

Case of the Commonwealth, against Armstrong.

OPINION OF JUDGE LEWIS.

Whether considered in regard to law, morality, or religion, this is truly an extraordinary opinion...

I agree that the act of Assembly, of 25th March 1831, authorizes the court, in cases of surety of the peace...

Without denying the power of the judge to do so, the justice of his exercise seems to me to be very questionable...

This, however, is but a matter of little concern, in comparison with the adoption of those principles upon which the judge ventures to assert...

The right of the father to superintend and direct the education of his child, comprehends a proper attention to the literary, moral, and religious instruction of his child...

But there is another strange feature of this document which deserves notice. The Judge learnedly quotes from the Scriptures, and from several writers on moral philosophy...

§ If he had desired the doctrine of the Bible upon the subject, he would have found it expressed in this language. "He that loveth father and mother more than me, is not worthy of me."

REMARKABLE CASE OF INSTINCT IN A BIRD.

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Parents not only prevent, but exceed their just authority, when they consult their own ambition, interest or prejudice, at the manifest expense of the children's happiness.

Now, Adam Clark does say—and the Methodist Judge ought to have known it—Surely no child is called to obey any parent if he give unreasonable or unchristian commands.

He gives a glowing extract from 'Wayland's Moral Science,' eulogizing him as 'the great and good and learned Dr. Wayland, of the same religious denomination as the prosecutor.'

Yet he quotes this writer as 'worthy of his doctrine—and a Methodist Preacher, sitting on the bench with him, gives his assent.'

He quotes from the first and third sections of President Wayland's Chapter on the rights and duties of Parents, and takes no notice of the second section, which is the only one bearing upon the case.

While the authority to command rests with the Parent, and the duty of submission is imposed upon the child, yet the parent is not at liberty to exercise this authority from caprice, or love of power, or for his own advantage, but from simple love to the child, and for the child's advantage.

We leave the Judge to the unenviable notoriety which this unprecedented decision will secure for him.

American Flour.

The London correspondent of the N. Y. Union, states during the recent discussion in the London papers respecting the relative prices of flour and bread...

Romance in Heat Life.

The Paris Globe furnishes the following Neapolitan romance:—The Countess Muffolo was left a rich and beautiful widow, at the age of twenty-two.

DISTRESS IN WASHINGTON.—There appears to be no provision for the poor at the capital of the nation. The Intelligencer says—Instances have not unfrequently occurred, within the last twelve months, of persons going about the streets of this metropolis bereft of reason, home, shelter, protection, friends, or any means whatever to procure them food or raiment...

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Animal magnetism was then unheard of; and whoever had dared to mention it, would doubtless have been hung on Witch's Hill, without benefit or clergy.

This little bird knew, if my readers do not, that contact with the white ash is deadly to the snake. This is no idle superstition, but a veritable fact in natural history.

I have never heard of any explanation of the effect produced by the white ash; but I know that settlers in the wilderness like to have these trees around their log-houses, being convinced that no snake will voluntarily come near them.

"DOG VS. WHOLE."—Under this caption the Lowell Courier contains the following: Our enterprising friends of New Bedford and Nantucket are alarmed by the interference of lard oil with their great staple.

A GREAT FEAT.—Geo. W. Dixon, the great peasant, arrived at Trenton, N. J., at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning, at which time he completed his feat of walking sixty miles in twelve hours.

A brother Editor gives the following advice, which if followed, we think, would do much to restore prosperity there. What'll you try?—Stop drinking liquor—smoking cigars—standing on the corners of the streets and looting about town—go to hard work, practice the most rigid economy in all things, be honest and honorable in all things with all men, and if the times do not get easier in less than twelve months then we are neither a financier or a philosopher.

COAT OF ARMS.—The editor of the Fort Pickering (Penn) Eagle is gifted with an attribute, sometimes mistaken for talent, unblushing impudence. He thus announces his adherence to the modern doctrines of repudiation.

LIEBIG'S AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY.—The enterprising proprietors of the New World have issued this valuable and interesting work from their press, at the low price of 25 cents per copy, or 5 copies for \$1.

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THE AMERICAN. Saturday, Oct. 15, 1842.

Jesse C. Horton is elected over his two opponents, by a majority of about one thousand votes. Horton's majority in Centre, about 800. The next Senate will stand 20 democrats, and 13 Whigs.

The Senate will this winter be composed of a majority of three or four Democrats, in York and Lancaster, Judge Champneys has been elected. In Chester, which was a doubtful district, we have also succeeded in electing a Democratic Senator.

In Philadelphia city and county, the democrats have succeeded by about 2000 majority. Scott, the whig mayor of the city is elected by a about 1000. In Schuylkill we are glad to hear that Heclner the democratic Tariff candidate, has beaten Straub, who voted against the Tariff last session, by 200 votes.

The elections in this county were closely contested. The volunteer candidates by a combination of circumstances, reduced very considerably, the vote of the regular ticket.

In Columbia county the removal party have elected their candidate, Daniel Snyder, by a majority of 900 votes. So large a majority was entirely unexpected and unlooked for by either party.

