed into erysipelas, and this disease went to his heart producing death. He was born near New Athens, and was 50 years of age. He was an ardent Democrat, and served as postmaster at Bridgeport, under Cleveland, and was again a candidate for that position. His funeral took place on Sunday. Interment at Linwood.

The Last Rites. The funeral of Samuel Geller, Sr., took place, as announced, on Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Robt. Alexander, D. D., and music was furnished by a male quartette. The attendance was large, for such unfavorable weather. G. A. R. Post, of which the deceased was a member, commanded by Colonel J. F. Charlesworth, attended in a body.

It is rare that people live to the age of Mr. and Mrs. Geller as man and wife—they having been married for over 60 years.

A Strange Persecution. Recently an item went the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that Miss Della Speakman had been killed a small fortune by J. C. Marshall of Minerva, because she bore the name of his deceased wife. The matter has been pronounced a hoax, and worse than all, is said to be one of a series of persecutions which the Speakmans have undergone for the past three years, they having received anonymous notes, had cattle poisoned, etc. It is said detectives will endeavor to clear up the case.

The St. Clairsville Institute. As before announced, Wednesday and Thursday February 15th and 16th are the dates of the Farmers' Institute to be held at this place. The program so far as completed is excellent, and the energetic management is making every effort to round it out into the most valuable and complete entertainment ever presented in this place to farmers and citizens generally.

Uncle Tom's Cabin. RUSSELL & CHRISTIE'S Uncle Tom's Cabin show is billed for the Court House Hall, next Saturday evening. They carry with them the full quota of blood hounds and doukeys, and also have an excellent band. Everybody knows what Uncle Tom's Cabin is, and the show will doubtless pack the house on Saturday night.

The Controversy Settled. The arbitrators to whom was left the adjustment of the controversy between Colonel Poorman and ex-Secretary of State Ryan in reference to the division of the \$1000 fees, on Tuesday, decided the matter by awarding Colonel Poorman three-fourths of the amount, and Secretary Ryan one-fourth.

Much Sickness. A number of our people are complaining of severe colds, and few have been troubled with pneumonia. Those that have been sick for a few days past are George Brown, Jr., Miss Emma Woodway, the children of R. P. Rose and J. F. Crossland, Mrs. Elliott and "Aunt Bob." They are all improving.

William PANCOST died at wheeling last Saturday morning, in his 79th year. He was formerly a resident of Barnesville, and lived here for a time holding one of the county official positions.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Pertinent Points About People Who Come and Go.

W. B. Gilmore went Monday to Washington, Pa., where he has accepted a position in a real estate and insurance office. Mr. Gilmore will be missed as a citizen, and by his employers here as a careful and attentive business man.

Miss Georgia Alexander, of Ravensna, O., is at home on a visit.

Miss Mary Baldwin, of Loydsville, was visiting friends here the latter part of last week.

Deputy Treasurer Kirk and wife, were at Flushing last week, at the bedside of Mr. Kirk's father, who was not expected to live. Mrs. Kirk is still at Flushing.

Chas. W. Trol went to Canton Wednesday.

Joseph Harris, of Huntingdon, W. Va., was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. A. H. Hewetson attended the funeral of Dr. Cook at Bridgeport Monday.

Those Who Received Statements. Some weeks ago we mailed statements of accounts on subscription to a large number of subscribers. Some have favored us with a remittance, but more have not. It takes money to run a newspaper, and we did not send out these statements for the mere pleasure of doing it. We hope those who received bills, but have not yet acknowledged them, will do so at once by enclosing a remittance, if not for the full amount, for a part of it. Please do not neglect this matter. Those were not favored with statements also have permission to pay up.

Killed and Injured. It appears from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission that 2,660 railroad employees were killed and 26,140 injured in railroad accidents during the year. Of these 415 were killed and 9,431 injured, while 258 were killed and 4,191 injured by falling from trains and engines. These two classes of casualties claimed the largest number of victims, which fact lends force to the recommendation of the commission that railroad companies be compelled by law to adopt train brakes and automatic couplers and to provide some safeguard against falling from moving trains.

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CALDWELL proposes to sell \$25,000 worth of bonds and devote the money to general improvement. A tin plate plant and Russia iron factory wants to locate there, but wants \$70,000 as a bonus for doing so, also the ground necessary.

CHARLES E. HUGHES, a compositor on the Wheeling Register, formerly with the CHRONICLE, was married on Thursday evening last, at Washington, Pa., to Miss Hattie McVey, of Decatur, Ill. The CHRONICLE extends congratulations.

