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THE HOME NEWS.

J. N. COLEMAN, of Conemangh, was granted \$18 sleep damage December 11.

The show windows on our business streets are full of holiday novelties and attract much attention.

"NICK" HOFFMAN, of White township, butchered a 10-months' old pig last week which dressed 390 pounds.

Fires in Indiana come in sections of three, with but brief intervals. To the citizens we say, "be watchful."

The Directors' Association will meet in grand jury room instead of court room, owing to court being in session Institute week.

The basket ball season will be opened at Liberty Hall, Indiana, Friday week by a game between the local team and the Williamsburg club.

The Blairsville councils ask the court to appoint Couler Wiggins, Esq., burgoess to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John I. Chapman.

The Blairsville Courier indignantly denies the rumor that any drug store proprietors of that town have been illegally excused of—oh, well; let it go.

EARL FRECH, of Crookside, is suffering from a broken leg. It was fractured while chopping in the woods, Dr. John St. Clair gave the necessary medical attention.

The Cherrytree Odd Fellows will have a banquet to-morrow (Thursday) evening. There will be a great lay-out and other things to consider the next morning.

"GEORGE H. JOHNSON, Esq., informs us that he is not responsible for the statement that he would be a candidate for the assembly at the coming primary, yet he may be."—Blairsville Enterprise.

ALREADY arrangements are being made for the erection of a new church building on the site of the one burned Sunday morning. The congregation is not strong in numbers but it has courage and determination.

LET'S give our Institute visitors a warm welcome next week. Collectively they deserve it and individually they are entitled to it. Their profession is hard and trying, and the fruits of their labor are given in every home.

TOM E. HILDEBRAND'S handsome store is crowded these days. The force of salesmen has been increased, and purchasers are only delayed by their delighted examination of the many pretty things in the cases and on the shelves.

The Episcopal Church Guild women are astir, notwithstanding their recent misfortune. They will entertain the public at White's restaurant Wednesday evening, December 20, with chicken and cranberry, etc., and everybody will be welcome.

ROBERT MALCOLM, the fearless chief of police of Indiana, accompanied by his wife, stopped in town a short time before leaving for his home in the morning train this morning.—Blairsville Courier.

If the writer of that item should happen to go up against John Malcolm he would find things different.

JUDGE HARRY WHITE and First National Bank President Mr. W. J. Mitchell got between the fire hose and the burning church Sunday morning. They report the water for extinguishing as being unexpectedly cold and forceful. Mr. D. C. Mack had a similar encounter and says the unexpectedness of it was sudden.

A HARRISBURG dispatch says that Governor Stone has not appointed the judges asked for by John E. Steele in the Westmoreland county judicial case, hence the respondent, Judge Lucius W. Doty, requested a hearing before the Attorney General to meet the questions embodied in the petition of the contest. Until this shall have been had no further action will be taken in the case.

OUR Utah correspondent last week stated the distance between Utah post-office and the newly-established office at Leard, both in Green township, as one mile. It appears, says our correspondent, the distance between the two offices is two miles. The proposed Sample Run office is on the Old, not the New, State road.

CHARLES PIERCE, serving a 10-years' sentence in the Western Penitentiary for complicity in the Henry Bruner torture case, was brought here on Monday in charge of keeper James I. Mitchell. Pierce is the respondent in the Common-wealth against Daniel C. Best. Officer Mitchell is a guest of the Clawson House and a very affable gentleman.

The Lindsey Press has reorganized itself and hereafter will be known as the Paxmattawney Republican. The Republican is an ambitious journal, and will prove a formidable but not an unpleasant competitor with the Paxmattawney's two other papers, the Spirit and News. Both these two last-named journals were established to fill a "long-felt want," and the desire seems now big enough to include a third venture.

FRANCIS MURPHY, the temperance advocate, was in Johnstown Wednesday, Indiana County Prohibition Executive Committee meeting soon. License Court is not far off, Judge White will serve on the contest board in Westmoreland, the legal time for killing deer has passed, some of the women are padding here and there, and trouble of every kind may be expected if the weather don't change.