The Baptist Record of last week, contains a review of the opinion of Judge Lewis, in the case of the Commonwealth against Wm. Armstrong.

This estimation of the Judge's opinion, is certainly very Philadelphia in its character, where they can hardly conceive that any good can come out of Nazareth, or that any Judge in the country can give an opinion that would compare with that of a Philadelphia lawyer.

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ELECTION RETURNS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Table with columns for Senator, Assembly, Sheriff, Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, Commissioner, Coroner, Auditor, and various districts like Sunbury, Augusta, Northumberland, etc.

MISCELLANY.

Editorial, Condensed and Selected.

Homoeopathy has made an illustrious convert in England. The Duke of Wellington has given a donation of fifty guineas to a Homoeopathic Dispensary.

Iron Works Destroyed.—The extensive Iron Works of Reeves, Whitaker & Co., located at Bridgeton, N. J. were destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. Loss \$20,000—partially insured.

A son, aged three years, of Caleb P. Davis, of Detroit, lately fell into a kettle of boiling water and was scalded to death.

Good Crop.—Mr. James Fitzgerald, living not far from Jerseyville, Illinois, raised during the past year, from eleven acres of ground, 517 bushels of good wheat, being at the rate of 44 bushels to the acre. Mr. F. sowed eleven bushels.

The stockholders of the South Bank of Boston have resolved to dissolve the institution and divide the stock which is said to be worth nearly par.

A locomotive made at the Auburn prison is in use on the Attica Railroad.

A poor widow named Mullen, was run over and killed, on Friday, on the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad.

Professor Dodd of the College of New Jersey, is preparing to publish the speeches, and a memoir of the late Mr. Southard.

Dr. Hugh Caldwell was arrested in New York on Monday, charged with manslaughter. He was the doctor who attended the fight and lanced McCoy's eye in order that he might fight longer.

The Irish fellow citizens of the late Dr. McNevin of New York, are about to erect a splendid monument to his memory.

A Western paper states that they are going 'the whole hog' in the matter of lard oil, and that the attempt to deny it in the East, is 'very like a whale.'

George McDuffie will probably be the Senator from South Carolina, in place of Mr. Preston, whose term of service expires on the 4th of March next.

A letter from Tampa Bay, dated Sept. 11th, says that Tiger Tail, with some of the Creeks, will go west the present month.

A New York paper mentions a report that the mother of McCoy has become insane.

Green apples at Pittsburg, 75c a \$1 12 per barrel.

The manufacturing establishments at Reading are again looking up.

Up to the 24th September, there have arrived at the port of Quebec, this season, 42,358 emigrants, being 14,670 more than arrived there during the same period in 1841.

The St. Louis New Era says that the crops in that region were never more abundant; but the prices were greatly reduced.

Upwards of 12,000 barrels of flour were inspected in Baltimore last week.

Business has materially revived in the manufacturing establishments of Virginia, since the passage of the Tariff Bill.

Specie at Mobile was at 25 per cent. premium on the 29th ult.

Deaths by consumption in New York, last week, thirty-four.

The New York Sun says that a colored man is now editing a disreputable sheet in that city.

A son of Caleb P. Davis, of Detroit, fell into a kettle of boiling water, a few days since, and was scalded to death.

Last year, the total decrease of consumption of wines in England, was 425,825 gallons.

The average stock of tullian in the Bank of England, during the month of August, was about £20,000,000, nearly \$50,000,000.

The Boston Transcript says: We understand that the Rev. Dr. Eastburn has accepted both of his late calls—that of the Assistant Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and the Rectorship of Trinity Church.

Perjury.—At the recent session of the Circuit Court, sitting in Delaware county, N. Y., Victor Adams was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the State Prison, for the crime of perjury.

A new Baptist Church was dedicated at Pittsburg, on the 4th inst.

The number of church members in the Sandwich Islands, is 19,210, being nearly one-fifth of the population. The number admitted during the year ending 1st June last, was 2443. Number of children in the schools 18,000 to 19,000. The king has lately joined the Temperance Society.

During the months of April, May and June, the editors of the London Times paid for dues on advertisements, the sum of £3,995, or nearly \$19,000.

A new Methodist Church was to have been dedicated in Leitersburg, Washington county, Md., on Sunday.

An extensive bed of Cannel coal has been recently discovered in Cole county, Missouri. The mine is very valuable.

The amount of Treasury notes outstanding on the 1st inst., was, it is officially stated, \$8,862,070.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Channing took place in Boston on Thursday week last. The bells of all the Unitarian and Roman Catholic Churches were tolled during the services.

The French beet root sugar crop of the present year, is estimated at 64,000,000 lbs.; equal to half the quantity imported from the French colonies.

Dr. Lathrop, who ran away with another man's wife, and is now living with her, is lecturing in Philadelphia, and quite a number of ladies are among his patrons!

The whole number in the New York Alms House, October 1st, 2677.

It is said that a French Admiral is looking through the Pacific, for a spot whereon to establish a penal settlement.

Sixty thousand dollars in specie went from New