INTERESTING SHORT BITS.

Newsp Items Gathered from Town and Country.

Pithy Paragraphs Written or Passed—A Melange Dished Up for All Readers.

There is some talk of building an Episcopal church at this place.

The merchant who desires trade all the year, advertises all the year.

REV. A. R. WILLIAMS, pastor of the Christian church of Bellaire, has tendered his resignation.

The Monday Night Club at its next meeting will discuss the life of Edgar Allen Poe, and read The Gold Bug.

The cold disarranged the light apparatus at the Presbyterian church so that no services were held Sunday evening.

Men's, women's and boys' Rubber Boots, cheap, at 1-12-2t JEPSON & PATTON'S.

An exchange states that ex-Probate Judge Thomas Cochran, formerly of this county, is engaged in business in Toronto, Canada.

ALL persons who had a dollar to invest in the World's Fair souvenir half-dollar, are now exhibiting these coins to their friends.

Come and See—A new thing in Rubber Boots; 28 different kinds of Rubber Foot wear, at F. TROTT & SONS', 10-6-1t

FRANK LYNN, formerly of Belmont, but lately of Wheeling, and well known as a saloon keeper, died on Thursday in Wheeling.

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WILL CARLTON.

A Former St. Clairsville Girl Writes Interestingly.

Of a Reception Given the Poet at Washington by the American Society of Authors.

Miss Emma Rice, a former resident of this place, now living in Washington, sends us an interesting account of a reception given recently by the American Society of Authors to the poet, Will Carlton, at Willard Hotel, Washington.

Miss Rice was the youngest guest present, and was invited to become a member of the Society of Authors, an honor of which she is justly proud. She writes as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6, 1893. I had the pleasure of attending the reception given to Mr. Will Carlton, at Willard Hotel, by "The American Society of Authors," last evening. Many people whose names are on title pages gathered to meet Mr. Carlton, who is President of the Society. The parlor was soon filled, and many political men and prominent business men were guests of the literary society. All were present to Mr. Carlton, and Mrs. M. D. Lincoln (Bessie Beach) introduced Judge H. B. Moulton, who welcomed Mr. Carlton to Washington, which he said was the literary center of the Republic, and in time would be the literary center of the world. Mr. M. M. Parker then spoke, welcoming Mr. Carlton on behalf of the business men of Washington. Many of our St. Clairsville friends will remember having met Mr. Parker at Mrs. John A. Logan's reception to the Knights a few years ago. Mr. Carlton responded, and I wish I might give the whole speech, as I was fortunate enough to take it all down in shorthand, but space will not permit. He said, "I did not expect when I came to Washington to meet so many friends, or to receive so pleasing and enthusiastic a welcome. I do not care where the literary center of the world is so long as it is in some place. But America is America. I used to wonder when I was a child whether authors were really of our kind, or whether they were an approved order of bipeds with an extra pair of legs. As I grew older and became acquainted with some of them I found that they were human, and I do not think that lessened my regard for them, and when I became an author myself and found how much an author has to contend with, my respect for them grew greater. They are having a great time in England about who is to be the next Laureate, and they gave one poor fellow a few pounds for writing a poem, and he went mad. I hope he goes to get over it, but he certainly had a very singular sensation! * * * We are living in an age of vast responsibilities, and of vast resources. An age that is doing vast work. We are living in an age that requires large bodies of men in order to accomplish anything. Organization is required. It is impossible to do the physical work which the world has to do without combinations. And so it is impossible for the authors of this country to further their undertakings without a combination." He then told of the good the Society of Authors had accomplished, and in conclusion said, "I thank you to-night friends of the American Authors' Society of Washington for this reception to me, but I do not feel that it is justly to me, I do not think that I have accomplished anything that makes it just. I feel that it is to the authors of the country."

At request of Mrs. Lincoln Mr. Carlton recited one of his poems—a sequel to "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse." After that the company descended to the dining room where a fine banquet was served.

After the last course Mrs. Lincoln announced the toast which she first was Hon. James Tanner. After a funny story he said of the guest that no word ever fell from his pen which he would have cause to regret, no line which was not for the betterment of men. Mr. W. E. Curtis answered to the question "Was Columbus an author?" in the affirmative. He referred to the sixty-four manuscripts of Columbus extant, memoirs, narratives of his voyages, etc.

