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Sensibility for Criminals an Enemy of Public Security.

Tunes is a great deal of truth and much commen sense in the charge delivered by Judge Ludlow to the Grand Jury of the Quarter Sessions term for February, the substance of which we published yesterday. The Judge spoke truly when he said, "No sooner is a man conthan every effort is made to screen him from a just punishment." This is indeed so, and for oriminals being carried, that it seems high time that public attention should be called to the evil. It is a fact, within the everyday ex. perience of such of our readers as occupy any position of prominence in either the religious, charitable, or even political world, that an almost daily application is made to them to sign a petition for a pardon. The extent to which the spirit of aiding convicted criminals is carried is shown by the fact that Governor Geary in his message states that in sixteen hundred cases during 1868 was he asked to use the prerogative of clemency. It is time for the signers of these petitions to pause and think of the consequences of their being granted. When justice and mercy are confounded one with the other, the former gives way, and the result is a weak administration of the law, a disregard of the rights of persons and of property, and a carmival of every species of crime. Instead of there being any further extension of charity and pity towards oriminals, it is more appropriate for us to draw yet more stringently the reins of the law, and let it be known to each evil doer that no interference of false sympathy can save him from a

We favor a more rigorous system of imprisonment and an inexorable execution of all sentences pronounced against any criminal in our city. During the past year there has been a fearful amount of crime perpetrated in our midst. Since the 24th of March last, there have been thirteen homicide cases tried 548 minor bills have been disposed of. This is a terrible record, and one which shows that in the future, if crime is to be checked, examples must be made of those heretofore foun I guilty. We are glad to know, from the pablished records, that the Governor of the State has no sympathy for those who have broken the laws, and cannot be moved from his duty by the supplications for pity either of oriminals or their soft-hearted friends.

Do people appreciate the request they are making when they sign a petition for pardon? They are asking that an enemy of law and a proven criminal be freed from punishment, and that there shall be once more released and let loose upon society one who has proven himself a felon. In this there is no spark of justice. Were the consequences limited to the one man freed, after a fair trial, the effect would be comparatively small. But by his case dozens of others are incited to misdeeds. The pardoned man goes back in nine cases out of ten to his old associates, and by his release excites them to fresh deads of lawlessness. The pardon of a couple of murderers now convicted would. in our opinion, lead to twice that number of homicides within a year. An impunity is all that is desired by these men to stimulate them to orime. We are, therefore, at a loss to see how any thinking citizen who has interests at stake can affix an indiscriminate signature to any petition presented him. Nor can we see why any one should ask that the judgment of the law be set aside in any cases, unless he be interested personally in the prisoner. Where is its logic or its justice? A man knowingly and deliberately violates s law; for instance, takes human life. What grounds can he lay to escape punishment? Judge Brewster, in delivering the opinion of the Court in the Twitchell case, well put the issue when he gaid:-"While Mrs. Hill was sent to her last account without the opportunity of one short prayer, the law has been jealous of every right which the presumption of innocence could throw around you." The comparison of fates is one of wider significance than the case to which it is particularly applied. It extends to nearly every case of crime. Why, then, should justice not be meted out to the man, as he has meted out wrong to his victim The law is not too severe, it is too lenient.

But in other cases than those of life and death do we see the mildness of punishment-In imprisonment there is little to fear except confinement. Judge Ludlow says: -

"Now it is a well-known fact that the inmates of our County Prison and Pentantiary, in this county at least, it we hatter than the honest, industrious poor of the community. No man desires to see a prisoner starve or treated with barbarity, but something should be done to make the man who is a islon appreciate his continue. The way of the transpressor shall be position. The way of the transgressor shall be hard. What right has the pickposket who has hard. What right has the plekpocket who has been brought time and again before this Court, to expect that he shall be sentenced to a term of years in the penitentiary or prison, and go there, and with very slight labor spend the time and be discharged to plunder again? It may be a harsh rule, but a Divine and sound one, which would require a professional thief, robber, or burglar to understand that when he is in a very uncomfortable place." is in prison he is in a very uncomfortable place.

