

A Discouraging Result for Privates.

The decision of the Pittsburgh Court in the IAMS-STREATOR case is not calculated to encourage enlistment in the National Guard of the State, nor does it reflect credit upon the justice meted out by our courts or upon the methods of the military.

Under the constitution it has generally been supposed that all men were entitled to a trial before conviction and sentence. Such does not seem to be the case. As the law has been construed, and enforced by Judge PORTER, a private in the State Guard has no right but to submit to whatever degrading punishment may be inflicted upon him through the orders of his superiors. He has absolutely no guarantee of protection of any kind or hope of redress for any humiliation or wrong that he may be made to suffer.

While in the military service of the State, a soldier can be subjugated to cruel and unusual punishment at the dictum of a superior, without a hearing or trial, as was the case with IAMS, then what private is safe or who that wears the uniform of the State can feel secure from such punishment as was meted out to him, whenever the officer in charge may order it.

No one excuses IAMS for the foolish expression that caused his disgrace and punishment. He was guilty of a gross breach of good sense, as well as of the discipline of the company of which he was a member, but having committed the offense he was entitled to a fair trial and to such punishment as his crime demanded after conviction.

It was not the punishment inflicted, although that was brutal almost beyond belief, so much as the fact that no trial was had or no conviction attempted that aroused public indignation. If the officers in command could impose sentence and inflict punishment without trial, for the offense he committed, then they could do the same and to any extent, for any other supposed or actual breach of military authority on the part of any private soldier.

With this power, claimed by those in command of the militia and recognized by the courts as belonging to them, what man who has respect for himself or friends or who values his own safety in the least, can afford to take the risk of being disgraced, humiliated and punished at the order of a superior, whether he is guilty or not.

And yet this is the position every private in the State Guard is in today. The order of a Pittsburgh Judge and the action of a Pittsburgh jury, in the IAMS case, has settled this and hereafter the only safe place for the young men of Pennsylvania will be in some other position than to subject to the whims and spite and autocratic authority of the SNOWDENS STREATORs and HAWKINS of the State militia.

Not Lost but Went Wrong for a Short Time.

Our sympathies go out in great streams to Major WILLIS S. BIERLY, a former Centre countyman, but of late years a rustler among the residents of North Dakota. Mr. BIERLY was born a Democrat. His education, teachings and inclinations would have made him that had he been born otherwise. He held Democratic office and preached Democratic doctrines here in the east, and after going west held the same faith until after the Chicago convention nominated Mr. CLEVELAND. Then for some reason, unknown at this distance, his paper, the Northwest News, and claiming to be the Democratic mouth-piece of the State of his adoption, refused to accept the work of the convention, declined to support its candidates and predicted overwhelming and disastrous defeat to the party and its ticket. When the effort was made to unite the Democratic and the Populist vote of that State it ticked vigorously against the movement, and again predicted a dismal and disgraceful failure.

Well, the returns are in and North Dakota, without the News and without our friend BIERLY, is to all intents and purposes Democratic. The failures he predicted resulted in glorious and inspiring successes. The disasters that were to follow the follies of the party, have blossomed out into full grown victories. The state of his adoption is outside the Republican fold, and what is most troubling him now is to know just "where he is at." In his disappointments, his doubts and discouragements, he has our sympathies. In his efforts to get back into the party fold, he has our best wishes.

—Hereafter he will be known as ALABAMA MAGEE.

How It Went.

After the news of the first few days following an election, it is difficult to get anything definite, until the official returns are promulgated. At this writing, but little more is known of the result in States that were doubtful, than was given the morning after the election. The official vote alone will determine the result as to electors in Ohio, Nebraska, Wyoming and North Dakota.

Sufficient returns are furnished to show that the next United States Senate will not have less than 42 Democratic or more than 40 Republican members, with six People's party representatives. The official vote from states yet in doubt, may increase the Democratic representation to 44, and decrease the People's party to four. The Democratic majority in the lower House of Congress will be about 100.

The following is the latest tabulation of the result on electors:

Table showing electoral college results by state, including columns for electors and votes.

Looking Ahead.

