

The Advocate.

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Considering that, in the words of the House committee on Privileges and Powers of the House, "the President of the Senate has no right to count the electoral vote," it is a little startling to find what a train of usurpations the American people have innocently submitted to. In the new light of this discovery of the House committee a long list of statesmen, whom history has regarded as patriots, appear as conspirators and traitors. There is John Langdon, of Revolutionary fame, who was elected President of the Senate "for the sole purpose of opening and counting the votes," and who became the willing instrument of the lawless usurpation. And as the votes which he counted elected George Washington to the Presidency, it is even a question whether Washington, Langdon, and the Senate, were not fellow-conspirators in a wicked attempt to count the first-named gentleman into office. It is true that the Electoral College voted unanimously for a person named Washington, but the fact is of no significance, since, according to the Democratic doctrine, the right of a State to cast the votes of her electors is wholly dependent upon the will of the House. In other words, it is not a right at all, but simply a privilege, to be granted or withheld at pleasure. But if the usurpation of John Langdon was flagrant, that of John Adams was worse. That gentleman was so lost to shame as to assume, in the capacity of President of the Senate, to count the vote at a time when he was himself a candidate for the Vice Presidency. He actually declared his own election. He was worse than a Southern Returning Board; and yet the people do not seem to be alarmed at his daring act. Four years later he went yet further in trampling upon popular rights, for he counted the vote when he was a candidate for the Presidency, and was doubtless an active conspirator in cheating himself into office; and yet not one of the founders of the Constitution interposed the objection so clear to the minds of the supporters of Samuel J. Tilden. The strange obtuseness of those early statesmen was very strikingly shown on the occasion of Jefferson's first election. For although the contest was so close that no candidate had a majority, and although Jefferson was a candidate, and although the greatest interest and excitement prevailed, not one of his opponents thought of the newly-discovered and self-evident truth that he had no right to count vote. But Duluth had not been settled then and Proctor Knott was unborn. It is, indeed, sad to think that our forefathers were so careless of popular rights and so ignorant of constitutional principles, and we should regard it as a special providence that the Republic survived the steering of their unskillful hand and remains a field for the champions of reform.

CERTIFICATE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

THE FIRST COUNT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, APRIL 6, 1789—THE WAY IT WAS DONE WHEN THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WERE LARGELY REPRESENTED IN CONGRESS.

Be it known, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, being convened in the city and State of New York, April 6, in the year of our Lord 1789, the undersigned, appointed President of the Senate for the sole purpose of RECEIVING, OPENING, COUNTING THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS, DID, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE SAID SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OPEN ALL THE CERTIFICATES AND COUNT ALL THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS FOR A VICE PRESIDENT, by which it appears that George Washington, Esquire, was unanimously elected, agreeably to the Constitution, to the office of President of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

J. H. LANGDON.
[The same form substantially was followed for forty years.]

Wilmington, N. C., January 20.—Two colored citizens of South Carolina fought a duel at Pine Bluffs, in this state, yesterday. One was Democrat and the other a Republican, and they fought over politics. Four shots were exchanged. One of the men was wounded three times and is dangerously hurt. The other was hit on the right arm. The affair has caused great excitement in the neighborhood.

The Texas fever has broken out in this vicinity. A number of Williamporters have gone and others are preparing for a trip to the "Lone Star State," with a view of getting a knowledge of the inducements it offers as a home. It is said that over 300,000 people were landed in that state during the past year, the great majority of whom intend to remain permanently.—G. & E.

A year ago the region was suffering from a want of capital, while at present twenty-five banks in the region are holding, according to estimate, not far from \$7,000,000 of money belonging to producers and operators, most of which is waiting investment in oil. Under the greatly improved condition of affairs it is reasonable to expect that the year 1877 will show even better results than the year 1876, and that our important and valuable staple will not be spirited away without something like an equivalent being left in its place.

Give us a call for job work.

The sixteenth amendment. Petitions from fourteen states, and signed by four thousand prominent citizens, are to be presented to congress, asking for an amendment, which will prohibit any state from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex. If the friends of the measure do not succeed it will not be for want of persistent effort.

We have received the January number of *Leisure Hours*, a handsome mammoth 16 page [64 columns] family paper filled with the choicest literature—serial and short stories, sketches, poetry, wit, humor, &c., &c. It is entertaining, amusing and instructive, and is one of the cheapest papers—the amount and quality of matter considered—that we have seen. The price \$1.20 per year, including as a premium a genuine fine-line steel engraving, called "The Mithereless Bairn," printed on 22x28 plate paper, which the publishers claim is superior in point of merit and attractiveness to any premium ever offered by any other paper in this country, and is alone worth the money asked for both.

