COURT AT CANTON.

A Continuation of Troubles Brought Before Judge Hale's Tribunal.

Tuesday morning the first case ready in Circuit Court was entitled Anna M. Oliver vs. Benjamin Edgar, and the lawyers told it would be very brief. The case grew out of a dispute over the removal of a fence by the defendant for the plaintiff. The house was in the edge of the village of Waddington, and she desired it placed on a lot more centrally located where she could get better rent. A dispute arising about payment this action was brought to recover damages for the alleged unskillful operations of the defendant in performing his contract. It is claimed that he had low work tackle and did not have as many hands when getting it across. That a chain broke and the house slid back and slopped and details of such evidence that the topic of discussion were shaken off. Also that most of the plaster and paper on the inside was broken and damaged at the time of removal. The house was finally put under the jacks and moved to its present location and that much of the damage was done. His lawyers contended that the house was moved in good order and that much of the damage complained of was done before the plaintiff purchased it. The evidence was all in at noon and the case was given to the jury after the lawyers had spoken. The jury was out about half an hour and returned a verdict for the defendant.

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Thursday morning the first criminal trial was begun, one of the indictments against Geo. E. Mitchell of Edwardsville being moved. It was the indictment charging him with burglary in the third degree and grand larceny in the second, and it sets forth that on the 4th of last April he broke into the storehouse of the Central New York Telephone Co. on the west side of the river and did carry away in conglomerating about 1,000 pounds of copper wire worth respectively in excess of $25. The attempt of the authorities was first to get Mitchell absent, after indictment. The morning of April 5 when he was seen coming up Ford street carrying heavy over his shoulder by Officer McDonald and Officer McDonald was put on examination of the package to chief McGlynn showing [illegible] paper were done [illegible] shipped in the package. Defendant on presentation of the [illegible] was [illegible] permitted the house to go. He says also that he was [illegible] and that much of the [illegible] was done before he purchased it himself from Blandin. One of the horses died and the other came back into the hands of Manchester who credited the plaintiffs something on account of it, and he also had two harnesses from them which were credited on the mortgage. The plaintiffs say that they furnished him various other articles and did work for his housekeeper and that these things were also to be credited and were sufficient in amount to fully pay the mortgage. Manchester denied that they were entitled to any credit save for the horse and harnesses. The defendant Brady, who is a constable, took the cows under the chattel mortgage and they were sold for $55, while the plaintiffs claim they were worth $150. Brady caused the arrest of the defendants on the charge of obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty, and Richard Countryman was convicted but has appealed. The Court left to the jury the question whether the mortgage was founded upon usury and also, if it was not, whether the mortgage had been paid at the time the cows were taken in October last. About nine o'clock in the evening the jury found a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $60. It is understood that they were against the plaintiff on the question of usury, but believe that the mortgage had been paid. A motion was made to set aside the verdict and time given to the authorities on the proposition. Geo. A. Lawyer and Joseph F. Brown represented plaintiffs and Milton Carter the defendants.

Three criminal matters were disposed of Wednesday afternoon. Jas. Miller, a young man who raised a check issued by K. J. Snell and who entered a plea of guilty Monday to forgery in the second degree was sentenced to not less than one or more than years at hard labor at Dannemora. Claudia Gregg, indicted about a year ago for keeping a house of ill fame at Gouverneur, entered a plea of guilty. Robert Russell appeared for her and a fine of $100 was imposed. If she does not pay she will have to stay in jail for the next hundred days. She will probably stay.

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session of the money. There was no very great dispute as to the language used, but the defense asserted that there was a city ordinance imposing a penalty of $50 for running a house of illfame, and there was a general understanding that a charge of that kind could be settled by the payment of money to the Recorder. Former incumbents of the office George E. VanKennen James F. Akin and Daniel O. McRoath all said that during their administrations when such a charge was made it was quite a common thing to send out for the party accused and when he or she appeared state the charge and if the truth was admitted, to enter judgment as by confession and let them pay the amount of the penalty and costs and in some cases less than $50 was accepted. No record of any such transactions were to be found in the books of the several gentlemen, but they testified to the practice and the defendant asserted that he meets well to the office to settle for the charge made against him, and had not the slightest intention of bribing anybody. The jury was absent only a short time and returned a verdict of not guilty. Attorney Thomas Spratt, who represented Graves inquired what became of the $25 which the Chief seized, and the District Attorney said he guessed the jury had found it was paid in settlement and that it belonged to the city. After some discussion everybody seemed satisfied to have it go that way.

As there will be seven prisoners to be taken to Dannemora the Court made an order allowing the sheriff three assistants to take them there and the court adjourned without day.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS

Annual Session of St. Lawrence Co. Lodge at DeKalb Junction.

[illegible] session of the St. Lawrence County Lodge of Good Templars was held at DeKalb Junction, May 17 and 18, Mr. [illegible] presiding. The meeting was opened [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Mrs.