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CONVICT EVILDOERS BEFORE JUDGE HIGBEE

STATE WINS IMPORTANT CRIMINAL CASES.

Hotel Manager Found Guilty of Purchasing Stolen Cigars—Feud Started Years Ago In Old Country Reopened By Italians.

Important convictions were secured for the State this week in Criminal Court by Assistant Prosecutor Eugene Schwinghammer. Judge E. A. Higbee, including one against a hotel manager for buying stolen goods and one against an Italian who reopened an old feud and attempted to kill a countryman. The Criminal Court docket is being rapidly cleared and only a small portion remains to be tried.

Frank Majane, manager of Majane's Hotel, Atlantic City, was convicted Thursday of receiving a quantity of stolen cigars knowing them to have been stolen. The case was one of the longest held this term, taking up the entire day's session, reaching the jury at four o'clock. Majane's defense consisted of having purchased a quantity of cigars from Justin Rebola, a young man of twenty who prior to this trial pleaded guilty to stealing the goods. The State alleged that Majane bought them at "cut rates" because Rebola came by them unlawfully. The defendant denied that he purchased the cigars and sold the colored bartender bought them from Rebola, denying any knowledge of how Rebola secured these.

A feud that started in Italy and ended in the shooting of one of the principals when they met in Atlantic City was the means of convicting James Schirru in Criminal Court Tuesday last, when he was tried on the charge of attempting to kill Joseph Orvedo. The men had been enemies in Italy and for years had not seen each other. Meeting at the home of a mutual friend in Atlantic City, they renewed their quarrel and Schirru shot Orvedo through the shoulder. He escaped, but was pursued and captured after an exciting chase. The defense attempted to show that "third degree" methods were used by the police in extorting a confession, but this the defendant bluntly disproved on the stand. Schirru said he shot because he was afraid Orvedo was going to attack him.

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In the Churches.

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OCEAN CITY WANTS CUT-OFF. Board of Trade Willing To Back Enterprise Financially.

That the business men of Ocean City are anxious to have the proposed railroad cut-off from May's Landing to Somers Point, and are determined to secure it at all within the range of energetic effort, was shown by their action and the tremendous enthusiasm shown at the Board of Trade meeting last Friday evening, says the "Ocean City Sentinel."

The Board put itself on record as demanding as quickly as possible the construction of this road, by which a high-speed service between Philadelphia and Ocean City can be put into effect for the coming season. So determined was the sentiment expressed that the Board of Trade members unanimously adopted resolutions obligating themselves to guarantee the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Company against any loss in the building and operation of this direct line. Several subscriptions of \$500 each were offered covering this fund.

A committee was appointed to confer with the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Company to make known the Board's desire and willingness, with full authority to enter into any reasonable compact to secure the immediate building of the cut-off. This committee, appointed by President Stevens, comprises R. W. Edwards, Mayor Headley, Clayton J. Breck, Commodore William E. Baxemar, Joseph G. Chapman, William E. Massey and H. D. Letato. It was further agreed that in the event of the refusal of the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad to build the cut-off, the Board of Trade would give the same support, if necessary, finance the Shore Fast Line's extension to May's Landing.

The distance between Philadelphia and Ocean City, by way of the May's Landing cut-off, will be three miles less than the distance between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. The cars would go through from Somers Point to Ocean City by way of the Shore Fast Line's tracks over the bridge, and the journey could easily be made in 75 minutes.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Edwin Scott, of Ridley, was a visitor Wednesday last.

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Keep in mind the Lieberkraut Mask Ball Monday evening in the Opera House.

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FIVE SENT TO TRENTON.

Judge Higbee Imposes Indeterminate State-Prison Sentences In Accordance With New Law—Others Go to County Jail.

Five convicts convicted during the January Term of Criminal Court were arraigned for sentence Tuesday last and sent to the State Prison in Trenton for indeterminate terms, in accordance with the new law governing commitments to that institution. Judge E. A. Higbee sent seven prisoners to the County Jail, one to the State Reformatory and extended mercy where deserved. The prisoner arraigned for sentence with the punishment fixed by the Court were as follows:

John Vicinus, 74 years old, had a growth taken from his eyelid last Sunday which restored his sight. He had not been able to see with this eye for more than 30 years. Dr. W. J. Dubler performed the delicate operation and Mr. Vicinus is now able to use the eye as well in his younger days.

A barn belonging to Mr. Fontenelle near this place was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning. A horse and a cow perished in the flames.

Mrs. James Billings, who recently underwent a serious operation, is improving.

The degree of Pocohontas of this town has taken new life and at almost every meeting new members are taken in or old members reinstated.

Clarke Hoover, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., spent last Sunday with Belcher and Will Crowell.

Will Crowell, Laurence Rowell and Frank Scott have purchased new twin-cylinder motorcycles.

Mrs. Mary Norton gave the members of the Junior Epworth League a social last Monday evening.

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