Mrs. C. A. J. SMITH, the spiritual medium, remains at Mrs. Jobe's residence, Water street, for some time. She visits the homes of people who ask for her presence. The seasons given are attracting serious consideration in many social circles, and some of the manifestations are mysterious and wonderful. Mrs. Smith apparently is in the possession of remarkable occult powers.

The pioucest line of Fancy Vests can be found at Pennington's.

WANTED—A young married man to take charge of a farm for one year. Apply to J. C. Moorhead, Indiana, Pa.

FOR SALE—Three shares Oakland Cemetery Association stock. Make me an offer. G. L. SHARRERS, 6005 Madison ave., Chicago, Ill. (11343)

A nice watch or piece of jewelry makes an excellent Christmas present, and one that will last for years. You can obtain it at Max P. Wilson's, 872 Philadelphia street, at a very reasonable price.

Extendable cord invitation to all our friends to attend our anniversary dinner at the Hotel Hamilton, at Max P. Wilson's, 872 Philadelphia street, at a very reasonable price.

"Sam" Jones Will be Here.

A rumor has gone abroad that "Sam" Jones, the world-known orator, would be unable to keep his engagement next Tuesday night in the Institute Lecture course at Liberty Hall. Mr. Jones will be here without fail, provided permission is given. He is in good health, and Superintendent Stewart has mail and telegraphic assurances that Mr. Jones will keep his appointment.

A Couple of Blairsville "Courier" Paragraphs.

We note that Judge White is to assist in presiding over the Steel-Doty contest. We congratulate His Honor upon the fact that in this affair it's somebody else that will do the sweating and have cold feet.

We will soon be called upon to bid farewell to Sheriff Neal. The worst thing we can say of him is that he's a genial gentleman and an honorable man.

Hon. H. J. Thompson is a Candidate for Re-Election.

We are authorized to announce that the Hon. H. J. Thompson, of Marion Center, will be a candidate at the next Republican primary for Assembly. The fact was previously stated in these columns that the Hon. H. J. Thompson would not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Thompson made a most efficient representative at Harrisburg last winter. He is a full-fledged and loyal Republican and, as such, recognized all over the State. His services in the last Legislature were faithful to his constituents and honorable to himself.

Big Deed Record.

Yesterday Register and Recorder Stewart received for record 66 deeds. The deeds are from various persons in Buffington, East Wheatfield, West and East of Pine townships and are made to the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company. In a few instances the deeds convey outright certain tracts of land, but they are mostly for the underlying coal. The total amount of money paid on these purchases will aggregate nearly \$200,000.

The purchases of the company named have been conducted by several parties, Judge Barker, of Ebensburg, being the leading person connected with the big deal.

It is said that it is not the intention of the Lackawanna people to begin operations for some time; and it is intimated that the land will be held for future sale to another party.

Recorder Stewart will be occupied several days in getting the deeds on record. We hope to be able to publish the details of the big purchase next week.

The Fasting of Zimmerman.

Sheriff Neal on Thursday morning purchased at the station two tickets for Pittsburg. One ticket was for a round trip, and upon this the Sheriff rode home Thursday evening. The other ticket was for Zimmerman and he is probably the last carfare Indiana or any other county will pay for him.

Thursday morning at the station there was only the usual small group of sight-seers, none of these anticipated the appearance of the saint and his aged prisoner. Zimmerman passed through the little crowd unnoticed. His best form and tottering limbs bore eloquent testimony that he had passed the palmists' allotted years. He was bright and eager. Looking westward beyond the station he saw erected on the site of the Francis Gompers barn, where he had worked fifty years ago, the spire of an Episcopal church.

A gift of the late Judge Thomas White, whose son, Judge Harry White, had, two days previous, consigned him to a living grave. What emotions this view aroused in the aged criminal is hard to serve out a term of seventeen years, is mere conjecture. His practically, life-long incarceration behind the grimy bars of the penitentiary is perhaps the best fact that can be proved. A few spectators turned away with flooded eyes as they saw the old man feebly climbing the carsteps that carried him for the last time from Indiana.

