

The Advocate.

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ENTERED AT THE POST-OFFICE AT RIDGWAY, PA., AS SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER.

The American Woman's Suffrage Association will hold its next meeting in Washington on the 15th and 16th inst. Lucy Stone, Mary A. Livermore and Julia Ward Howe are to be among the speakers.

JUDGE KELLEY, in a private letter, a portion of whose contents have been made public, declares that the weight of the silver dollar must be diminished to \$89.99 grains, rather than increased, before international bimetalism can be established on the basis which has hitherto prevailed throughout the world, namely, 1 1/2 of silver to 1 of gold.

Five Indicted. THE PROSECUTION IN THE FORGERY CASE PENDING IN THE GRAND JURY IN GENERAL Session to-day presented indictments against Samuel Sullivan Morey for perjury and against Joseph Hart, Louis A. Post, Kenneth Philip and Charles A. Byrne for publishing in the paper called Truth a criminal libel upon General Garfield.

The claim made in behalf of the railroad corporations that the roads are their private property, which they have a right to manage as they please, is clearly untenable. It was laid down two hundred years ago by Chief Justice Blackstone that private property is affected with a public use when it ceases to be merely private property. This is good law today. It has been reaffirmed by the United States Supreme Court, which declared in a recent case that private property is devoted to public use if it is subject to public regulation. It is on this principle that banks, bridges, wharves, ferries and turnpikes have long been subject to legislative regulation, and railroad corporations are not an exception in this category.

The question, "Was there any considerable delay in the trial?" he answered: "No more than was necessary. There have been no mistakes made by the prosecution. We have investigated carefully the various charges and details, and are still engaged in following them up. There will be other developments of an important nature made public when the time comes." Assistant District Attorney Bell also expressed himself as pleased at what had already been accomplished. "There would," he said, "be no unnecessary delay in bringing the cases to trial. Counsel for prosecution had patiently gone over the large mass of evidence and there was no question but that anything that had been made out against the accused persons. The indictments against these men were for forging the letter purporting to be written by General Garfield, and for writing and publishing an editorial article accusing General Garfield of lying when he denied the authenticity of the letter. The law of libel as applied to this case is decided to be very clear. A letter purporting to be written by General Garfield, and published in the Truth, General Garfield denied having written such a letter. The new paper then editorially affirmed the genuineness of the letter and declared that General Garfield had when he denied having written it. The burden of proving the genuineness of the letter then rested upon Truth. Failing to prove this the persons indicted must be convicted of libel. The reason why they were not was because counsel for the prosecution wished to work up still further developments which point to Maryland and Massachusetts. These developments duplicate at least two members of the Democratic National Committee, who will probably find it difficult to explain their actions in the matter of the forged letter when called upon to do so in a court of justice. It is believed that some one who had access to the Grand Jury room gave to some person connected with Truth the details of all the important testimony concerning the Morey letter soon after it was laid before the jurors. An effort will be made to prevent this when the next Grand Jury meets. Proof of this is shown by the fact that one of the counsel for the defense went before Judge Cowing and wished to offer bail for his clients before the indictment had been presented to the Court. It is still believed that Philip was the forger.

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Railroads and the Public.

As the time for the reassembling of Congress and State Legislatures approaches the railroad problem discussed so much last winter comes again to the front. The principal grievances of shippers are that the railroad companies do not treat them with equality, discrimination being practiced both against communities and individuals. Rates are suddenly and arbitrarily changed, with ruinous effect on their business; that charges are determined by the new principle of "what the traffic will bear," which in effect compels producers to divide their profits with the companies instead of paying only reasonable rates based on the old rule of "cost of service."

That these complaints are well founded, has been fully proven, and in fact, more completely than the roadships which these practices of the railroad companies entail; their inequality and radical incompatibility with the interest of the public, have been so often and fully set forth that it is unnecessary to re-examine them. The evil is admitted to exist, but how can it be cured, or can it be cured at all? Has Congress or the State Legislatures or both authority to interfere? If not, what can be done to prevent what extent can they exert this authority without doing injustice to the railroad companies and perhaps causing more mischief than they cure?

The New York Chamber of Commerce has issued a pamphlet on the subject and in it earnestly urges that the road and carriage companies, or at least the excessive power which they now possess to make and alter their business, be taken in pursuance of this purpose it sent a circular letter to members of prominence and position throughout the country, containing a series of questions and a request for their views on the points involved. The reply returned by Judge Jere S. Black is a valuable contribution to the literature of this vexed railroad question.

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Casting the Vote.

THE RESULT OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETING. Despatches from all the States of the Union show that, with the exception of New York, where Cornelius R. Agnew was chosen to fill a vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Allen of the Thirtieth District, Virginia, where Major Baker P. Lee took the place of Thomas Croston from the First District; Louisiana, where two vacancies were filled, and Georgia, where there was no meeting, there was a full attendance of Electors at the various Colleges last week. The total vote cast 214 for James A. Garfield for President and Chester A. Arthur for Vice President, as against 144 for Benjamin H. Harris for President and William H. English for Vice President, was as follows:

Table listing electoral college results by state, including Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Total.

The popular vote of the country, as compiled by the Chicago Tribune, shows a total for Garfield of 4,439,714 against 4,396,060 for Hancock, 304,852 for Weaver, Greenbacker, 9,644 for Ross, and 1,758 for scoundrelism—a grand total of 9,192,064, or an increase over 1876 of 777,178. The plurality for Garfield and Arthur is 3,564. By States the vote was as follows:

Table showing the popular vote by state for Garfield and Hancock, including Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Total.

The following story is told by a gentleman who is intimate with President Hayes and President elect Garfield and whose personal truthfulness is vouched for by the Cleveland (O.) Herald: "The little village of Bedford, only twelve miles distant from Cleveland, there lived some thirty years ago two charming and attractive girls. To one of these President Hayes and President elect Garfield were indebted for their acquaintance. Her parents, however, objected to their intimacy, giving as the reason of their opposition the poverty of Garfield and the anything but bright prospects of his future. The most remarkable coincidence of the courtship were that both young ladies lived in a village of not more than five hundred inhabitants, and both refused two future Presidents of the United States because of their poverty."

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