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CORTRIGHT CASE TAKES A SUDDEN TURN

Wayne Concrete Supply and Construction Co., and Pierce and Baker Granted Motion for Non-Suit by Court—Kreitner Bros. Case Continued to Next Term.

The case of C. A. Cortright & Son, trespass, in which they claimed \$3,000 damages from Kreitner Bros., The Wayne Concrete Supply and Construction Co., and Pierce & Baker, and which was started in the local courts here on Thursday last, came to a sudden end on Friday afternoon, when all the evidence of the plaintiff being in, the attorneys for The Wayne Concrete Supply and Construction Co., and Pierce & Baker made motions for compulsory non-suit on the ground that no evidence had been given showing the liability of the two defendants in the alleged joint action. The plaintiff was allowed to amend statement omitting two defendants and to proceed against Kreitner Bros. alone. The jury, who were out taking a recess while this was being argued, were called in and the situation explained to them. Judge S-arle told them that the case had been withdrawn. He said in part: "This is an action brought against three defendants alleging joint negligence on the part of all three, which resulted in the injury to this property. The Wayne Concrete Supply and Construction Co., had no connection with Kreitner Bros., also Pierce & Baker had no connection with them. They were under separate contract. There was no evidence to connect them with the other parties in the action. There was not a joint negligence. It was ruled to strike out the two defendants and proceed against Kreitner Bros. alone. This case now stands stricken from the record and the case against Kreitner Bros. will be taken up at some other term of court."

Nearly every one is familiar with the facts of the case but a brief summary is given for the benefit of those who do not. On the evening of October 25th of last year the building on Main street between the Lyric theatre on the north and Martin Cauffield's property on the south, suddenly collapsed. The building had just been finished and therefore it had not yet been used. This action was brought to recover damages for the loss of the building, alleging that the construction was faulty, the concrete blocks to have been of inferior quality and that the work of the masons was not proper. Many witnesses, among them several experts on building and construction work, testified to the faulty construction and many to the fact that the front wall had bulged previous to the collapse. The testimony was too lengthy to reproduce but it will be thrashed out again at the next term of court.

STROUDSBURG OPERA HOUSE SETTLED.

H. F. Weaver, of This Place, Furnishes Plans for Play House.

It will be a matter of general satisfaction among the people of this community, says the Monroe Record, to know that the matter of erection of a theatre in Stroudsburg is practically settled. A meeting of the directors of the Stroudsburg Theatre Company was held at the parlors of the Stroudsburg Industrial Club on Monday evening when they went over the entire proposition with Harry Weaver, the architect, of Honesdale, and with the brightest prospects for the building of the same.

Ever since the plans of Mr. Weaver arrived here showing to the people of the town the handsome building that he had planned there has been the widest interest in the movement and everyone has been eagerly waiting for the announcement of the fact that the structure could be erected here.

STALKER AND BRAMAN.

Stalker and Braman, June 22. The M. E. church at Stalker was dedicated June 16, 1912. Although the day was somewhat rainy, the debt of \$500 was raised. Mr. Bennett helped the ladies ring the bell of cheer. The L. A. S. had lots of dainties prepared which was served at D. M. Stalker's. The church was most beautifully decorated with potted plants, cut flowers and ferns. The district superintendent was there and preached two excellent sermons. Rev. Bowen, pastor of the church, preached in the evening. The text was "What doth it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

STALKER AND KELLAM.

Stalker and Braman. There were twenty-two present at the L. A. S. last Thursday at the home of Mrs. John Schuackenburg and was a success, socially and financially. The visitors were Mrs. Frederick Bondisle and son and Mrs. Weir of Hankins; Mrs. Hurlicoper and daughter Esther of Braman.

Word has reached us of the death of Mrs. Jessie Hathaway of Lookout after a long illness. The funeral will be Friday at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Orville Keys, Mrs. Harper Keys and two sons, Ralph and Lucien, of Milanville, and Mrs. Frances Kent, of Port Jervis, who were spending a few days with relatives here, attended the dedication of the church last Sunday.

Willie Kelly and wife visited his father, Nicholas Kelly, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawson and daughter, Maud, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lauson recently.

FRESH AIR CHILDREN COMING

Representative of New York Tribune Society Here—Clergy and Press Will Assist in Finding Homes for Children for Fortnight's Vacation.

Miss Juliette Arden, a representative of the Tribune Fresh Air Society, of New York City, was in Honesdale on Friday in the interest of the fresh air children of the Metropolis. While here Miss Arden visited the clergy and newspapers of the town. She was assured of their hearty co-operation in the matter, the papers volunteering to extensively and freely advertise what the society is doing for the unfortunate shut-in children of New York city.