The way of the transgressor is hard. Human sympathy, thank God, also is abiding.

Mercantile Appraiser Appointed.

Mr. Lewis W. Neal, of Young township, has been appointed mercantile appraiser for the year 1900. The appointment of appraiser is made each year by the board of county commissioners. Each commissioner, by courteous agreement, is conceded one appointment during his term. The first of these named the appraiser came to Commissioner C. F. Murray, and naturally his selection is a Democrat. Mr. Neal is of that political faith, and is also otherwise creditable.

Commissioner Murray, upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility of naming the official, was considerably embarrassed. The other applicants who filed their applications with him were J. D. Martin, of Pine township; J. C. Murray, of Blairsville; Wm. Shelton, of Cherryhill; Walter Bloss, of Montgomery; Sloan Walker, of Shalocota, and J. E. Youngkins, of Indiana.

They are several good men, and Mr. Murray was perturbed in regard to his selection, as all were personal friends. He wrote the names on separate slips of paper, placed them in a hat, and in the presence of the other members of the Board requested Clerk John W. Neal to take one of the slips from the hat, and the name appearing upon it was to be the appraiser. Capt. Neal gave the hat a vigorous shake and Commissioner Stinchell another. The slip withdrawn bore the name of Lewis W. Neal. Mr. Murray would have liked to appoint the other seven, but was handicapped by being employed to report but one only. The appointment is satisfactory.

Grand Jury Presentment.

The grand jury for the December Quarter Sessions concluded its labors last Thursday. Mr. A. W. Steele, the foreman, energetically presented the business which came before the body, and in discharging the jury upon the completion of its labors the court complimented it upon the expedition and thoroughness with which it had performed its duties.

The following presentment was made to the court: The defendant, having submitted a statement of the financial condition of the county, the jury offers the following recommendation in regard to the disposition of the surplus funds: First, it being ordered that the amount of the ninth issue of county bonds, amounting to \$32,000, bearing 4-1/2 per cent. interest, matures on the first day of January, 1900, we recommend that these bonds be redeemed at a 10 per cent. discount, it appearing from the statement submitted that there will be in the county treasury at the date of the maturity of these (\$32,000) bonds about \$9,000, we recommend that the amount of \$9,000 of this amount to the payment of a portion of the bonds of that issue.

The recommendation of the grand jury above quoted is perfectly proper. It is even possible that a lower rate of interest on the debt can be obtained. The incoming board of commissioners will doubtless take whatever opportunities offer for refunding at a lower rate the outstanding obligations of the county. It is apparent that the county, financially, as well as in every other respect, Indiana county is, to use a slang phrase, "velvet," and those who own its bonds are "in the money."

The grand jury also recommended that the amount of the ninth issue of county bonds, amounting to \$32,000, bearing 4-1/2 per cent. interest, matures on the first day of January, 1900, we recommend that these bonds be redeemed at a 10 per cent. discount, it appearing from the statement submitted that there will be in the county treasury at the date of the maturity of these (\$32,000) bonds about \$9,000, we recommend that the amount of \$9,000 of this amount to the payment of a portion of the bonds of that issue.

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The Heel of Justice.

It is said that justice some times moves with leaden heels but always gets there. What follows is an illustration:

