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The Docket Called and Thirteen Cases Disposed of this Morning.

The criminal docket in Probate Court was called this morning and thirteen cases were disposed of, as follows:

State of Ohio vs. Frank Straub and Edward Warne—Cruelty and torturing animals. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. Nathan Batterson—exhibiting gambling devices. Dropped from the docket during defendant's residence at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton.

State of Ohio vs. William Gandert and Adam Ewalt—disturbing a religious assembly. Dismissed.

State of Ohio vs. James E. Reeves—committing a breach of the peace. Passed.

State of Ohio vs. J. P. Walker—petit larceny. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. W. B. Inscow—selling whiskey on Sunday. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. Mrs. Joe Thompson—assault. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. W. B. Inscow—permitting gambling on his premises. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. Wm. O. Wiles—assault with intent to beat and wound. Dismissed.

State of Ohio vs. R. T. Kennedy—keeping drug store without being legally qualified by State Board of Pharmacy. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. Ben. Cline—petit larceny. Dismissed, as case had been disposed of in Court of Common Pleas.

State of Ohio vs. Paul B. Baird—obtaining money by false pretenses. Continued.

State of Ohio vs. Ephraim Hill—assault and battery. Continued.

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A CHECKERED CAREER

Has Otto Fink, the Professional Horse Thief.

A dispatch from Wabash, Ind., in yesterday's Cincinnati Enquirer states that Otto Fink, who is in jail here on the charge of stealing J. C. Laser's horse, will come under the habitual criminal act if found guilty of the present charge, having already served two terms in the penitentiary. Fink has a checkered career. For years he was accustomed to make raids over the Ohio line and come back with big strings of stolen horses, which he sold in this and adjoining counties.

Eight years ago he was charged with poisoning a man named Bush, whose widow he afterward married. So intense was the feeling over the matter that Bush's remains were exhumed at the demand of the neighbors, and a chemical analysis of the stomach disclosed the presence of a large quantity of arsenic. The grand jury wrestled with the case for several days, but there was not sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment.

1/10/1894 In Justices' Courts.

In Justice Smith's court Daum & Boebel have commenced action against Efflo Proctor to recover \$187.50, due for labor. Tracy, Avery & Co. have sued Garfield G. Bennett for \$59.13, due on account.

In Squire Endly's court Harry Saiter has commenced action against Hezekiah Cater to recover \$35, due on a note.

CASTNER CASTIGATED.

He Pays a Fine for Drunkenness—Other Police News.

The crowd which gathered in the Police Court room last night was something immense. They jammed and crowded one another to such an extent that when they left there remained behind a broken railing and a bench which will have to go to the workshop for repairs. The cause of the great gathering was the hearing of Arthur Castner, who was arrested Monday evening by Officer Hayes for intimidating the Misses Kate and Clara Fitger. Last evening, however, he was only required to answer to the charge of drunkenness. The Misses Fitger and Ed. Myers were placed on the witness stand and although they testified that Castner was not drunk, Mayor Black assessed him \$14.35, which he paid. Castner will have his hearing for disorderly conduct Tuesday evening.

William Linn and Elias Kistler were also arraigned upon the charge of reckless driving upon the public streets. After several witnesses were examined the accused were discharged.

In Police Court this morning Isaac Carter swore out a search warrant, which Marshal O'Donnel and Officer David Goodman served on Charles Moorehouse, who lives near Alta. Carter had a set of double harness and a set of single harness stolen on Jan. 3rd and believes that his neighbor has the same concealed upon his premises.

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CROOKED CLARK.

A CLEVER SWINDLER WORKS THE LOCAL POSTOFFICE.

W. H. Clark, Who Has Been "Doing" the Postoffices All Over the Country, Touches Our Letter Foundry for \$200.

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The officials of the local postoffice have been feeling pretty blue for the past few days over two money orders they cashed for one W. H. Clark, who turns out to be a clever swindler. One week ago today Clark called at the general delivery window and received a letter which he opened and then asked for the money order office.

Here he presented two money orders for \$100 each, regularly signed and across each was written by the officials at Norton Heights, Conn., "Identification of payee waived by the remitter." Advices had previously been received in official envelopes by the local officials, which were indorsed in the same way, so no hesitancy was shown in paying over the money. Clark was a large man, and weighed about 250 pounds and walked with a limp.

The next afternoon, Wednesday, notice came from the department at Washington that thirty money orders had been stolen from Norton Heights, Conn., but it came too late, as Clark had already departed for pastures new. The fellow went from here to Lima, and telegrams state that he also visited a number of cities in Indiana and Illinois and is working westward. He is supposed to be ex-Inspector Laird, of Georgia.

1/15/1894 Common Pleas Decisions.

Judge Wolfe handed down the following decisions in the several cases this morning:

Marilla Andrews vs. the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company: The jury returned a verdict of \$45 damages for a cow killed by a locomotive. Verdict set aside and a new trial ordered.

J. S. Trimble vs. Au and Hershy: The action was to recover on an appeal bond of \$50 issued by a Justice of the Peace. Judgment was awarded in Common Pleas Court in the sum of \$101 covering the face of the bond and the costs of the proceedings. The demurrer to the petition was overruled. In the case of J. P. Seward vs. The Platt Carriage company, George Brinkerhoff was appointed referee.

A Wife's Good Scheme.

A well known traveling man who resides in the north part of the city came home from a trip Tuesday morning last heavily laden with tangle-foot. His wife put him to bed and then put all of his clothes together and took them to a neighbor's for safe keeping. When the salesman became sober he got up and hunted for a suit of clothes. His wife told him he would have to stay at home all week and had better go back to bed. After scolding and making all sorts of threats he did as he was told. Last Saturday noon his wife took his clothes to him, after he had promised to never get over-loaded again.

FALSE REPRESENTATION

Is the Charge Preferred Against Ezra Fairbanks in Police Court.

Ezra Fairbanks was arrested last night upon a warrant sworn out by W. B. Hall, the liveryman, charging him with procuring a rig from him by false representation. Fairbanks called at the stable about noon Sunday and hired a rig to drive to Petersburg, claiming that J. C. Laser would stand good for it.

Fairbanks drove to Petersburg and then to the lake, where he was joined by a woman, and returned to the village. The authorities notified Mr. Hall and he immediately drove to Ashland, where, about 9:30 last night, Fairbanks showed up. He left his companion in a disreputable house and was putting the rig in a livery stable when arrested. Mr. Hall brought him to this city and he was locked up. In Police Court this morning he pleaded not guilty and his hearing was set for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

William Rankin and his companion, Maud St. Clair, alias "Mrs. Lawrence," who were arrested early Sunday morning for drunkenness, had their hearings set for 7 o'clock this evening.

Grand Jurors. 1/13/1894

The following are the special grand jurors, drawn yesterday, who will convene Jan. 17th: Henry Armstrong, George Kling, James L. Birch, John Burdette, E. J. Hout, Henry Huber, Charles Saltzger, Christy Marks, Nelson Kidney, John Gurlach, Wade Sunday, W. O. Parsons, Charles Downs, George Massa, John Hoffman.