Miss Arden was in Scranton last week, and was advised to come to Honesdale, friends claiming that Honesdale was an ideal place and that the people were willing here to do and help in charitable lines of work. Upon the recommendation given, Miss Arden came here. To a representative of The Citizen Miss Arden stated that she was not sorry that she came to Honesdale, that she was greeted alike by all denominations and that everybody seemed to be interested in the work she represented. Miss Arden emphasized especially the brotherly feeling existing here and Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew seemed to be united.

Miss Arden claims there are 36,000 rooms in the city of New York containing no windows and that the ordinary living apartment is 14x20 feet. As many as a family of 12 occupy these quarters. The room in many tenements is divided, the only light being what will penetrate through half a window. The children are half fed, the fathers not earning enough to support his family. Miss Arden said she has spent ten years in the slums of New York in the interest of neglected children. She claims that the people of Honesdale have a most beautiful town, in fact, Miss Arden stated, "It is one of the prettiest places I have ever visited. It is an ideal place for our fresh air children." Miss Arden's headquarters during the summer months will be in the Y. M. C. A. building, Scranton. Leslie M. Conly is general manager, Tribune building, New York City. The trustees of the fund are: Whitelaw Reid, president; Cleveland H. Dodge, Francis L. Stetson, Dr. Walter B. James, Odgen Mills, Edward L. Kossiter, secretary and treasurer; Col. Henry Woodward Sackett, counsel; Rev. John Bancroft Devins, D. D., manager.

The Tribune Fresh Air Fund Aid Society of New York City, was organized June 3, 1877, and became incorporated in December, 1888. The object of the society is to send the tenement children to the country for a fortnight, where they can enjoy fresh air, wholesome food and kind friends. Before sending the children out into the country they are thoroughly examined by physicians so that they will be free from any disease. The children come from churches, missions, kindergartens, settlements, hospitals and dispensaries. The Society's twelve homes in 1910 entertained 6,085 children; the fund sent 4,959 to farmers' families, making a total of 11,044 in all. The expenditures were \$52,229.07 and the average cost per capita, \$4.73. The society pays car fare to destination and return to the city.

It is the Society's purpose to send more children to the country. A fund of \$25,000 is needed as a memorial to Willard Parsons, founder of the Fresh Air movement. Toward that special fund the society now has \$2,500.

Following is a form of request: I give and bequeath to The Tribune Fresh Air Fund Aid Society in the City of New York the sum of \$.....

I give and bequeath to The Tribune Fresh Air Fund Society in the City of New York the following described property, (Here insert description.)

All monies received go to benefit the children. The salaries of the officers are paid by friends. An annual budget of \$50,000 is received for the fresh air fund and every dollar contributed by the public helps send a child to the country.

Longfellow beautifully writes: Come to me, O ye children! And whisper in my ear, What the birds and the winds are singing

In your sunny atmosphere, For what are all our contrivings, And the wisdom of our books, When compared with your caresses, And the gladness of your looks? Ye are better than all the ballads That were ever sung or said; For ye are living poems, And all the rest are dead.

WAYNE COUNTEANS GRADUATE FROM STATE NORMAL.

The Westchester State Normal school graduated 256 pupils at its exercises held on Wednesday last.

An excellent account of the exercises was given in the Daily Local News of West Chester.

The following positions have been secured by the Normal graduates from Wayne county for this year: Frederika C. Hoeker, Milanville, salary \$50 per month, term seven months.

Robert E. Mitchell, W. Damascus, Wayne county, has been elected Principal of the Grammar School at Lakewood, N. J., salary \$950.

Ida A. Lee, Waymart, Wayne county, will teach in Hawley, Wayne county, salary \$50 per month, term nine months.

Vera E. Bates, Siko, Wayne county, will teach in Haverford township, Delaware county, salary \$50 per month, term ten months.

GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS CITY HALL FOR NEW POSTOFFICE

Postmaster Allen Received Information to That Effect Saturday--Work To Begin At Once--City Hall No Longer a White Elephant.

THE PROJECT ADVOCATED BY THE CITIZEN

The City Hall has been accepted by the Government as a Postoffice for Honesdale, the lease dating August 1, 1912, and continuing for a period of ten years from that date with a privilege of renewing the same.

This glad news was received by Postmaster Martin B. Allen Saturday morning, the information being sent by First Assistant Postmaster General C. P. Granfield, of Washington, D. C.