The irresistible logic of facts is making many people agree with Judge Ludlow. The system of reformatory prisons for adults has not been a success, and the conclusion seems inevitable that instead of reforming the con-

viots by kindness we are demonstrating the | that these claimants will bring all their arneed of punishment for crime. In view of all the circumstances of our city, the increase of crime and the daring recklessness of wrongdoers, we demand that the public safety shall not be endangered through the tender sensibilities of the would-be philanthropists with whom Philadelphia appears to be overrun. We call for no more pardons, mild sentences, or releasing of fines, so far as any oriminals within our county are concerned, for some time

The Alabama Trenty-Reverdy Johnson. A FEW YEARS ago a Senator of the United States (John P. Hale) was charged, in a New England newspaper, with receiving a fee of \$3000 as counsel for a prisoner accused of offenses against the Government. In making a personal explanation in regard to this affair in the Senate, he acknowledged that the allegation was well founded, and he justified himself by the plea that none of his rights as a lawyer were forfelted by his service as a Senstor, except in cases where he was forbidden to vioted of the highest crime known to the law, "act as counsel by an express law. He stated, however, that as he feared there might be some impropriety in his double service, he to such an extent is this mandlin sensibility | concluded to consult his friend and Sanstorial colleague, Reverdy Johnson, and he accordingly propounded to that distinguished gentleman question whether it was wrong for a Senator to defend a person imprisoned in the Old Capitol on a charge of fraudulent practices on the War Department. The reply, as given by Senator Hale, was as follows:-

Mr. Johnson looked at me as if he thought as rather preen to ask such a question, and re-led with great promptness and great empire sis, 'Not the least objection under heaven.'
'Well, said I, 'Mr. Johnson, that neards with
my own opinion of what the law is and the
right is; but in a instter of this kind I want to ask still further, is there anything indelicate to such an engagement?' Not the slightest in the world, sata he. He then went on to give at some length (not ve ylong) his views of what the rights of counsel were; that they had been imited by Congress in one narticular which he thought an unwise restriction, and that was, restraining members of Congress from appearing before the Court of Colons, but, said no, as to this matter you are asking about, I am doing it every week, I do not know that ne did not say every day in the week."

Reverdy Johnson, who was present in the Senate when the above explanation was made, rose, after the conclusion of Mr. Hale's remarks, and acknowledged the substantial correctness of the statement we have quoted, defending at some length the doctrines in reference to the privileges of Senatorial lawyers which it enunciates.

A few months ago a story went the rounds of the press to the effect that Reverdy Johnson, in acting as a special commissioner or agent for the Government at New Orleans during the war, managed to discharge his public duties in a manner so acceptable to parties who had heavy pecuniary interests involved, that he received from them a very in the Quarter Sessions of the county, and large fee for comparatively unimportant services subsequently rendered as their private

> These incidents are of no public importance unless they serve to illustrate the character of the gentleman charged with the responsible duty of representing the American Govvernment at the Court of St. James. The old style of ambassador was defined to be a man sent into foreign countries to promote, at all hazards, even to the extent of downright talsification, the interests of his native land. If anybody is wicked enough to suppose that the negotiator on the part of the United States, of the Alabama treaty, carries his notions of the privileges of counsel so far as to hold that there is no indelicacy or impropriety in acting in the double capacity of minister and attorney for claimants on either side of the water, he must also be ready to believe that the office of ambassador has been invested with new attributes, and that it offers marvellous or portunities for combining a Inerative professional practice with the occapancy of an exalted public position.

> The Alabama treaty may be a very satisfactory document to private claimants, and it is well designed to extract money from the tressuries of both the high contracting parties. It ignores on its face, however, the principal grievance of America, and at the same time opens a wide door for all classes of British

> The piratical cruisers sent forth from the shores of England nearly annihilated American commerce. The actual loss suffered can scarcely be computed in money, but it must amount to hundreds of millions of dollars. Our proud flag was well-nigh driven from the ocean, and a blow was given to our shipping interests from which they may never recover. The mischief or loss resulting from any single capture to the owners of the ship seized constituted but an infinitesimal portion of the damage inflicted upon this country. Underwriters were compelled to advance the rate of insurance on American ships, which were thus rendered incapable of competing with their English rivals. The Confederate flag was made a mere cover for deadly British warfare upon our mercantile marine, and the registered toppage of the United States was reduced with frightful rapidity.

