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THE SCHOEPPE CASE.

In the ordinary course of justice, after a man arraigned for murder is tried, convicted, and sentenced, after the Supreme Court has refused to review any point in the proceedings; and after the Governor concludes a protracted examination of alleged grounds for the interposition of Executive clemency by issuing a death-warrant in which the day of execution is fixed, there is nothing left but to enforce the dread mandate of the law. But to this general rule the case of Dr. Schoeppe, who now lies under sentence of death in the Carlisle Jail, has proved a striking exception. After being baffled, apparently, at every point, and after every rational hope of averting his impending doom seemed to have been rudely dispelled, the Supreme Court has, by the consent of the Attorney-General, issued a writ of certiorari, which has already led to an indefinite postponement of the time of Schoeppe's execution; and as it will necessarily ensure a judicial rehearing of some of the points at issue, his fate is once more involved in doubt. The causes which have led to this new turn in the tide of his affairs are manifold, and when viewed in connection with the character of his imputed offense, they render his trial, as a whole, the most remarkable that has ever occurred in this State. Personally he is well calculated to inspire a deep interest in sympathetic minds. He is endowed with great personal beauty and brilliant intellectual powers, so that if he is a murderer he belongs to the Eugene Aram and Dr. Webster school rather than to the dull and brutal class who furnish the usual subjects for the gallows. His alleged crime is in consonance with his character. Dr. Webster endeavored to destroy the body of his victim so thoroughly that not a single trace sufficient for identification would be left, while Dr. Schoeppe, if he administered poison to Miss Stenoecke, concocted the fatal dose so cunningly that his present advocates, who include many learned physicians, stoutly contend that the evidences of his guilt presented during the trial were totally insufficient to justify conviction. Then, while it is alleged that his German birth generated undue prejudice against him among the jury, it is certain he has gained a host of powerful friends since his conviction by the simple fact that he was born and reared in the Fatherland of many of our worthy citizens; and they have zealously rushed to his rescue. But all that the doctors have accomplished on the one hand, and the Germans on the other, would have proved ineffectual, if a powerful partisan element had not been invoked. The last and turning point in the controversy grew out of the intense desire in certain quarters to throw discredit upon the opinion given by Attorney-General F. Carroll Brewster, declaring that there was no legitimate cause for the interposition of Executive clemency. As he had just obtained that office, under circumstances which excited great interest among the politicians of the State, no pains were spared to create the impression at the outset of his new career that he was not an infallible legal adviser; and the clamor proceeding from this cause, when united with the powerful agitations which had previously been fomented, have temporarily turned the scales in Dr. Schoeppe's favor. It remains to be seen, however, whether the prisoner has, after all, gained anything more than a reprieve; but in view of the new complication, and the indications that he is to be a turning point of political as well as scientific battles, the public interest in his case will be still further heightened before it is finally decided.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

At the meeting of the Board of Controllers held yesterday, an able and elaborate report was presented by a special committee which urgently recommended that the public school system of this city should be amended by the appointment of a superintendent and two assistants, to be charged, in a general way, with the supervision of all the public schools of Philadelphia. In view of the fact that every other leading city of the Union adopted the proposed improvement years ago, and that it has been in successful operation, for a considerable period, in the interior counties of this Commonwealth, as well as in every progressive State, it is a matter of great surprise that Philadelphia has been so slow in adopting what is everywhere recognized as an indispensable adjunct of a well-organized free school system. The advantages of effective superintendence are not merely theoretical, for they have been so fully and repeatedly demonstrated that there is no longer an excuse for doubt or cavil on this vital point, and the small appropriation necessary to insure this invaluable educational aid should be granted at the earliest possible moment.

The Postmaster-General has strengthened the powerful argument contained in his official report in favor of an abolition of the franking privilege, by a recent letter to the Chairman of the Congressional Post Office Committee, stating that a new example in favor of this reform has recently been furnished by the action of North Germany. There, as in England, all official correspondence is now subject to postage. This is the only rational and just system. It lays the axe to the root of favoritism and destroys the army of Post Office dead-heads, who eat out the substance of the revenues of that department in this country, and rob the Government of millions of dollars annually, by a

species of knavery which is no better than petty larceny. Congressmen cannot too soon cease to be the accomplices of these frauds.

THE CECEMENICAL COUNCIL.

A CABLE telegram announces that a Papal bull establishing regulations for the Cœmenical Council has been issued, which concedes, in principle, one of the most important points contended for by Catholics of the Father Hyacinthe school. It grants the privilege, if not the right, of introducing new propositions to every member of the council, but it surrounds this privilege with the important restriction that the new suggestions must be submitted privately to a council of bishops appointed by the Pope, with whom it appears to be optional whether they shall ever be formally presented or not. Under these circumstances the concession is but a slight one, still it is nevertheless a concession when contrasted with the claim that all the work of the council should be rigidly confined to the limits assigned by the syllabus and other documents prepared in advance of its assembling. In view of the significant hint recently given by Napoleon that the present movement was especially inopportune for a dogmatic declaration of Papal infallibility, and the adverse attitude of other Catholic rulers concerning this point, also, are not improvable, and the final result of the deliberations of the council is involved in great uncertainty.

HON. ROBERT C. GRIER.

It is reported that Hon. Robert Cooper Grier, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, will send his resignation to the President today. Judge Grier was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of March, 1794. He is the son of the Rev. Isaac Grier, under whose watchful care he grew up, and to whom he is indebted for the careful training that laid the foundation of his education. Soon after the birth of his son the Rev. Mr. Grier moved to Lycoming county, where he cultivated a farm, taught school, and preached to three different congregations. The son, as soon as he was old enough to do so, aided his father on the farm and in the school, until he was seventeen years of age, when he was sent to Dickinson College to complete his education in a regular manner. He graduated from this institution in 1812, taking the highest honors, and in so much esteem was he held for his scholarly attainments, that he was immediately offered the position of a teacher. This he held for one year, when he removed to Northumberland, where his father had established an academy. This institution achieved a high reputation, and on the death of the Rev. Mr. Grier, in 1815, his son succeeded him as principal. His leisure moments were devoted to the study of the law, and in 1815 he was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice in Bloomsburg, Columbia county. He remained in this place about a year, when he took up his residence in Danville, where he speedily acquired a large and lucrative practice, and obtained the reputation of being a sound and able lawyer. In 1838 he was appointed by the Governor of the State to be the President Judge of the District Court of Allegheny county, and he removed to Allegheny City, where he remained until 1848, when he came to Philadelphia. This, however, was after his appointment as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, which took place on the 4th of August, on the death of Judge Baldwin. Since then Judge Grier has been constantly engaged with the laborious duties of his position. His strong constitution enabled him to bear fatigues that would have prostrated many men less hardy, for, with the exception of a few weeks each summer, he has enjoyed no holidays. Judge Grier is noted for the clearness of his charges to juries, and his decisions have rarely been overruled by the Supreme Court in banc. His mental powers are but slightly impaired, and his retirement from the Supreme Court is solely on account of his advanced age and the feebleness incident thereto. During his long continuance on the bench, he has proved himself to be an able and impartial exponent of the law, and a hard-working and faithful servant of the public. He retires crowned with age and honors, and it is to be hoped that he may live many years yet to enjoy the leisure and cessation from toil he has justly entitled to.

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