The next Democratic county convention for this county, will be composed of 93 delegates, or at least that is the basis we presume the county committee will fix when it meets to make its apportionment. Strictly enforced, the rules would make the next convention consist of 92 members, but as this is an even number and could cause trouble in case of a tie vote, and as there are two districts, the 3rd ward of Phillipsburg and the northern precinct of Gregg, that have the same excess of votes, we take it that the usual custom will be followed, and in place of giving each of these districts a half a vote, a full delegate will be allotted them. If this is done the different districts will be entitled to the following representation:

Table showing district representation for the next Democratic county convention.

The last convention was made up of 106 delegates, based upon the vote for governor in 1890, at which time PATTERSON received 625 more votes than was cast for CLEVELAND on the 8th inst.

The districts losing delegates in consequence of a short vote, are the west ward of Belleville, Millheim, Phillipsburg 2nd ward, west Boggs, west Haines Miles, Patton, South Rush, north Rush, east Snow Shoe, west Spring, north Spring and Union.

They Mistook Their Man.

They are having a warm time in Ohio among the leading Republicans just now, and it threatens to become warmer as the row grows older. In some way or other the facts have become public that during the last Senatorial contest, Secretary FOSTER and Governor MCKINLEY received the promise of JOHN SHERMAN, that in return for their assistance in downing FORAKER, that after a brief term he would resign the Senatorship and assist FOSTER in being made his successor. The latter it seems after depleting the Treasury now wants to vacate his position and step into SHERMAN's shoes.

This SHERMAN vigorously objects to, and as he holds the position, and all the other fellows have his promise to vacate, it is not likely that any one will take his place as Senator until the expiration of his term.

OFFICIAL RETURNS OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR 1892.

Large table of official returns for Centre County, 1892, listing candidates for President, Congress at Large, Sup. Judge, Congress, Representatives, Asso. Judge, Prothonotary, Dist. At., Co. Surv., and Clerks, with their respective votes.

Note.—The vote cast for the People's party was as follows: Belleville, N. W. 2; Phillipsburg, 1st ward 2; Phillipsburg 3d ward 1; Unionville 1; Benner 1; Halfmoon 1; Spring, south 6; Spring, west 1; Worth 1.—Total 17. Not a vote was polled for the Socialist Labor party.

Pennsylvania's Vote.

Returns from All the Counties Give Harrison Less Than 60,000 Plurality.

Official or semi-official returns have now been received from every county in the state. They show a falling off of the Republican plurality in 1888 of 20,043, Harrison's vote being 59,429 above that cast for Cleveland. Some few changes will yet be made in the figures given below, but they will be very slight.

The People's and Socialist Labor parties obtained but few votes and Bidwell, prohibitionist candidate for president, received only 11,105 in the entire commonwealth. The vote was less than that polled four years ago, which shows that the new ballot law kept many away. Following is the vote for the Democratic and Republican candidates for president and supreme judge.

Table showing Pennsylvania's vote by county for President and Supreme Judge.

Horrible Accident on the Reading Railroad.

A Locomotive Blew Up When Near Schuylkill Haven and Its Machinery Was Hurled For Squares Around—The Bodies of the Killed Were Horribly Disfigured. Every Bone in the Engineer's Body Was Crushed—Number of Persons Injured.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 14.—Philadelphia and Reading engine, No. 453, drawing a train of empty coal cars, which passed through this city at midnight, blew up at Conners crossing, near Schuylkill Haven, at 2 o'clock this morning killing five men, injuring several others, tearing up the tracks, dismantling the locomotive and hurling the machinery for miles around. Following are the names of the dead: William Cowley, engineer. William Moyer, freeman. Harry Allison, engineer. William Kendrick, conductor. William Mackey, freeman. Michael Dobbins, a brakeman, was badly injured.

The Acquittal of Lingo.

The Judge Orders His Release Which Stirs up the People of Merchantsville.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—The good people of Merchantsville, New Jersey, are in arms because of the acquittal, yesterday, in Camden of Francis Lingo, colored, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Annie Miller. Their anger knows no bounds, and is intermingled with fear that some one else may be murdered in that vicinity, and the perpetrator punished. The wives and daughters of the well-to-do residents, and they are numerous, actually dread to leave their homes alone for fear that something might happen them.

