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The Acquittal of Leis—The Wisdom of Our Juries.

YESTERDAY afternoon, after fifteen minutes' consultation, the jury in the case of Thomas Leis, charged with the murder of George Eller, brought in a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of insanity at the time of the commission of the act.

When we say, however, that the verdict was wrong, we do not mean to imply that we desired Leis to be punished for murder. On the contrary, he has our sincere sympathy, and we would have had him go as free as he does by the verdict; but we would have had the dignity of the law vindicated.

Concerning Free Speech.

THE New York World, in speaking of the riot at Mobile because of the oration of Judge Kelley, extenuates the offense with a few remarks, on the subject of the dispersal shown to political speakers by American audiences, and as a climax of what the people have done, exclaims:—

"Not even the President of the United States was protected by the dignity of his office from interruptions of the same kind, in his noted tour last year in the free North, which his enemies called in derision 'swinging round the circle.' Nobody can have forgotten the offensive rudeness which he encountered at Cleveland and other places, and although, on one occasion, he seemed, for a moment, to lose his temper, he was hurried no farther by his feelings than to bandy words with the disturbers; a concession which some thought undignified, but which was certainly in far better taste than the insolent threats indulged in by Judge Kelley at Mobile.

Fenians in Parliament.

JOHN BASSET presented a petition of certain Fenian prisoners to the House of Commons a few days since, and moved its reception, whereupon a debate ensued, and a Mr. Whalley described a wolf under the sheep's clothing. He said:—

"Sir, there is one paragraph in the petition to which I should like to call attention, as I think it is worthy of the consideration of the House, whether it does not of itself justify the motion that has been made. That paragraph asks that the troops shall be directed to conduct themselves in a manner becoming the laws of civilized warfare. I would ask the House to bear in mind what I have endeavored to have or have offered to establish—namely, that the late Fenian movement had a deliberate purpose, which was that the Fenians should act in connection with the like party in America, so as to afford grounds for demanding from the President of the American Union a declaration that the Fenians were a belligerent power, in which case, as I am enabled to state upon undoubted authority, very large sums are ready to be embarked in the enterprise of sending out privateers. If the House accepts the petition, to which their attention is thus formally called, in which our troops are described as being in a state of warfare, instead of in putting down a lot of fresh-water scoundrels of every kind—and, indeed, every kind of origin except the real one, has been attributed to them—I ask whether this fact will not be of very material importance in any future communication which the brethren of these Fenians may think fit to make to the President of the United States."

Russia Ratifies.

A DISPATCH received at the Russian Legation last evening, from Prince Gortschakoff, announces the ratification of the treaty in regard to the purchase of Russian American. It will be remembered that, before the compact could be finally settled, both the United States and Russia were to give their consent, and to exchange ratifications in Washington.

change ratifications in Washington. The assent of Russia has already been given, and as soon as the bearer of the treaty returns to this country, the formal transfer of the vast territory acquired will be made at the White House.

UNION LEAGUE ESSAYS.—Elsewhere in our paper to-day we publish an advertisement from the Union League of Philadelphia, offering \$1100 in the shape of prizes for the best essays on the subject of organizations among the people for the selection of State and National representatives. The subject is a fertile one, and has for some time past merited the attention of all publicists. We have no doubt but that many essays will be written, but whether many will contain the requisite merit is not so easily foretold.

The Peabody Portrait of the Queen.

As a slight acknowledgment of his munificent benefactions to the poor of London, the Queen of England tendered to George Peabody, Esq., the order of knighthood. But Mr. Peabody still considered himself an American citizen, and for years had been looking forward to the time when he should return to his native land to end his days in peace and quiet. He, therefore, felt obliged to decline the offer of knighthood from her Majesty, who, respecting the motive which prompted him to do so, was still inclined to manifest in a substantial manner her appreciation of his generosity. This was the occasion of her presentation to Mr. Peabody of a portrait of herself—and the act was not without significance, as it was the first instance in which she had conferred such a favor upon a private citizen.

