

Written for the WATCHMAN. Who Pays the Cost? By HORACE G. STOVER, Altoona, Pa. The forum now is open, the doors are thrown wide, the masses have been summoned, that justice may decide...

more and more harshly upon her sensitive ear, until it seemed as if she must cry out like a bird child under the pain of her life burden, and she was only dumb for very shame. For her sisters seemed happy in a certain degree, and was her life harder to bear than theirs?

rise. Mrs. Reade's bell rang repeatedly, but Annie was too ill to heed it and lay dimly conscious of what was passing around her. She knew they were holding a consultation over her, and after a while that they were removing her to some other place, she was far too sick to care where.

OUR EXCHANGES ON THE VERDICT.

Shielded by Law. The libel suit at Clearfield, which last week terminated in the acquittal of Editor Meek, of the Bellefonte "Watchman," who charged State Treasurer Harris with general crookedness as a legislator, leaves that prospective official with an embarrassing reputation with which to assume an office that apparently demands a high repute for integrity to enable its occupant to face the people of the state with equanimity as he takes his seat in it.

The Truth Choked Down to Protect High Officials. From the Pottsville Advance Guard. The trial of Editor Meek, of the Bellefonte WATCHMAN, for libel, ended just about as was expected when it became necessary to place those in high office on the witness stand.