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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1869.

The Verdict.

THIRTEEN days have been devoted by the Court of Quarter Sessions to hearing the evidence, arguments, and charge in the case of the Commonwealth against George S. Titchell, Jr. There has probably never been a trial in Philadelphia which secured so great a hold on the public interest. The bloody and unnatural crime of which the prisoner stood convicted, the fortune and somewhat influential connection by which he was backed, and, above all, the belief in the public mind that the potent influence of certain lawyers would, through some device, secure his acquittal, all caused a painful anxiety to be felt. The fact that of late crime has been on the increase, and the conviction that if punishment was not meted out to Titchell his would become insecure, rendered more momentous the issue. Every device, trick, or quibble of which the case was susceptible was resorted to by the defense. The prisoner's counsel numbered among them the two members of the bar who were, through some fiction of imagination, supposed to possess the power to elude justice in favor of their client. These gentlemen, who are supposed to be the only capable prosecutors in Philadelphia, were for the defense, and a new and untried District Attorney, unacquainted from experience with the workings of the Quarter Sessions, with two assistants, well known as gentlemen and civil lawyers, but never seen at the criminal bar, were all the representatives of the Commonwealth. The jury, after having all the facts, and being nearly deafened with the oratory of the defense, took just thirty-five minutes to consult together, and brought in a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree."

To this verdict the great voice of public sentiment has said "Amen!" From all classes has the expression of the prisoner's guilt gone up. Every man seemed convinced that he was the real criminal, yet few believed that he would be convicted. This anomalous condition of affairs was due to the belief that the old "ring" influence could receive acquittal on any charge, provided sufficient fees were given. The verdict has shattered that idea, has broken it into pieces, and shows how utterly powerless is any lawyer to combat earnest argument, honesty, and zeal on the part of the Commonwealth's officer. We would look at the decision in two lights: First, as to its justice in regard to Titchell himself; secondly, in regard to its influence on the public peace. So far as the fairness of the trial was concerned, we have heard but one voice, which commends it as the most fair of any that ever took place in court. The prisoner had every advantage. The Court properly leaned in his favor so as to give him the benefit of a doubt. The prosecuting officer took no unfair advantage, and the charge of Judge Brewster was a model of ability and nicely balanced equity. Whatever had been the impression previous to the verdict, we think the people will confirm the decision of the jury. It must be remembered that the outside public see as ex parte the value of the evidence. We read it in the papers in that lifeless style in which it must appear on paper. A condensation of what is said necessarily impairs the effect. But above all the presence of the witness, his manner, air, countenance, and general willingness or unwillingness to testify, are lost to the reader, but are all watched by the jury. Twelve men sworn to deal justly, and devoting all their time to the subject, and that alone, would generally arrive at the truth. But when it is remembered that if one out of the twelve fail to be convinced, the prisoner would be saved, the chances of his escape as against his conviction are at fearful odds. But the public opinion in the present case has all leaned in favor of a conviction. People read the evidence for themselves, weighed it, and the verdict of popular judgment was "guilty." The ingenuity displayed by Farnum Sheppard, Esq., assisted as he was most ably by Henry S. Hagert, Esq., and Richard Ludlow, Esq., was of a kind to surprise even those who felt most sanguine of his talents. They have by their management of the case shown themselves rare criminal lawyers, and Mr. Hagert has exhibited a genius as a cross-examiner which is as remarkable as it is rare. Under Mr. Sheppard's administration there will certainly be no lack of the ability which is said to have been monopolized previously in that court. Judge Brewster's charge was a model of impartiality, and was of a character which we expected from a jurist of his intellectual standard.

In regard to the second light in which the verdict must be viewed, namely, the influence on the public peace, we cannot over-estimate its importance. There has been an opinion, possibly arising from some good foundation, that no matter what crime a man was guilty of, if he had enough money to secure the services of certain lawyers he could get off. Among the ruffians, blacklegs, gamblers, and all that class of the population, the idea prevailed that \$5000 would secure an acquittal. How it was to be done was not accurately known, but such was the prevalent impression. There is no such idea in existence this morning. If a villain meditates a

murder which will gain him \$20,000, he will hesitate no more before he commits it. The day, if it ever existed, when money could influence justice, is passed, and all know the fact. In any community it is a great public evil, it is a danger of the greatest magnitude, for a feeling to be prevalent that a criminal can escape through the legal influence of any one man or set of men; and the good people breathe free to day than they had for years as they found the most convincing proof that no clique or no corruption can delay justice. The convict was rich, defended by all possible influences, and was found guilty. None who are criminals could unite more elements in their favor, but popular and legal judgment alike found him to be the murderer. Every one may at last see in practice the poetic sentiment:— "To the mills of God grind slowly, Yet they grind exceeding small; Tho' with patience He stands waiting, With exactness grinds He all!"

