

**ABUSES IN THE COURTS.**  
REPRESENTATIVE WOLVERTON'S MEASURES FOR REFORM TO BE PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE.

For a number of years it has been the desire of the House Judiciary Committee to secure legislation reducing the expenses and reforming the methods of the administration of Justice in the United States Courts. With this object in view investigations have been conducted with the result that serious abuses have been found to exist in several of them. Efforts to remedy these abuses have not to any extent proved very effective.

During the present Congress the House has passed a bill to change in some respects the methods now in vogue in some of the courts, but it has not yet been acted on by the Senate. It has been determined, therefore, by those interested in securing the needed legislation to have the propositions added as amendments to the sundry civil bill now pending in the House.

These amendments have been prepared by Representative Wolverton, of Pennsylvania, at the instance of the Judiciary Committee, and by agreement they will be offered to the sundry civil bill to day. All the amendments have the approval of the Department of Justice. They provide substantially as follows:

United States Marshals are prohibited from charging more than the actual traveling expenses for prisoners and guards instead of 10 cents per mile as allowed by law. No fees are to be made to Marshals for executing any warrant from a United States Commissioner unless the same shall have been executed within sixty days after issue.

No person who holds an office or employment under the Government shall receive compensation for discharging the duties of any other office or employment.

The fees of clerks of courts are limited to \$3,000, and one person may be clerk of the Circuit and District Courts at the same time at not exceeding \$3,500 per year. Commissioners' fees are limited to \$1,500.

Naturalization fees are fixed as follows: Filing declaration of intention, \$1, and final papers \$2, and clerks of courts are required to retain as part of their emoluments all fees for naturalization.

The fees of commissioners are limited by making some changes in the existing laws. For all services where there is no arrest \$1 is to be charged; for a hearing and binding over on a criminal charge and all services in the case \$5, and no more. A fee of \$5 is also fixed for hearing and deciding in the case of persons charged with an offence under a treaty instead of \$5 per day as now.

Another amendment prohibits the filing of "information" by private informers for violations of internal revenue laws and requires such information to be made by the District Attorney, Collector or revenue agent. Only such witnesses are to be subpoenaed before the court as shall be directed by the District Attorney instead of allowing the Deputy Marshal to subpoena and take to court any persons who desire to make the trip.

Jurors are to be paid for their actual day's attendance and the necessary time consumed in going to and coming from the court. No bill for witness fees is to be paid until the District Attorney certifies that the witnesses were regularly subpoenaed, were in attendance and were necessary. In hearings before commissioners only two witnesses shall be subpoenaed unless directed by the District Attorney and the fees are not to be paid until the District Attorney certifies that the witnesses were properly summoned.

Bailiffs and criers of courts are to be paid only for the days which they actually served and which does not include any days when there was no actual session of the court.

*Truly a Wonderful Gun.*

A new rifle surpassing all the others in every particular is reported in the Figaro to be brought out by a French inventor. It is a magazine gun extremely light, and can fire one hundred cartridges without overheating the barrel. Its recoil is so slight that the soldier is never troubled with it, and its hundred cartridges, which are less than half the weight of the same number of cartridges, of any other rifle, can be fired without taking the weapon from the shoulder. The effects of its little bullets are said to be terrific.

Joseph Hessler is preparing to begin work on the stone work for the bridge, on this side of the river.

### WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

The situation, or condition of business prosperity in relation to adverse circumstances is peculiar in the extreme. The leading feature of alternate business activity and depression is that of cause and effect. There are various types of circumstances that contribute to these results. Legislation, over production and inventive genius. Most prominent among these is inventive genius. But how can this be, if the adage, "necessity is the mother of invention," be true? The peculiar contrast between want and suffering among millions, and an unexampled surplus of all the necessities of life at such low prices that the former should be on the verge of starvation is one of the marvels of the age. That there are so many dispensaries of charity to relieve the poor is a striking feature of the hard times that have come upon us. But what evidence is there that the above conditions can be materially changed, either by legislation or by any other means? The world is established and fixed in her way, and the business of the world is also established by fixed and unalterable principles and laws, and those established principles will be perpetuated until the end of time, except unforeseen events intervene and change the fixed principles upon which the business of the world depends.

One nation is not confined to itself, nor wholly independent of itself, any more than one community or neighborhood, or family is independent irrespective of all the rest. The whole human family of the world, individually, are mutually dependent one upon the other, regardless of political divisions or national lines. The business of the world is no longer a question of labor, but that of expediency and dispatch. Labor no longer plays an important part in the business of the world, except as a subjugated and subdued auxiliary, or slave to machine labor. Labor lost its prestige through the inventor, and can never recover its former independence. Machine labor has retired manual labor to such an extent, that if all the labor of the world, including machine labor, were employed at full capacity, the demand for the world's product could be supplied in six months of every year. Hence what else than poverty, privation and starvation can be expected from such a condition?