A poem of greeting sent by Rev. Frederick C. Cowper of St. James' Rectory, Amesbury, Mass., was read by Miss M. F. Foster, niece of Secretary Foster of the Treasury Department. Miss Foster is an artist of great ability, and has been engaged to paint a picture for the World's Fair.

Many toasts were responded to, and at the close Mr. Carlton spoke wittily and eloquently. Among those present were Commissioner Douglas, Commissioner Lyman, Governor Fletcher, Mrs. General Pickett, wife of the famous Southern general, Elizabeth Johnson, who has lately published a book entitled "Christians in Kentucky," Mrs. Dennis, author of "That Husband of Mine," Prof. Fava, son of Baron Fava, of the Italian Minister, Baron Dr. Darabanyan, Belva Lockwood, Representative Greenleaf, Judge Ralston.

EMMA BEBEKAH RICE. Uniontown School. Report of Uniontown School for the month ending January 13, 1893: Enrollment, 46; per cent of attendance, 91; number tardy, 8; truancy, 0; cases of corporal punishment, 0; visitors, 21. The following pupils were perfect in attendance: Olive Carpenter, Mary Carpenter, Mary Grimes, Flora Grimes, Edna Huff, Grace Huff, Eva Huff, Mabel Price, Maggie Snedeker, Walter Carpenter, Ora Gilham, Calvin Grimes, Ch. Hackett, Joe Hackett, Junior Hackett, Will Hunt, Chas. Nolan, James Price, Joe Snedeker, Cloyd Workman.—21.

The interest manifested by patrons in the school is worthy of especial commendation. We hope this interest may continue to grow.

J. G. TAGGART, Teacher. HICKS isn't such a slouch at weather prediction after all.

COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS.

Relief Asked in the Way of An Increased Levy.

The County Commissioners have sought the Legislature for permission to increase the levy for the county and bridge funds, the levy at present being at its limit and resources inadequate to meet the demands of the county. The commissioners inform us that the county fund is overdrawn about \$60,000, and the bridge fund is in about the same condition. And in addition to the amount overdrawn on the bridge fund there are \$60,000 of bridge bonds outstanding. The present levy is said to be barely sufficient to meet the current demands. The total indebtedness of the county is stated to be about \$325,000. Such being true, it appears we are brought face to face with a condition which is anything but pleasant to contemplate. However, this indebtedness will have to be provided for, and if the people had any guarantee that the increase of taxation would not be perpetual, it would probably be as well to increase the levy and pay it as soon as possible. True, the amount is not so large but that the county can pay it and not seriously feel it, but the taxpayers want to have the assurance that as soon as this is paid they will not be called upon to foot another such bill for bridges and like work.

The dissatisfaction over the construction of the Putney township pikes appears to be increasing, if the matters heard about for anything, and the people are charging that they are paying for more than they are getting. The Commissioners meet in Bellaire to-day (Wednesday) to hear complaints, and it is probable some pointed questions in reference to the manner of constructing and superintending the pikes will be propounded. There have been those who have placed the charge of inattention to duty against Engineer Dawson, and that certain faculty work was allowed to pass with his knowledge. It is not improbable that an investigation will be ordered; if true, to prove the truth of the assertion; if false, in justice to the Engineer. The subject is of interest to the whole county, in that the county has to pay for the bridges and culverts. If the county has been paying a first-class work price for inferior work, the taxpayers want to know it.

Sale of Kentucky Horses. Through Dr. Estep, of Loydsville, we are informed of the sale of sixty head of the finest bred saddle horses ever offered in Kentucky. These horses are owned by John T. Woodford, of Mt. Sterling, 33 miles east of Lexington, and will be sold on February 8. All these horses are saddle bred and graded. This is a kind of horse never introduced in this county, and should be sought after by those desiring saddle horses. Dr. Estep will attend the sale with a view of purchasing Forest Denmark, or one of his sons for use in this county. If any one wants to purchase any of these horses he can do so at a fair price through Dr. Estep. Dr. Estep will take pleasure in showing you the catalogue, or it can be seen at this office and your horse selected.

Retired From the Bench. The Atchison, Kas., Champion in speaking of the retirement of Judge H. M. Eaton from the bench says: Robert M. Eaton, the retiring judge has not only the respect and confidence of the bar of the county and state, but of the people, as well. Being a young man of great energy and ability, and wide experience, he will renew the practice of his profession, with a future before him. The Champion believes, as bright as that of any man in the west. The Judge's old friends in Belmont will note with pleasure the high opinion in which he is held.

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