Reconstruction and the Incoming Administration.

It is highly desirable that all the issues arising out of reconstruction should be adjusted by Congress prior to the fourth of March. The interest with which this subject was at one time invested has already greatly diminished, and the whole work is so nearly finished that there is no good reason for procrastination in reference to the few details requiring further legislation. Andrew Johnson will rank in history as the head of a reconstruction administration, and as one who, while shamefully neglecting all the general duties of the Presidential office, failed utterly in achieving the objects which specially engaged his attention. He virtually tried to suppress Congress, and Congress in turn, notwithstanding the failure of impeachment, has palmed the arm of the Executive and made Presidential vetoes as nugatory as Democratic editorials. The real government of the country has been transferred to Congress to a larger extent than at any former period of national history, the central subject of dispute being reconstruction. Although Andrew Johnson is no longer a foe man worthy of the steel of the famous and favorite Representatives of the people, they owe it to their own dignity and to the loyal interests they have espoused, to complete during his term of office the work they have thus far suspiciously prosecuted, so that he may retire to the aldermanic shades of Greenville so completely foiled at every point that his fate may serve as a perpetual warning to traitorous executives who would betray confiding constituencies and antagonize the American people. Very little further legislation is necessary, but the new safeguards which are required should be promptly established, and an opportunity should be presented to all the States of adopting a uniform system of suffrage. This whole subject should be disposed of while the dissonances to which it has given rise are fresh in the memory of the public. It should be finally adjusted now, because the pressing necessity for the consideration of financial topics will presently force it into comparative obscurity. It should be adjusted to complete the victory of Congress, the overthrow of a treacherous President, and the protection of Southern loyalists. But in addition to all these cogent reasons, there is another of equal or even greater importance. It arises from the evident propriety of so arranging the public business that General Grant may be unencumbered with the issues originated by Johnson, and that he may devote his exclusive attention to the important Presidential duties which have recently been sadly neglected, and to such new questions as may demand Executive action. Whatever may be the leading features of General Grant's policy, he can scarcely desire to participate prominently in the conclusion of an etic controversy, nor wish that Congress should be engrossed with subordinate features of an adjourned quarrel at a time when their attention may be required by momentous new questions. The Republican party has guided the national destinies through one Presidential term of fierce internal war, through another of reconstruction and antagonism arising from Presidential treachery, and as it is about to enjoy, for the first time, a lease of power under favorable circumstances—peace prevailing, and concord existing between the Executive and Congress—we are anxious that no pains should be spared to ensure the success of this experiment. Let the decks be cleared for General Grant, so that the ship of state may not be overloaded with old ballast when she commences her new voyage. We have an abiding faith that the incoming President will faithfully strive to execute the laws, to collect the revenues, to protect peaceful citizens, to restore tranquility and prosperity, to administer the Government economically, and to cause it to be respected at home and abroad. He will find in the simple duty of reforming the Executive department of the Government a wide field for his energies, and we trust that Congress will give a disposition to render every possible assistance to his efforts to render the Presidential office once more preeminently useful to the people.

Copyright of Works of Art.

SOME time ago petitions were presented to Congress, signed by many of the best known artists in the country, asking for a protective tariff on foreign works of art imported into the United States. The artists announced it as their desire only to exclude such inferior works as are brought here in large quantities, and sold at prices so low that it was impossible to compete with them, especially as the artists of the picture-buying public were not sufficiently cultivated to discriminate between good and bad; that with many a low price was of more consequence than artistic merit, and that the importation of such immense quantities of inferior works exerted a damaging effect, not so much by excluding American pictures from the market, as by deterring the

public taste. While admitting the force of many of the arguments advanced by the artists, the press of the country, almost without exception, discouraged the idea of a protective tariff on works of art, on account of the impossibility of deciding by legal enactments on the merits of pictures and statues, and because a protective tariff would exclude many meritorious works, and, without benefiting our home artists, it would have a damaging effect on American art.