The portrait arrived in this country some time since, and was formally presented to Mr. Peabody at the residence of the British Minister in Washington, just previous to the recent departure of the former for England. We published yesterday a correspondence between several of our most prominent citizens and Mr. Peabody, relative to the exhibition of the portrait in this city, the response of Mr. Peabody consenting to the proposition, on the condition that one-half of the proceeds should be devoted to the Southern Relief Fund, while the committee having the matter in hand were authorized to designate such local charities as they might deem proper as the recipients of the remaining portion. In accordance with this programme, the portrait has arrived in this city, and we had the pleasure this morning of examining it. To-morrow it will be thrown open to the public, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M. only, as it is to be deposited in the vault of a bank during the remainder of the time.

The place of exhibition is the second-story front room of the establishment of Messrs. James S. Earle & Sons, at No. 816 Chestnut street. The room is appropriately draped in dark brown colors, the stand which supports the portrait being placed opposite the window, where there is an excellent light. The background of this stand is of dark red silk, with stripes of blue and of white, blue and red, radiating in alternation from the centre. It is surrounded by a loose drapery of red silk, with a blue band near the margin, and a heavy fringe of silver. The drapery is looped, above and below, with a red rosette and silver cords and tassels, the upper corners being decorated with the American and British flags. Surrounding the whole is a large cushion of red silk, on which rests the imperial crown, in gilt. On either side of this is a heavy gilded mace, the two being connected with a chain of medallions, the lower one of which bears the inscription of "Honi soit qui mal y pense." From this depends a glided figure of St. George and the Dragon-Great credit, indeed, is due to the Messrs. Earle for the manner in which they have arranged these surroundings of the famous portrait, and the taste they have displayed renders them fully in keeping with the central object of attraction.

The portrait has frequently been described in the newspapers, but not one of these descriptions has been written by one who has seen it, and they have all, therefore, been more or less in the wrong. The Queen is represented at a little more than half length, in a sitting posture, with a background of panel work, and a small table at her left. The entire painting is but eight inches in width, and ten in length, but it is sufficiently large to permit the artist to give what has been pronounced by herself to be the most perfect likeness taken of her in late years. She is arrayed in the only robes of state which she has worn since the death of the Prince Consort, being those in which she appeared at the recent opening of Parliament. The dress is of black silk, trimmed with spotted ermine, and a long train of black velvet, similarly adorned. A demure crown is worn over her Marie Stuart cap, the Koh-i-noor and a rich jeweled cross, a present from Prince Albert, constituting her only ornaments. Over the entire costume is thrown a white widow's veil, and altogether the royal personage has imparted to her a very queen-like presence. On the lower margin of the portrait, to the left, is the name of the artist who executed it—Frederick Arnaud Titit—with the date, 1857, annexed.

The frame in which the portrait is set is thirty by thirty-two inches in dimensions, and displays the most costly material and the most elaborate workmanship. There are several circles of pure gold, richly chased, surrounding the portrait, and inlaid with light blue velvet and two shades of maroon of the same material. On either side, encircled by an open wreath, is a representation of the rose, thistle, and shamrock, all wrought in pure gold. Above the portrait is the coat of arms of the House of Guelp, the four quarters of the shield displaying a harp, one lion rampant and six lions passant, with the motto, "Dieu et Mon Droit." Above this shield, which is likewise of solid gold, is a golden crown, in high relief, of the same material. Below the portrait there is another gold shield, bearing an inscription in red and black, designated by the Queen, and containing the following words:—

"Presented by the QUEEN TO GEORGE PEABODY, Esq., the Benefactor of the Poor of LONDON."

Just below the inscription is a monogram, consisting of the initials V. R. and G. P. adroitly intertwined. The entire cost of the portrait, including the material and the workmanship, was \$42,000, and not \$75,000, as has been currently reported. The painting is done in enamel, on a slightly convex panel of pure gold. To bring out the brilliancy of all the colors in such a work of art, it requires to be subjected five or six times to a heat just below the fusing point of gold. The utmost care is necessary in preventing the painting from heating or cooling too rapidly, as in either case the enamel would crack. A small furnace was prepared for the express purpose, the heating was accomplished with so much success that the result was what is probably the most perfect, as well as the most exquisite, enameled portrait ever produced.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

REFRIGERATOR BAZAAR.—B. S. FARLIS & CO. have in addition to a fine assortment of Philadelphia-made, three new patents, viz.:—Harris' Patent, Ross & Taylor's Patent, and Wright's Patent Ice-Water Refrigerator, all warranted to give most efficient, dry, and sweet, and to be more economical in ice than any other Refrigerators.

