

Mayhem leads to court case

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the healing process was under way.

The *Telephone* reported that in addition to the charge of malicious mayhem pursued by the prosecutor's office, Baugh faced a lawsuit. Specifically the suit alleged, "... that he (Hartman) has been disfigured for life, that he will be unable for work for two or three months, and that he will be compelled to pay \$200 for medical attendance."

The mayhem case was taken up in April of 1897. Some 50 witnesses made their way from Washington Township by buggy and wagon to appear at the courthouse in support of one side or the other.

Records of the proceedings indicate that Baugh was convicted and granted a new trial. Meanwhile, in the suit for damages, Baugh's peti-

tion for court status as a "poor person" was not allowed, while Hartman's comparable petition was granted.

The cases dragged on, continued by agreement of both parties in October of 1898. In January of 1899, the *Telephone* informed its readers, "Judge Martin has notified the parties, after due deliberation, that he would continue the case for awhile and give the fathers of Baugh and Hartman an opportunity of getting together and amicably settle the difficulty. The court thought this might be done without injury to either party."

And what about the suit for damages? On March 30, 1899, more than two years after the injury, that case was dismissed, the court stipulating that Baugh pay the unspecified costs.