Republican Campaign Literature Has Not Yet Been Paid For.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Deputy Sheriff Young to-day received an attachment for \$19,923 against the Brodix Publishing Company of New York and Washington in favor of Reuben Freeman & Bros., printers, for work done and materials furnished. The printing was done for the Republican national campaign committee. The Brodix Company it is said sublet the contract to Freeman & Bros. for \$25,000, and the latter firm has received but \$6,000 on account of the work done and have attached for the balance claimed to be due. The sheriff served the attachment on a number of persons, including Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican national campaign committee.

Richard and his Sweetheart.

Nell, song and chorus, quartet, sent free to any address by Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., South Bend, Ind., on receipt of stamp to cover postage and mailing. The verses relate the story of a drive taken by Richard and Nell. The title page has an elegant picture, specially designed by the artist, Gray-Raker, showing Richard and his sweetheart about starting out on their memorable drive. The words, of course, constitute a love story. The share it of the Studebakers is merely incidental. The melody is delightful, and was composed for the words by the well known musical writer, W. F. Sudds.

Knights of Labor Meet.

ST. LOUIS, November 15.—The sixteenth annual meeting of the general assembly of the Knights of Labor went into session this morning. The convention was called to order by Grand Master T. W. Fowler, and the committee on credentials immediately presented their report. The consideration of this report consumed all the morning session and other preliminary proceedings will follow before the real work of the session. Committees were appointed on distribution, appeals, state of order, cooperation and secret work.

John Hoey Dead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—John Hoey, for many years President of the Adams express company, who has been lying ill for several weeks, died to-night.

Von Caprivi Will Resign.

The Army Bill's Defeat Will Be the Signal.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—The Army bill has been passed by the Bundestag without alteration, except for a few verbal changes in the preamble. Chancellor Caprivi will introduce it in the Reichstag on the 24th inst., and if it is defeated he will resign. The Emperor is not an enthusiastic adherent of the project. His Majesty is credited, while giving his final assent to it, with remarking to the Chancellor, "You risk much over this."

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Will Take a Rest.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.—Chairman HARTY, of the democratic national committee, to-day said that in the recent contest Pennsylvania democrats had contributed most largely to the campaign fund and that most of the money had been collected in very small amounts. The committee, he says was enabled to pay all the expenses of the campaign from the liberal contribution received, and is entirely free from debt. Mr. Harty is about leaving the city with his family for a few days' vacation after which he will resume his duties at Harrisburg as Secretary of the commonwealth.

Will Be Prosecuted.

HARRISBURG, Pa., November 15.—Secretary Edge, of the state board of agriculture, is preparing a list of manufacturers of fertilizers who have failed to take out licenses under the act of June 28, 1879. Agents of unlicensed dealers will also be prosecuted. Secretary Edge estimates the total value of wheat, corn, oats, potatoes and hay crops for 1892 at \$82,500,000. The estimated value of live stock is \$100,000,000.

Women Pushed a Wheelbarrow.

READING, Nov. 13.—The height of nonsensical bets on the recent Presidential election was seen here last night, when a well known Democratic voter was hauled on a wheelbarrow up Pennsylvania street, Reading's leading business thoroughfare, by two women, wives of Republican neighbors. One woman pushed the barrow and the other walked in front and pulled with a rope.

Cleveland Doesn't Want It.

NEW YORK, November 15.—President elect Cleveland is opposed to the calling of a special session of the fifty-third congress and is in favor of the appointment immediately after his inauguration of a tariff commission to sit next summer take testimony and prepare a measure of tariff reform to be reported to congress a year hence, says a Washington special to the Herald.

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Died to Meet his Betrothed.

A Broken-Hearted Youth Scalloped Poison by Her Coffin.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 12.—There was a dramatic termination last night to the separation of Samuel Waters and his sweetheart, Emily Davis, which had been caused by the girl's death in the morning. The young people were to have been married some weeks ago, but the young woman taking sick four months ago, it was postponed until Christmas, with the hope of rapidly regaining her health. She declined, and Waters, when he saw her life ebbing away, became despondent, and utterly broken down when her death occurred yesterday morning.

Special, Great Big Bargains in Boys Suits.

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