The Postmaster immediately turned the letter over to Martin Cauffield, president of the Town Council, which body made the proposition to the Government, after it had been advocated by The Citizen. The letter stated that the Government would accept the Council's proposition of \$1,200 rent per year for a period of ten years, the building to be equipped with rural delivery furniture and also for a postal savings bank when necessary. The letter further stated that a representative of the Federal Government would arrive in a few days to complete arrangements for the installation of the postoffice in the City Hall.

The Citizen, amid protests from a number of merchants and individuals, advocated the location of the postoffice in the City Hall. It kept pounding at it, telling the public and taxpayers the benefits that would be derived if it were located there; how then the town would be receiving money from the building, which as it now stands is a "white elephant" on the town. We brought this to the attention of the public and as the articles continued to appear they won converts. The majority of the people finally came on our side, which, together with the postmaster, office employees, clerks, carriers and the Citizen, rejoice in the new location of the postoffice.

Work on remodeling the City Hall will begin at once as the contract with the Government calls for occupancy August 1st. The Town Council committee on making the change is composed of Councilmen W. H. Kreitner, Thomas J. Canivan and H. C. Rettew.

The part to be occupied by the Government for a Postoffice is now used by J. J. Canivan as a home, Burgess McCarty and the council. The latter will meet on the second floor after the building is occupied by the government.

President Martin Cauffield called a special meeting of the town council for Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at which time action was taken on the proposition. The council officially accepted the contract of the government, allowing \$1,200 rental per annum. The board authorized the architect, H. F. Weaver, to start at once in making the necessary changes.

Chief of Police J. J. Canivan has been notified to vacate, also Burgess McCarty, who has had his law office in the council chambers, since the Reif fire last January.

CONCERNING TAFT'S NOMINATION.

The Result at Chicago. (New York Tribune.)

The President has been renominated, after such long, bitter and demoralizing strife as the whole country hopes never to see repeated. Mr. Taft deserved a renomination by reason of the unselfish patriotism and general excellence of his administration. He deserved it especially at this time, because he has stood unflinchingly for the fundamental principles of government which are essential to the preservation of ordered liberty and the security of those least able to protect themselves. There was no one else to whom, at the close of a passionate contest in defense of those principles, the party could more hopefully turn for leadership in the difficult campaign which is before it. Had there been available a man on whom the majority of the convention could have heartily united in the confident belief that he would be stronger at the polls next November, the President would have urged that he should be chosen.

The Triumph of Right. (New York Times.)

In the nomination of Mr. Taft the Constitution triumphs, our form of government is vindicated against dangerous assaults, the courts, representative institutions, the guarantees of liberty and property and the orderly administration of law are safeguarded. President Taft's personal victory is notable and great, but he would be the first to protest that it should be held secondary to the triumph of constitutional principles and a government of laws, for that is supreme.

Give Him Fair Play. (New York Herald.)

Mr. William H. Taft, the most distinguished member of his party, one of the safest and sanest Presidents we have ever had, a Judge with a record second to none, a President with a record glowing with common sense and golden achievement, was renominated at Chicago last night.

His victory has been dearly bought, and yet it is one of the most notable and decisive in political annals. Mr. Taft's greatness in the latter days of this contest, embittered, envenomed and enlivened by his opponents, has stood out with Himalayan grandeur. This man is never so great as when he is facing trials and perplexities.

He has made some mistakes, but he has done a great many lofty and magnificent things for the people. Through his administration he has held the great business fabric steady. He deserves well at the hands of his

country. Above all things, he deserves fair play.

The President. (New York Sun.)

It is to Mr. Taft's everlasting credit that he based his campaign for renomination squarely and solidly upon the cause of constitutional government. No temptation of momentary advantage has lured him toward the border line beyond which lie political madness and national destruction. The President's adequate conception of the great principles upon which rest the permanency of our institutions and the future of the United States of America was manifested at the very beginning of this extraordinary crisis. He has never wavered in faith or wobbled in bearing.

President Taft the Standard-Bearer. (Scranton Truth.)

President Taft's nomination, as the Republican standard-bearer in this year's national campaign, was the fitting climax of the remarkable convention which terminated an exciting week's work at Chicago last Saturday night. This gratifying result is more than a personal victory for the distinguished candidate. It is the triumph of fair play and political sanity over the sinister and unworthy methods that were resorted to for the purpose of discrediting a high-minded, courageous and patriotic President, and depriving him of the recognition he had justly earned at the hands of the American people.