The publishers, J. L. Patten & Co., 162 William St., New York, authorize us to say, that in order to introduce the paper in this vicinity they make a special offer to every one of our readers to send them the paper—a "trial trip" of four months, post-paid, commencing with the January number—for 25 cents.

Our readers who avail themselves of this offer will, we feel certain, thank us for having called their attention to it. The publishers of *Leisure Hours* would like to employ some one in every place to canvass for this paper.

STOP THAT COUGH.

The way to cure a cough is to stop it. The lungs and throat can never heal as long as they are irritated by a constant cough. Dr. Fenner's Improved Cough Honey will relieve any cough in one hour or less. It will break up a cold in the head before any cough has formed in two or three hours. Prevention is better than cure! In chronic coughs the system must be placed under the healing influence of Dr. Fenner's Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic also. This places the system in a healing condition, and under the two remedies the lungs and throat rapidly heal.

From the Mayor's Office, N. Y. City.
Executive Department, City Hall.
Office of the Mayorality, N. Y. City, Jan. 23, 1877.

Dr. M. M. Fenner, Fredonia, N. Y.—Dear Sir—Enclosed you will find \$1.50 for which please send three bottles of your Improved Cough Honey by express.

Yours truly,
M. J. FARRELL.

From John B. Miner, a wealthy Banker of Fredonia, N. Y.
I certify that I was afflicted with a harassing cough. I procured a bottle of Dr. Fenner's Improved Cough Honey, and took three doses of it with the effect of entirely relieving me.

Who will continue to hack?
For sale by dealers in medicine.

A Chance for Women.
Washington, January 19.—The House Committee on Judiciary agreed to-day to report the following bill:

Be it enacted, That any woman who shall have been a member of the bar of the highest court of any State or Territory, or of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, for the space of three years, and shall have maintained good standing before such court, and who shall be a person of good moral character, shall, on motion and the production of such record, be admitted to practice before the Supreme Court.

Some Facts About the Maridis Gang.

A FAMILY OF PROMISING YOUNG CENTER-FRTERS BROUGHT UP IN INDIANA COUNTY.

The Maridis family of counterfeiters, several of whom are now waiting trial in our county jail, have an interesting history. They have lived near the hamlet of Dilltown, in Indiana county, and have operated about there for years. It is currently believed that some thirty-five years ago the old man was in the business of showing counterfeit money, and since then his boys—eight in number—have all been tainted with more than a mere suspicion of having followed in the footsteps of the old gentleman. The shrewdest of the sons is named Eli; being the second of the children—the oldest having died several years ago. The officers have frequently been on the track of Eli, but somehow he has always managed to avoid arrest, and it is now thought by many that he is likely in some western penitentiary, having been caught and convicted under one of the many aliases which he was ever ready to assume. The next shrewdest is Scott, who is now in the Allegheny county jail awaiting trial in February. He is a rather stolid-looking individual, and a few judges of physiognomy would credit him with a very large development of secretive and cautionary organs, but his skill in alluding arrest for so many years is evidence that he is always wide-awake. There is not much in Sanford, who was released from duress a few days ago on bail for his appearance when wanted, and it is altogether likely that the cunning of Scott, or perhaps that of Eli, who may still have been the moving power in all their late transactions, has saved the third of the flock. There is only one sister in this remarkable family, and she is possessed with many of the traits of her shrewd brother Eli. John, a younger brother, is confined to his father's place of residence, and consumption has marked him a sure victim. The old gentleman owns a farm of something like two hundred acres of land, but it is not very valuable. He is well up in years now.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The debt of Williamsport is \$669,225.51; assets, \$213,986.25.

Postmaster James, of New York, has issued instructions prohibiting Anthony Comstock, special agent for the suppression of vice, from interfering with letters, as it appears he has heretofore been doing.

States Notes.

A Farmer's Club is about to be organized in York county.

A young man named Phillips residing in Clarion county, was recently killed by the explosion of some powder he had placed in his pocket.

The Eastern Lock Works will be run to its fullest capacity hereafter, as there is a market for all the articles that can be manufactured at that establishment.

About seven hundred men are employed at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company's works in Scranton, in narrowing coal cars and building passenger coaches.

Two men were engaged in a friendly trial of strength, last week, in a saw-mill in Perry county, when one of them fell, striking his head against a buzz saw in motion and causing instant death.

Judge Livingston, of Lancaster, recently visited the public house of that county, in order to become personally familiar with their condition and working. Hereafter he can "speak by the card" in relation to these matters.