Rapid production, rapid transportation, quick demand, quick supply, everything done with the speed of electricity—a vacuum produced and a vacuum filled, and there is a lull, a panic, a depression until another vacuum is produced, the surplus consumed, the demand will again be supplied in short order.

The production of the world under existing circumstances can only go by "jerks" and labor can only be employed by "jerks," and I see no way out of the dilemma. But meanwhile, the concerns run by labor saving machinery, absorb all the floating and transferable wealth of the world and thus gradually force into poverty all the weaker forces, and as time rolls on millionaires will become billionaires and poverty will be multiplied and intensified both as to numbers, want and suffering. JOHN C. WENNER.

### PUNISH THE LYNCHERS!

The lynching of the murderer near Stroudsburg by an angry mob is condemned without reserve by every newspaper which has commented upon it. It is without excuse, since cold blooded murder is visited by death in this State by the courts without exceptions or deviation.

The carelessness of the Sheriff in allowing the prisoner to escape cannot be pleaded as a provocation of the outrage, as the mob had tried to break into jail and lynch the prisoner when he was still in the custody of the Sheriff. It was an outbreak of unreasoning violence, the fruit of a bloodthirsty spirit that ought not to be shielded or excused in this region. Rarely has the State been disgraced by such a crime. It ought not to happen again, and to insure the supremacy of the law hereafter severe punishment must be meted out to the lynchers of Richard Puryear.

The authorities of Monroe County owe it to the State whose fair record has been broken in their county seat to punish adequately and promptly the ring leaders of this riot and all who had any share in the lynching of the murderer. There is all the more need of this, because the ease with which the murderer escaped from jail lends color to the suspicion that the Sheriff did not do his duty, but catered to the mob by the facilitating the prisoner's escape. Whether this suspicion is just or not, it is clear that the authority of the court has been usurped by the mob in Monroe County, the law of the State violated and Texan methods introduced into Pennsylvania. This must be rebuked, and the law-abiding citizens of Monroe County must see that it is done. The lynchers are guilty of murder in the second degree at least. They should each and all be given an opportunity to cool their hot tempers within the walls of the penitentiary. Press.

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### GENERAL NEWS.

Whether the House of Lords shall be abolished or continued as an elected upper chamber of Parliament is openly discussed in England, Mr. George W. Smyth, the New York Tribune's London correspondent, will contribute to the April "Harper's" his impressions of the Lords as a working legislative body representing public opinion in Great Britain.

The Prince of Wales is said to have changed greatly since the death of the Duke of Clarence. He has lost taste for most things that used to amuse him. He is at present in Paris, however, finding diversion in the boulevards, the cafes and the theatres.

Hon. A. J. Herr, a prominent lawyer of Harrisburg, died suddenly at his home last Friday. He served one term in the House and three terms in the State Senate, and filled many other public positions.

John Kohl, a well-known and prominent resident of Plains, Luzerne Co., was found lying dead in a field near his home, Saturday morning with two bullet holes near his heart, one in his wrist and several slashes with a knife in the back. Detective Whalen is working on the case, which is rather mysterious.

He was in the home of John Vitoskie, so Vitoskie says, at 11 o'clock at night, in company with John Burke, but Burke has proved an alibi. Thomas Mason says he heard shooting near Vitoskie's house about 2 o'clock in the morning, and Whalen in searching the house found a rag covered with blood behind the sink. Vitoskie and his wife have been arrested and are now in jail. They say they are innocent.

Kohl's body was evidently carried from the place where he was killed to the field, and his gold watch was taken to make it appear as if he was killed by a thief.

The first case of small-pox reported in that vicinity for years has been discovered in a family living on the southern limits of Pottsville. The family removed there from Danville several days ago. A joint meeting of the Board of Health and a committee of the School Board was held and the Board of Health enjoined the School Board to suspend all pupils who have not been properly vaccinated until such time as it can be done. At a meeting of the School Board this action was ratified.

There were several slight falls in the Gaylord mine Saturday, which, while they did not do a great deal of damage, greatly retarded the work of the searchers. It is now the opinion of those acquainted with the interior of the mine that the nine other entombed men ran towards the head of the plane. Should this prove to be true, it will be weeks before their bodies are reached.

### Hunting and Fishing Grounds.

The best in the West, North and Northwest is reached only by the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Trout season is nearly here; look up your tackle, see that it is in good shape and then write to John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Williamsport, Pa., for a brochure of "where the trout hide." 3-23-31

### LET US KNOW.

When there is a birth.  
When there is a death.  
When you have visitors.  
When there is a marriage.  
When you go away for a visit.  
When you are going to move.  
When you give a party of any kind.  
When there is sickness in the family.  
When you are going to make any improvement in or about your house.  
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