THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1868.


 Prothonotary. The tone of this deoision we
are coompelled, with extreme regret, to say is
not what we had antitiopated from a jurist oo
Judge Sharswood's noted fairness. It partook Judge Sharswood's noted fairness. It partook
far more of a partisan harangene than a judi-
cial deciefon on a question of law. So far as
that part of the opinion of his Honor was that part of the epinion of his Honor was
conoerned which related to the technicalites of
the motion pending, we have no comment farconoerned which related
the motion pending, we have ne ocommement far-
ther to make than to say that it savored rather of the nieeties of sp
brood ravg of a cour
vindicate its honor. as that before the Judge, it must be olear to
every one that the end to be attained could
only be reached by a most summary procoss,
and in that process the subtleties of the law
must give way to the plain evidence of com. must give way to the plain evidence of com
mon \&enne. If any other rule be asoppted
virtual strangulation of all other investigation must result. It has pleased his Honor to a
suoh another rule; and the consegnena suoh another rule; and the consequence is
that while the Court has satiefied its own con
soienge through technical ressoning, the public soienge through technionl ressoning, the pablio
remain of the opinion they before ntertained,
that the whole business of the Prothono-
 employment of a convioted felon doess not indi-
oate even negligenoe, or how it is that he re
conoiles the seal being placed in the oustody oonoiles the seal being placed in the oustody
of a olerk who has only been employed in th
ofiloe for two days, with dae diligence on th
part of the Prothonotary. He goes bo fa part of the Prothonotarf.
even an to lend a semi-fficial countenanoon to
that most atrocious system of afixing the sea of the Court in blank to judicial documents.
In all this, therefore, we say that we are sur-
prised at the deoision of his Honor, althougb we never expected any other termination of
the suit than the dismissal of the rule.
But if his Honor had contented binalf with But if his Honor had contented himself with
uttering legal niceties he would have remsiaud conoerned. But he has not so contented him
self. He has pronounced an extra julioial bilities and common sense of the entire com
munity. He takes the perjurad teatimony an attempted murcerer as thongh it oame from upon the person of Devine by "hhs enemiss,"
Even the desperate ends of partisan neeossity
cannot excunse a Judge of the Sapreme Coart lending his sanotion to so infamoas an exp pdi-
ent. But neither Judgo Sharswood nor John
Devine oan convinioe the poople that he
(Devine), as runner of the Demosratio Com-
mittee, did not receive those papprs from that
Committee, and they in turn from the ofliser
of the Supreme Coort.
Therere i, however, one point in the opinton
of the Judge which eonfirms his own theory as
 pression of the seal affixed to the forged papers
to have been affixed by a connttrfetit die.
Therefore there must by in existence someWhere in this city an exact electrotyps imita-
tion of the genaing seal of the supreme Court. the officers of the Court nor the experts ex
amined conld eay which was the frrgery an whined the original.. What, then, is the daty
of an election officer? It is clearly to refase to reeofive any paper under the seal of the
Court until he has convinced his consoience counterfeit die which the Court, in its despethe view we have already taken in regard to
the duty of return jadges. Taken altogether, We see in the decipion of Jadge Sharswood
some oanse for surprise, great dause for regret,
and grest cause for the indiguation of both the
hovest ard the intelligent citizen.



| Aptre tran Guilury.-The Union League has promptly offered large sewards for the appre- hension and oonviotion of any of that numerous olnes of Demooratio enthnsiasts who are bent upon resorting to the "little game" of ballot-bex stuffing on Tuesday next. This includes the importation of reokless and desperate charaoters from neighboring oities, the use of fraudulent naturalization oertifloates, and the general attempt to oounteraot the votes of honest citizens by the ballots of persons who are not residents of the oity or not qualifed under the law to exeroise the elective franohise. The Demooratic cause is utterly hopeless, if fair and honest means alone are resorted to in the attempt to bolster it up. This fact is as fully appreciated by the Democratio leaders as by anybody else, and therefore they ara bringing every available triek and devioe to bear upon the issue, determined to gain by fonl means what is impossible of achievement in a fair and open manner. The legal voters of the city should be on guard early and late on the day of the election, and whenever any one of these scoundrels, whether imported from abroad or creeping out of his den here at home, attempts to pollute the ballot-box with a Rebel tieket, he should be taken into onstody and dealt with as the law direots. The liberal rewarde offered by the Union Leas will tend to increasere the vigilance aud autivity of our voters in this matter. |
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