The incendiaries recently convicted in Canisteo confessed the manner in which they executed their work. The match was applied to a fuse attached to a ball of cotton saturated with explosive material, and the incendiaries watched the progress of the fires from a safe distance.

The trustees under the will of James Lick, of California, have entered into an agreement with his son, by which the latter received \$388,000 in addition to the \$150,000 devised to him in the deed of trust, out of which he pays to the other heirs—the sisters, nieces and nieces of James Lick—in various amounts the sum of \$72,000.

A few days ago there was deposited in an obscure graveyard near Johnstown, Pa., the body of Joseph Baron Von Hoffebretel, a soldier and nobleman of Austria. He died a pauper while there was awaiting him in his native land a fortune of one hundred and ninety thousand guilders, in securities, besides a landed estate and a number of manufactures and other buildings.

The clergy are petitioning the legislature for such a revision of the marriage license law as will measurably relieve them from the penalty of marrying persons not of a marriageable age. This is sometimes a difficult thing to find out. The preachers do not like to forego the marriage fee and are not disposed to run a risk that they will prevail upon the legislature to devolve the responsibility elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterner, residing near Littleton, died recently under peculiar circumstances. On Sunday, the 7th Mr. and Mrs. Sterner, a very old couple, were alone, and about 6 o'clock Mr. S. was treated very suddenly by a stroke of apoplexy, and his wife went out doors to blow a horn for assistance, and while out is supposed to have been overtaken by the same disease, and fell in the street, where she was found on Monday morning, dead and covered with several inches of snow. Mr. Sterner was found in a senseless condition upon the floor in the same spot where he had fallen the evening before, the fires all out, door standing open and his body nearly frozen stiff. He died the next day.

A Minnesota railway gives awards to engineers killing the most number of cattle during the year. From the reports of other railways it would seem that the reverse of the above plan is in vogue.

Mr. Tilden's Income Tax.

New York, January 22.—Suit has been commenced on a copy in the writer's office in district court against ex-Gov. S. J. Tilden to recover \$150,000 alleged balance of income tax. This afternoon the CAPIAS was served on Mr. Tilden. It is returnable on the 9th of February. United States Attorney Bliss says he will demand the same by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Raum to commence suit against all parties who had failed to pay their income tax, but that he (Bliss) delayed bringing this suit on account of the position of Mr. Tilden before the public.

Renewed efforts are making to secure the construction of a tunnel under the Detroit river. Over ten thousand cars a month cross the river. Detroit and the Michigan Central and great Western Railways.

NOTICE.

A GOOD PAPER.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THE INDEPENDENT, of New York, as the leading, most enterprising, and all agree, most readable and instructive of our newspapers. It is not slow to recognize the fact that the popular passion for Chromos has died out, and it makes the remarkable offer of any one volume of Dickens's Works, a handsomely illustrated and bound duodecimo, to anybody who will send the price of one regular Three Dollars subscription. This is equivalent to offering the paper for a dollar and a half. Everybody wants some volume of Dickens and everybody ought to want THE INDEPENDENT.

Wyer's Cathartic Pills,

For the relief and cure of all derangements of the bowels, and all ailments of the stomach, liver, and lungs. They are a most reliable and safe cathartic, and best of all the Pills with which the market abounds. By their occasional use, the bowels are kept in a regular and healthy condition, and the system is purified. They are perfectly reliable, and every family should have them ready for their protection and relief, when required. Long experience has proved their efficacy. Millions of Sufferers, Sick Headache, Stomachic and Green Bile, Bilious Colic and other ailments, are judiciously taken for each case, to correct the derangement or remove the obstructions which cause them.

For Dysentery or Diarrhoea, but one small dose is generally required to effect a cure. For Rheumatism, Gout, Gravel, Painful Swelling of the Heart, Pain in the Side, Back and Limbs, a few Pills judiciously taken, as required, to change the diseased action of the system. With such change those complaints disappear.

For Dropsy and Dropsical Swellings, they should be taken in large and frequent doses, to produce the effect of a drastic purge. For Pleurisy, a large dose should be taken, as it produces the desired effect by its cathartic action.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, having been permanently cured of that dread disease, Consumption, by a simple remedy, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescription used, (free of charge) with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find a SURE CURE FOR CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c.

Parties wishing the prescription will please address, Rev. E. A. WILSON, 194 Penn., Williamsburgh, N. Y.

NEW TIME TABLE P. & E. R. R.

Commencing Sunday, Nov. 26th, 1876

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