On the night of the 16th of April, 1896, a party of four men forced an entrance into the house of Henry Bruner, in Banks township. He and Matilda, his aged wife, were alone that night. Henry was then past 70 years of age. His wife was 65. They were in the habit of effect that he kept about his house a sum of money. He made a stout resistance to the masked men who came to rob, but he was overcome and he and his wife were brutally assaulted and bound with ropes. Then the robbers searched the house for valuables. One of the gang stood over the bound victims with a drawn revolver while his companions pointed in regard to the amount of money—aggregating \$65—they found, and believing that a much larger amount was secreted in the dwelling demanded of the old people its hiding place. Old Henry told them they had it, and they secured all the valuables he had, but they did not believe him. Lighted candles were pressed against his feet and he was tortured for upwards of an hour and his wife was also abused. His clothes were also abused and horrid imprecations heaped upon her. But torture could not make them reveal a secret they did not possess, and finally the desperadoes left Henry and his wife in their bound and bound state as to what would happen if an alarm was made. Nearly an hour after the departure of the thieves the Bruners succeeded in freeing themselves from the farm held for assistance. Neighbors speedily arrived and the pursuit of the robbers began. A clue as to who they were was found, and upon information made by Mr. Bruner warrants were issued for the arrest of John H. Dierkes, George Dantley, Best, Charles States and Clinton Wright and his brother Sharpe. The Pierce boys and States were arrested and tried at the following June term of court.

The jury found John Dierkes, George Dantley, Best, Charles States and Clinton Wright guilty, and a verdict against Charles Pierce, and he was sentenced for his part in the terrible crime to imprisonment in the penitentiary for ten years. He is now serving out his time.

Best fled from the neighborhood. Recently it was learned that he was working in a sawmill in Garrett county, Maryland. Last week Deputy Sheriff J. O. Smith arrested him and he is now in jail and will be tried for the crime charged against him at the March term.

The incidents attending Best's arrest were interesting. He was on the look-out, and was keenly alive to the fact that he was being hunted for the crime it is alleged he had committed. To some of his fellow-workmen he had made known the fact that he was charged with the Bruner crime and they agreed to assist in protecting him. He was warned by an officer should appear. Officer Neal secured the assistance of a former deputy sheriff of Garrett county.

When Neal drew near the mill he saw a distance a man who bore Best's description, and he approached him. The man quickened his pace along a tramway leading into the woods. Mr. Neal was armed with a Winchester and when the man commanded Best to halt the latter broke into a run. But not at the moment when Neal was about to fire Brown sprang from his concealment in the brush and immediately in front of Best. He had a bull-dog revolver in his hand and when Best looked into his loaded chambers, not more than two yards distant, and then, glancing over his shoulder, saw "Joe" with his Winchester in position to fire, he threw up his hands and begged for mercy. He was brought here Thursday night, and if nothing happens will be tried as stated.

The Wrights are under bond, and it is doubtful if evidence sufficient can be obtained to secure their conviction. It alleged, however, that Best can hardly hope to escape. Should he be convicted of the offense he is charged with he will likely receive a sentence in the penitentiary, who will be brought to Blairsville as a witness against him.

Church Notes.

Rev. D. M. Kinter will speak Lord's day morning in the Christian's Inheritance, and in the evening on the Three Kingdoms—Nature, Grace and Glory." Don't fail to hear him.

A Social Event.

"Twenty-five of our young men," (says one of them), "will pay their moral debts in Liberty Hall on Thursday night, December 14th. There will be city music, elegant decorations, etc."

Telephone to Johnstown, Etc.

Telephone connection is now established between Indiana and Johnstown. The Johnstown exchange has over 1,000 subscribers and its co-operating lines reach Whitford, New Florence, Nineveh, Cresson, Afton, Somerset and pretty nearly to the National capital.

Wires connecting Johnstown with Indiana are in splendid condition and talk over them is as distinct as from this place to the nearest connecting station. The way of the transgressor is hard. Human sympathy, thank God, also is abiding.

Will Probated.

The will of Dr. Robert McChesney was filed December 7, 1899. The following bequests are made: To his daughter, Mary E. McChesney, 10 shares of the capital stock of First National Bank of Indiana; to his son, William A., 15 shares of the same stock; also the deceased's farm, dwelling house, several instruments and all other real estate. The household furniture is left to Mary E. McChesney, who also holds eight thousand dollars each which she has provided share and share alike between her and William McChesney. William McChesney is appointed executor. The will is dated November 23, 1899, and is witnessed by W. J. Wilson and J. N. Banks.