> However gratifying it may be to individual sufferers to have the positive losses they sustained by the capture of their vessels refunded by the British Government, the redress of their personal wrongs will prove but a slight atonement to the American people for an incalculable national loss and a national humiliation, and even this partial atonement will be embittered (if the Alabama treaty is ratified) by a consciousness that it can only be purchased by the payment to British claimants of all the demands against our Government that a mixed commission can be induced to

The category of British claims against this country embraces the foreign Confederate loan, held principally by the British aristocracy and the British ship-owners, who were most active, during the war, in assisting the Rebellion, and in imposing upon the American people immense new burdens. If the Alabama treaty is ratified, there is little reason to doubt I

tillery to bear upon the mixed commission; and if it endorses their claim, the people of the United States will either be compelled to psy for the munitions that destroyed thousands of loyal citizens, or to forego all chance of obtaining even an infinitesimal amount of reparation for the terrible damages inflicted by the piratical cruisers fitted out in British ports during the war.

The Railroads of the United States, THE wonderful development of the resources of the United States which has taken place within the last balf-score of years could only have been accomplished by one means. Without the sid of railroads, an immense stretch of ecuntry which is now under cultivation and filled with a dense and thriving population would still have been a wilderness. The States of the Union are now, however, bound together with bands of iron, the old-fashioned ideas of time, space, and distance are annihilated, and St. Louis is practically as near to Philadelphia as New York was thirty years ago, and ere another year rolls round we may expect to have San Francisco almost as our next-door neighbor.

The Pacific Railroad, the greatest enterprise of the age, still remains an unaccomplished fact. But a couple of hundred miles of the distance remain to be bridged over, however, and the last section of the road is being completed so rapidly that by the beginning of summer the great highway between the At. lantic and Pacific Oceans will be completed and open for travel and traffic. The importance of the Pacific Railroad as a national work cannot be estimated. Hitherto we have been divided from the Pacific coast and California, and the States west of the Rocky Mountains have been almost foreign countries, with scarcely any interests or affiliations to bind them to the East. Not the least result of the completion of the Pacific Railroad will be the binding together of the East and the West and consolidation of our empire. Scarcely less important than this will be the trade of China, Japan, and the East Indies, which will paturally traverse this continent and pour into our laps the wealth that has hitherto been absorbed for the most part by Europe.

The wonderful rapidity with which the Union Pacific Rallroad has been built is unexampled in the history of railroad enterprise. An army of laborers has been employed, the desert plains west of the Mississippi have been crossed, the Rocky Mountains surmounted, and Salt Lake valley, the last resting-place of Brigham Young and his disciples, invaded; and with the Central Pacific Road advancing to meet it from the west, a few weeks will suffice to effect a union and complete the great work. The opening of the Pacific Railroad on next Fourth of July would be the grandest celebration of Independence Day we have had since we were a nation.

The Naval Apprantices.

A YEAR or two ago a system of naval apprenticeship was adopted by Congress which met with the general approval of the country. The object of this system was to train boys in naval seamanship, so that in the future a supply of competent man-of-war's-men might be secured for our national vessels. As an inducement for parents and guardians to apprentice their boys in the navy, and as an incentive to the boys themselves, it was provided that ten of the apprentices might be appointed to the Naval Academy every year. A few days since the Senate at Washington, on the recommendation of Mr. Grimes, Chairman of the Naval Committee, repealed this provision, thus cutting off from the apprentices all hope of preferment. This was a great wrong not only to the boys who have enlisted with the hope that by industry and application they may some day be able to wear the officer's epaulettes, but it is a direct violation of the pledges already made. No good reason has been given why this change should be made, and we do not believe that any good reason can be given.

There is already too much undemocratic feeling among the line officers of the navy, and this feeling is fostered and encouraged by the training of the Naval Academy. This repeal of the salutary provision of the law relating to the naval apprentices is a weak vielding on the part of the members of the Senate to the spirit of caste that already rules too much in the naval service; and we do not believe that it would have received a dozen votes if the subject had been properly understood. The Senate has shown its ignorance of naval matters more than once, and the friends of that branch of our military service should see that a few interested parties do not push through such measures as this merely for their own selfish gratification, and without regard to the real interests of the country. We hope that when this matter comes up before the Senate, it will receive the careful consideration it deserves, that the naval apprentices may not be deprived of their rights under the existing law unless very satisfactory and conclusive reasons are adduced.

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EDMUND SMUTH, Secretary.

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