UNION LEAGUE HOUSE, MAY 15, 1867.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, held March 15, 1867, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, in a republican form of government it is of the highest importance that the delegates of the people, to whom the sovereign power is entrusted, should be so selected as to truly represent the body of the people, and that the selection of the whole people may be organized for the purpose of such selection, and all parties having recognized the necessity of such organization by the formation of voluntary associations for this purpose, and

Whereas, there are grave defects existing under the present system of voluntary organization, which it is believed may be corrected by suitable provisions of law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA, that the Secretary be and is hereby directed to offer eleven hundred dollars in prizes for essays on the legal organization of the people to select candidates for office, the prizes to be as follows, viz.:—

The sum of five hundred dollars for that essay which, in the judgment of the Board, shall be first in the order of merit; Three hundred dollars for the second; Two hundred for the third, and One hundred for the fourth.

The conditions upon which these prizes are offered are as follows, viz.:—

First, All essays competing for these prizes must be addressed to GEORGE H. BOKER, Secretary of the Union League of Philadelphia, and must be received by him before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1868, and no communication having the author's name attached, or with any other indication of origin, will be considered.

Second, Accompanying every competing essay, the author must enclose his name and address within a sealed envelope, addressed to the Secretary of the Union League. After the awards have been made, the envelopes accompanying the successful essays shall be opened, and the authors notified of the result.

Third, All competing essays shall become the property of the Union League, and no author of any rejected essay, or the names of their authors, shall be made without consent of the authors in writing.

By order of the Board of Directors, GEORGE H. BOKER, SECRETARY.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROCK ISLAND RAPIDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office until 12 M. WEDNESDAY, June 4, 1867, for excavating and removing the rock and other obstructions from the bed of the Mississippi river at the Rock Island of Upper Rapids, by means of coffer dams and subsequent blasting or chiseling.

Contractors will be required to furnish all boats, machinery, and to perform all the labor necessary in the prosecution of the work. There are about 60,000 cubic yards of rock to be removed, distributed unequally at different points on the rapids, and the work must be done during the low water season, interfering as little as practicable with navigation.

Contractors who propose to do the work, which will be let as a single contract, shall be bound to furnish a written guarantee, signed by two responsible persons. Bids for proposals of the terms required, with form of guarantee, will be furnished at this office on application. Proposals will be enclosed "Proposals for removing obstructions in the Rock Island Rapids," and addressed Brevet Major-General J. H. Wilson, U. S. A., Lieutenant-Colonel, 35th Infantry, Davenport, Iowa.

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.—JOY, COE & CO. Agents for the "TELEGRAPH" and Newspaper Press of the whole country, have REMOVED from FIFTH and CHESTNUT Streets to No. 148, SIXTH Street, second door above WALNUT.

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OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, May 4, 1867. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE PER CENT on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of National and State Taxes, payable in Cash on and after May 20.

OFFICE OF THE WARREN AND FRANKLIN RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 20 1/2 WALNUT Street. PHILADELPHIA, April 30, 1867. The Coupons of the Warren and Franklin Railroad Company due May 1, will be paid at the Banking House of JAY COOKE & CO., Philadelphia, on and after May 1, 1867.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC, PHILADELPHIA, May 4, 1867. Applications for the unallotted shares in the increase of the Capital Stock of this Bank are now being received and the stock delivered.

THE CONSOLIDATED NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, May 6, 1867. The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of SIX PER CENT, clear of Taxes, payable on demand.

NEW LONDON COPPER MINING COMPANY. An Adjourned Meeting of Stockholders will be held on TUESDAY, May 21, at 4 P. M., at No. 129 S. FRONT Street, for the election of Directors and other purposes. Local notice is hereby given.

POST OFFICE. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15, 1867. The mails for Haverhill, Cambridge, and other places AND STRIPES, will close at this office on SATURDAY, the 18th day of May, at 6 o'clock A. M., the day of sailing.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CLARION RIVER AND SCRIBNER CREEK OIL COMPANY, will be held at No. 24 North FRONT Street, on WEDNESDAY, May 29, at 12 o'clock M.

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