No fair-minded man could deny that President Taft was entitled to a re-nomination. His eminent services to the nation, as the earnest and unflinching upholder of progress at home and honorable peace with all countries, deserved the cordial endorsement of the Republican party, and an unanimous renewal of its confidence for another term.

President Taft and what he stands for are not only representative of the highest aspirations of the Republican party, but they are also in accord with the orderly and progressive spirit of the nation, along rational and constitutional lines.

Although grievously hindered by those who should have been foremost to help it, the Republican National Convention succeeded in doing a great week's work for the country. It relegated to the rear the advance agents of chaos, and it nominated a candidate and adopted a platform that deserve, and will receive, cordial popular support in this year's important campaign.

J. T. Barlow, proprietor of the Wayne Hotel, returned Monday evening from a business trip to New York City.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY CASE

May Bring Out Whether or Not a Man Will be Allowed to Carry Weapons of Defense.

On Thursday afternoon while coming home from work from the Irving Cut Glass factory Henry Cook alleges that he was attacked by one Allen Bodie near the Texas bridge and assaulted. He thereupon had a warrant issued for the arrest of Bodie charging assault and battery and the hearing took place on that evening before a justice of the peace in which Bodie was held in \$100 to appear in court, although about twenty witnesses testified that Bodie did not strike the man, and the fact that they were all union men was significant. Bodie then had a warrant issued for the arrest of Cook charging him with carrying concealed weapons. Cook also was held to court in \$200 bond. The affair, although insignificant on the face of it, presents an issue of vital importance to every liberty-loving man, whether union or non-union, and that is whether or not a man is to be allowed to earn an honest living when he has many dependents upon his earnings for their daily bread. The union is all right in its place and is the working man's armor of defense against capital, but it is going far beyond those bounds when it persists in depriving a man of working, who has no other means of support. When a man joins the union he swears never to give testimony against a fellow member, therefore when his testimony is in direct opposition to the truth, he purgers himself in that cause. The matter will be thrashed out in court and it will undoubtedly be shown that a man is justified in carrying a weapon of defense under the circumstances.

POMONA MEETING AT DYBERRY.

Pleasant Valley Grange entertained Pomona on June 7. A splendid session was enjoyed by those present and a good attendance at the meeting for this busy season of the year. It is noticed that Ledgedale grange made a nice showing in the last three months, having gained 13 new members.

Samuel Saunders read a paper on "Co-operation" as set forth by the state grange and he brought out the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed plan. He said he could understand how it might help farmers situated far from good markets but rather doubted if it would benefit farmers in a vicinity like ours with markets all around our border, such as Carbondale, Scranton, Hawley, Honesdale and even New York and other nearby towns and cities. The matter of co-operation is receiving quite a little attention in the state grange.

A. E. Sheard gave a talk about the Dairyman's League, giving the purpose of the organization; also the requirements. He wishes to have local branches added to the league in Wayne county. He is a director of the league and anyone desiring any information along this line can write to him at Milanville, Pa. Several good recitations were enjoyed that were given by Miss Alma Noble, such as "The Old Swimmin' Hole," "Watermelon Time" and "Pap's Old Sayin'"; L. S. Partridge gave a reading, entitled "Doing Your Duty"; a recitation by Mr. Leshar brought forth much applause. He said it was taken from Goodrich's History of Wayne County, and called "Bethany." Miss Millie Karslake gave a selection on the piano.

The evening session was very lively as well as instructive. The lively part was given by Mr. Jenkins and the boys. They certainly gave us some fine music which was enjoyed by everyone. The lads deserve much credit for their willingness to practice and go out together and render such good music.

A few well chosen remarks were given by E. W. Ross as he welcomed the grangers to Pleasant Valley and W. W. Baker was equal to the occasion in giving the response. Supt. J. J. Koehler gave a fine talk along the line of "Physical Education of the Child." He says that the child should receive physical training as well as mental training and thus put him or herself in a position for right living and to be fitted for different occupations. He believes that if some attention were paid to the physical training many children could retain better teeth, see better, hear better and enjoy health better than they do now. Miss Noble favored us with more recitations and readings which were very good; L. S. Partridge read a paper on "Buttermaking" and if his instructions were followed no doubt that your butter would bring 40 cents per pound; Commissioner Rockwell gave a talk on "The Land of Which George Washington Was President."

After being well entertained with music meeting closed without form. Edw. E. Kinsman, Sec'y.

COMING EVENTS.