Congressional Doings.

Representative Jack, of Indiana, has recommended S. E. Jobe for the postmaster at Crete, Indiana county, and Benjamin C. Reitz, at Pansy, Jefferson county; Miss Linn C. Webster, for post-mistress at Muncie, same county.

Michael J. Dierkes, former postmaster at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county; S. H. Grimm, at Olivet, same county; William H. Helm, at Worthington, same county; James A. Sumner, at Westfield, Adams county; and Z. H. Friz, Youngstown, same county.

Mr. Jack has secured an increase of salary for William McCandless, clerk in the post office at Greensburg, Indiana county, gets an increase of pension to \$12 a month from May 15, 1895; John K. Myers, of Homer City, gets an increase to \$10 a month from July 30, 1895; W. W. Atkinson, of Brumleyville, Adams county, gets an increase of \$2 a month from October 4, 1899.

The Congressional Record states that Mr. Jack, last week, introduced the following special bill: To pension Peter J. Spokoiny, a pensioner, Agnes Cook, David Davis, Margaret E. Fox and Susan Cobb; to increase the pension of Charles W. Hoffman, Franklin Eckonrode and John A. M. Seitz; to give the military records of George H. Warren, of Westfield, Adams county; Aaron Loughner, of Latrobe.

Mr. Jack has also presented a bill to increase the pension of Capt. Henry J. Smith, of this place, to \$40 per month. The pension is nearly 100 per cent, and entirely dependent upon this year's crop. The bill was passed by the House on Thursday, December 11, 1899.

The Case of a Horse Thief.

Peter Zimmerman, the aged horse thief, was tried in Indiana county this week. When brought before the court his plea was guilty, and he suggested to the court that to hang him would be the best thing for the State. His attorney made a plea for mercy, and Zimmerman confessed that if he were liberated he would probably steal another horse before he was out of jail. He was given a sentence of 17 years to the penitentiary, which he will never live to serve out, for he is now 75 years old.

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In re: The Fasting of David F. Smith.

SECOND CHAPTER.

Filed in the Prothonotary's office last Thursday morning was the petition of Frank McAnulty for the liquor license hitherto granted to, and held by David F. Smith, "then and there" a citizen of the borough of Cherrytree.

Mr. McAnulty was former postmaster at Barnesboro, Cambria county. The town is located a mile or so distant from Cherrytree in the neighborhood of the county. Access to this busy borough is gained over a branch of the P. R. R., extending from Ebensburg and from Indiana county across a tumbling stream known as Blacklick creek. The matters, as the court will observe, are mentioned incidentally.

Mr. McAnulty was the postmaster at Barnesboro. He carried on a store, and the office of the liquor license. The postmaster was required by the local authorities to give bond when he assumed the office. The bond required, it is alleged, was \$10,000. The qualified bondsmen, it is also said, were "Deer" E. Nolley and M. G. Westover. Nolley at the time he became bondsman for Postmaster McAnulty was in the hotel business and operating one part of it at a house kept by Judge Barker, at Ebensburg. Mr. Nolley, the postmaster's bondsman, is a wholesale liquor dealer.

During a portion of the time Mr. McAnulty held the postmastership, he had employed as a clerk the postmaster named Donahue. There occurred during this joint administration of Uncle Sam's postoffice at Barnesboro a shortage of \$4,000 and more. The postmaster Smith, it is alleged, was the perpetrator of the loss. He was arrested, and McAnulty's bondsman, Westover and Nolley, made good in some way the money losses so incurred. Mr. Nolley, the postmaster and assistant Donahue are at liberty.

The Indiana County Deposit Bank, the principal shareholder being Judge Barker, Westover, alleges that the Cherrytree hotel proprietor, the postmaster David F. Smith, was dispossessed under the circumstances related in these columns last week, recognizing the property as deadwood, seems to have conveyed an interest in it to Westover, above-named, who seeks to revivify it by having its profitable license privileges transferred from the passing David F. Smith to the alert Frank McAnulty.

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