The artists have now started a new protective movement which we think is in every way worthy of encouragement and support. As the matter now stands, pictures and statues can be copied ad infinitum, to the serious injury of the artist's pocket and reputation, and yet he can obtain no redress. Some months ago Mr. Edward Moran wrote a letter exposing the case of a pirated copy of one of his pictures, which was exposed for sale as original; and this instance is but one among many, the best and most popular artists being the greatest sufferers. When an artist sells a work, it is understood, as a matter of courtesy, that he does not cease to control its duplication, unless there is an express understanding to that effect at the time of sale, but beyond the rule of courtesy he has no protection whatever. Since the introduction of photography, especially, the evil they complain of has greatly increased, and by the pirating of their designs they are deprived of a revenue from their works to which they are justly entitled. The chairman of a meeting held a few days ago in New York to consider this subject, very forcibly remarked that "the man who invents a new mouse-trap or flying machine may take out a patent for every part of his invention, but the painter cannot take out a patent for his picture. A sculptor produces a statue, but he cannot patent it. A photographer can take a view of the statue, and inscribe thereon 'entered according to act of Congress,' and if the sculptor were to take a similar view of his own work he would be liable to a suit for infringing on the patent of the photographer."

No reasonable arguments can be urged against the passage of a copyright law for the benefit of artists of every description. No damage to art in general, or American art in particular, would result from such a measure, as in the case of a protective tariff designed to exclude works of art from the country; and as a matter of simple justice, the artists are as much entitled to the benefits of legal protection against the piratical multiplication of their works as the authors are. The copying of pictures and statues by means of photography and chromo-lithography is getting to be an extensive and important business, and the artists certainly ought to share in the profits. We hope that those who are interested will combine and push this matter with energy, and we are confident, if it is properly represented to Congress, that a satisfactory law will be passed. The newspapers of the country are, we believe, without exception anxious to advance the interests of the artists, and as far as their influence extends, will aid in bringing about the desired reform.

OBITUARY.

Martin W. Bates. A despatch from Wilmington, Del., announces the death of the Hon. Martin W. Bates, ex-United States Senator, at that place yesterday. Mr. Bates had almost attained the venerable age of eighty-two years, having been born at Salisbury, Conn., on the 24th of February, 1787. After receiving a good English education, he devoted his attention to medicine, but soon deserted this profession for that of the law. Having removed to the State of Delaware, he entered into political life, serving several terms in the State Legislature, and in 1850 as a member of the State Constitutional Convention. On the death of the late John M. Clayton, in 1856, Mr. Bates was elected as a Democrat to the seat in the United States Senate thereby made vacant, and served from the latter part of that year to the end of the unexpired term, in March, 1859, when he was in turn succeeded by the standing disgrace of the State, the Seneca, and the country—Willard Saulsbury.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—UNION METHODIST CHURCH.—The week of prayer, at 4 o'clock during the coming week of prayer, as follows: MONDAY, Jan. 4.—PRIMEVAL CHURCH, BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE, and the Union Church. TUESDAY, Jan. 5.—BROAD STREET M. E. CHURCH, BROAD AND ARCH STREETS, and the Union Church. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6.—FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WASHINGTON SQUARE, and the Union Church. THURSDAY, Jan. 7.—MANCINI BAPTIST CHURCH, CHESTNUT STREET, above Eighth, and the Union Church. FRIDAY, Jan. 8.—FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROAD STREET, above Spruce, and the Union Church. SATURDAY, Jan. 9.—CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, 12th and Arch, and the Union Church. HOW SHALL THE MASSIVE BE REACHED with the Gospel? Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 1868. The 25th Union Meeting will be held at the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BROAD AND ARCH STREETS, on Sabbath Evening, 31st inst., at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Wm. W. Williams, D. D., will preach. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. DEDICATION SERVICES.—NORTH UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE UNION METHODIST CHURCH. The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach.

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THE NEW YEAR.—A solemn service of prayer and thanksgiving will be held at the Union Church, Broad and Arch Streets, on Monday, Jan. 4, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE UNION METHODIST CHURCH.—The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach.

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COLD WEATHER DOES NOT CHAP.—ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.—The Union Church, Broad and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 1868. The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE UNION METHODIST CHURCH.—The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach. THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The annual meeting of this congregation will be held on Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., will preach.

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OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PENNSYLVANIA PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY.

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