The German Catholic club will give a picnic at Bellevue Park on July 4.

The Wayne County Poultry Association will meet at the club house on Wednesday afternoon, June 26.

The Indian Orchard Grange will hold a picnic at their grounds on July 4th, when M. E. Simons and Rev. Dr. Balta will speak in the afternoon. Dinner will be served. Dancing afternoon and evening.

Don't forget the ice cream social at the Tyler Hill parsonage on Wednesday evening, June 26.

Miss Anna McKeon is enjoying a vacation with New York relatives.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS MET MONDAY

Elect L. Fuerrth Chairman, Also Other Officers—Much Enthusiasm—Resolutions Adopted.

The Wayne County Democratic Committee held their annual meeting in the court house on Monday afternoon at which time it unanimously elected Hon. Leopold Fuerrth county chairman, Fred J. Tolley, secretary and J. W. Andrews, treasurer. About twenty-four townships in Wayne county were represented by committee men or by proxy and much enthusiasm prevailed throughout the meeting.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the candidacy of Hon. J. G. Hill for congress and also endorsing the candidacy of N. J. Spencer for representative in the state legislature. The following complimentary resolutions concerning the election of Hon. Leopold Fuerrth as chairman and Hon. C. A. McCarty as retiring chairman of the Democratic county committee were unanimously adopted:

The people of Wayne county recognize the valuable services rendered by Hon. Leopold Fuerrth while in the State Legislature. They recognize that the interests of the taxpayers were his only solicitude and that the services he rendered will not be forgotten by the people of Wayne county for many years to come.

We, the members of the Democratic County Committee, appreciate the past services of our Chairman, the Hon. Chas. A. McCarty during the time he has served us as chairman and we most cordially endorse his nomination as elector of this congressional district, and we assure him our united and cordial support.

DEMOCRATS IN SESSION AT BALTIMORE

Cardinal Gibbons Offered Invocation—Bryan Leaders Want Kern for Chairman—Parker Also Desired.

Baltimore, June 24.—Chairman Norman E. Mack called the Democratic National convention to order at 12:10 to-day. On the platform beside the chairman was seated Cardinal Gibbons, who offered invocation. Routine business then followed.

Bryan leaders have decided upon Senator John Kern, of Indiana, for temporary chairman, representing the progressives. It looks now as if William Jennings Bryan would loom up as a dark horse. It is said that the progressives will nominate him.

At 12:45 the name of Alton B. Parker was read before the convention as National committee chairman. When his name was presented great cheering prevailed and the band struck up a patriotic air.

Bryan then jumped upon the platform and opposed Parker's name. Another wild cheer rang through the hall. Bryan then made a speech in the behalf of Senator Kern as temporary chairman, telling of the latter's good qualifications, etc. At 1:30 he had finished his address.

Ben White in Serious Condition

Benjamin White, of Fortenia, is lying on a cot in the Wayne county jail with his jaw broken in two places, face badly swollen, speech gone, and more or less bruised about his body.

Ben. was going home last night and according to George Mackle, who has a warrant issued for his arrest, charging him with assault and battery, threatening to kill and burn his property, was using profane and obscene language as he passed his place. A scuffle, it is alleged, followed. Mackle afterwards telephoned for Sheriff F. C. Kimble who went to Fortenia and found White lying on the bed of his home. White was in a precarious condition and the sheriff asked him if he didn't want to come home with him, which Ben did. Sheriff Kimble bathed his wounds with camphor and cared for him best he could through the night. Early Tuesday morning Dr. H. B. Ely was called and he examined Ben. Dr. Ely told the sheriff had White been left alone all night without care he probably would have died before morning.

LOIS BITTNER INJURED.

Lakeville Man Sustains Broken Leg and Wrist And Other Injuries by Being Thrown Out of Buggy Near That Place.

Last Friday Lois Bittner of Lakeville was seriously injured so that he had to be taken to the hospital at Scranton for treatment as a result of being thrown from his buggy near that place. Bittner was driving along the road when an automobile came up and attempted to pass. The horse he was driving became frightened and reared, throwing the man out of the buggy. His injuries were a broken leg and wrist and a fractured shoulder blade. Dr. White of Lake Ariel, was called to attend the man.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Samuel G. Neil, district secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, will deliver a very interesting address, to be illustrated by over 100 magnificent views, in the Honesdale Baptist church, Sunday evening, June 30. The title of the address is "America, the World's Greatest Mission Field," telling about home mission and Sunday school work in the home land. Don't fail to attend.