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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1868.

"The Great Commoner." A soleux and impressive scene is being enacted at the national capital to-day. The Hon. O. J. Dickey, the successor in the House of the late Thaddeus Stevens, at the opening of that body made a formal aunouncement of the death of his illustrious predecessor, and proceeded to deliver a eulogy upon his life and public services. He was followed by the Hon. William D. Kelley and several other members of the House, it being expected that the whole of the session would be occupied in this

melancholy way.

Aside from the universal custom which has prevailed in similar cases since the establish- a gross outrage upon the brute creation. In ment of the Government, there is a special significance attached to this payment of fitting tributes to the dead. The life of Thaddeus Stevens was so intimately associated with the history of the country during the progress of the war and the efforts to restore it to its normal condition after the suppression of the Rebellion, that it is impossible to ignore the event of his death. So completely was he identified with the progress of all legislation which bere upon the relations of the Southern States to the Union, that a history of his career during this momentous period is almost necessarily a history of the United States. In giving shape and substance to the Congressional policy of Reconstruction, he assumed the responsible task of leading the dominant party in the lower house of Congress. When he found it impossible to dictate the policy of Congress, with that wise foresight which is the chief quality of true statesmanship, he suffered himself to be led by his party. standing out bravely for every detail of his own peculiar theories, and infusing into the final action of Congress as much of his own spirit as it would bear without breaking down under the weight. That he was vindictive and recentful in a measure cannot be denied by his most devoted admirers, but to the fact that he permitted nothing of a personal character to enter into his motives is to be credited the large share of confidence and respect which he extorted from the most partisan of his opponents. Actuated by a high sense of duty to his country, moved by the largest sympathy for an oppressed and suffering race, nerved to the most heroic endeavor in their behalf by an unshaken confident pronounce favorably on this point. dence in the right, inspired with a firm belief | The Commissioners state that the work in the capacity of man for self-government, and always displaying an unconquerable faith in the ultimate triumph of the priuciples of justice and equality before the law, he was preëminently fitted for the position of a leader in the most perilous and exciting times. Added to these grand qualities of heart was a deep and thorough culture, a readiness of wit and repartee, an eloquence of tongue, and an unfluching zeal, which combined to complete the perfect outline of statesmanship, and to give to their possessor a capacity for usefulness which has soldom been equalled and still more rarely excelled. That the death of such a man should create a profound sensation is not a matter of surprise. That his successor and his former colleagues should pay their last tribute to his memory in terms of almost unmeasured eulogy is both pardonable and

A Judicial Stench.

"THE last refuge of justice," said Henry Ward Beecher, in a recent sermon, "is our courts; and yet," continued that plain-spoken divine, in words more forcible than elegant, "so corrupt are our courts becoming that the name of judge stinks." Henry Ward Beecher was addressing a New York audience, from a New York standpoint, and with the judicial system of New York staring him in the face. That he should, under these circumstances, be moved to such an outburst of indignation is not a matter of surprise. The progress of the great Erie warfare has served to developin all its fulness, the abominable rottenness which is capable of being fostered in an elective judiciary. That we have thus far escaped its unhappy effects in this State, and more especially in this city, is owing in great measure to the almost equal balance of power between the two great political parties. When neither side is assured of success, it becomes absolutely necessary for both parties to place in nomination for judicial positions mea of unquestioned integrity and of undoubted purity of motives.

In New York city, where the Democratic vote is more than double that of the opposition, the office of a judge is stripped of its essential dignity, and clothed with all the petty partisanship which disgraces the wrangles of the ward. Personal fitness, knowledge of the law, devotion to the right, all the grand requisites of the judicial character, are ignored as frequently in filling vacancies upon the Bench as in the rush after the plunder of the Common Council and the Board of Supervisors. For this reason, more than for any other, has the system of an elective judiciary failed so signally in New York. The exemption of Philadelphia thus far from the consequences of a similar failure should not lead us to lose sight of its possible occurrence in the future, but should sther move us to an early return to the older and eafer system of an appointed judi-

clary, with the tenure of office extended to life and limited by good behavior and a capacity for the full and satisfactory discharge of the important functions of the judicial office.

THE TWITCHELL TRIAL.-The trial of Mr. and Mrs. Twitchell for the murder of Mrs. Hill commenced in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning, with Judges Brewster and Ludlow upon the beuch. Not since Anton Probst stood at the same bar, arraigned for the wholesale butchery of an entire family, has there been such a scene in our highest criminal court, and even at that memorable trial the crowd in attendance was not so great nor the interest so intense. That the trial will be a long-protracted one, and both sides of the issue of guilt contested with all the energy and acumen for which the members of our bar are distinguished, bid fair to be the case. That impartial justice will be meted out to the two prisoners, at the bar we do not for a moment doubt.

THE DOG QUESTION has been the great local sensation of London during the past summer, and the excitement created by the muzzling of stray canines while the warm weather continued has not yet abated. Singular as it may appear, this muzzling operation was deneunced almost unanimously by the press as a recent number of the Saturday Review we find a mention of the fact that all unmuzzled dogs caught in the streets of San Francisco are thrown into the pound, and, if not redeemed within a certain time, summarily put to death. The editor states this fact in a way leading us to believe that he regards it as a relic of barbarism of some sort. Into what a convulsion will the English papers be thrown when they are made aware of the fact that in the dog days all unmuzzled canines are unmercifully dealt with in every city in

the Union The Union Pacific Railroad. HITHERTO California and the other States and Territories of the Pacific slope have seemed to us of the eastern side of the continent almost as foreign countries; and, indeed, they are practically further removed from us than Europe so that it is difficult at times to realize the fac, that they are really part and portion of one great country. The time is near at hand, kowever, when the two sides of the continent will be united, and when a journey from Philadelphia to San Francisco will scarcely take more time than would a trip to Boston a hundred years ago. The Union Pacific Raliroad, one of the greatest enterprises of the age, which will make a grand highway across the continent for the commerce of the world, is fast approaching completion. The work on this road has been pushed with unexampled rapidity, and it is considered as certain that it will be open for business by next summer. Nine hundred and sixty miles of the line west from Omaha are already completed, and the work will be progressed through the winter, without intermission, with a force of three thousand men. Of con se, in a railroad of this kind, of the first national importance, it is a matter of interest to every one to know that it has been well constructed. The regular Government Commissioners and the Special Commissioners appointed by the Presiwell done, notwithstanding the rapid manner in which it has been urged forward, and that the general route is exceedingly well selected. The company now have in use 137 loce motives and nearly 2000 cars of all descriptions, and large additions to the rolling stock will be ready by the spring. The grading for the road is nearly completed, and ties are distributed for 120 miles in advance of the western end of the track. Fully 120 miles of iron for the new track are now delivered west of the Missouri river, and 90 miles more are en route,

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