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IGNORANCE OF LAW NO EXCUSE.

In a case last week as appears in the court proceedings, a prosecution for selling liquor on election day, the court in suspending sentence as to imprisonment did so on the ground that the counsel for the defendant and the District Attorney stated that the sale was made after the polls had been closed and the vote announced to the public, and that the defendant believed he had a right to sell under the law.

The law explicitly declares that no liquor shall be sold on election day, and this has been repeatedly interpreted by the courts to mean the whole day, from twelve o'clock Monday night to twelve o'clock Tuesday night. The object of the law in prohibiting sales of liquor on election day was to prevent fights and brawls at a time when excitement runs high, and also to prevent candidates and their friends from influencing voters by the pernicious system of "treating."

There does not seem to be any more objection to selling on election day after the polls are closed and the vote announced than at any other time. Nor is it so great an offense to sell then, as it is to sell to minors, to drunkards, or on Sunday. These latter cases are evils in themselves, while the former is only a prohibited act, though the law makes no distinction, and the penalty in all cases is the same, being fine and imprisonment.

The court has power to suspend sentence whenever it believes that the cause of justice requires it, and in this case we believe that the law was sufficiently vindicated by the imposition of a fine of fifty dollars and the costs; but the ground upon which the suspension of sentence is based is faulty because it is not a legal ground, and because it establishes a precedent which it will be dangerous to follow. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one," is a maxim as old as the law itself, and it has never been held in any court that ignorance of the law is an excuse for violating any statute. If it is a reason for suspending sentence when the offense is selling liquor on election day, then why not for selling to minors or on Sunday?

The entering of the plea of guilty by the defendant, without putting the county to the expense of a trial, and the further fact that the sales were made after the polls closed and the vote announced, would have been sufficient reason for suspending sentence as to imprisonment, and it would have left no chance for others engaged in the same traffic, and who may commit more flagrant offenses, to expect to be let off with a fine on the plea that they were ignorant of the law.

DOES NOT WANT A RAISE.

Congressman Cannon Not in Favor of an Increase in Legislative Salaries.

Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the committee on appropriations, does not look with favor upon the proposition of Congressman Boatner, of Louisiana, to increase the salary of the Speaker and of every member of the House of Representatives. He says: "There are 356 members of this House, and to give an increase of \$2,500 per annum to each member would amount to an aggregate of \$890,000; and if \$2,000 is added to the salary of the Speaker, the total would be \$892,000 per annum. I do not believe that the people want any further burdens to bear in the way of taxation."

"If the House of Representatives should increase the compensation of its members from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per annum, of course the Senators would want a similar increase in their incomes. There are 90 Senators, and their total increased compensation would be \$225,000, to which amount the additional sum of \$2,000 should be added for the Vice President, making \$227,000. Now add that to the sum proposed to be expended for the House of Representatives, and you will see that Congressman Boatner really proposes to increase the total taxation of the country for salaries of Senators and Representatives, in the grand total of \$1,117,000."

"If Congress should do that, at a time when the Treasury is so depleted, the people would retire to private life every man who would vote for the proposition." Congressman Cannon is right. The salary is too high now for service rendered.

When the people are suffering under the burden of taxation and hard times, they will not submit to a salary grab by congress. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and salaries of public officers should be sufficient to compensate fairly for work done, but public office is not a private snap out of which the officials are expected to amass fortunes.

If the present congress wants to feel the effects of a political cyclone, let them vote themselves additional salaries. They now get \$5000 a year, and nobody knows how much the "perquisites" amount to.

"Farmer" Kulp, Ill.

The following from Washington dated the 14th appeared in the Harrisburg Patriot of Tuesday. It says: "Congressman Kulp is alarmingly ill. He arrived here at noon to-day from his home at Shamokin suffering intensely from a high fever. When a physician was summoned he found the young congressman's temperature at the alarming height of 104 degrees. Last week Mr. Kulp received word from home that a large tract of timber land which he owns in Pennsylvania was being devastated by forest fires. He at once left for the scene and it is supposed that he exposed and over-exerted himself."

When he left home early this morning he felt well and thought nothing of it until he passed Harrisburg, when he was taken with severe chills, which hourly increased in violence. When he reached Washington he was scarcely able to get to his hotel. The attending physicians say they are not certain as to whether Mr. Kulp is suffering from an attack of malaria or is threatened with typhoid fever. Everything is being done to relieve him."

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

An Impression Prevails That the Measure Will Pass Early in the Extra Session.

The prevailing impression among Republican members of the House of Representatives is that there will be a tariff bill passed within two weeks after the extra session of Congress convenes next March. The Dingley bill as now being prepared will be completed some time this winter, and will approximate perfection as a revenue producer. It will be the work of the ablest men in the House of Representatives, under the direction of Speaker Reed, and under the guidance of Chairman Dingley. In order to make sure of its enactment into law the Republicans of the committee on ways and means will have with them for consultation Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, and Senator Allison, of Iowa, the leaders of the Senate committee on finance. By thus working together the bill to be prepared will be formulated to suit the Senate—that is, as far as that body can be suited.

One of the Republican members of the committee on ways and means says: "It is generally understood that the Congress is to convene in extra session on March 15, by proclamation of President McKinley. Speaker Reed knows this and will be ready to at once announce his committee appointments. Then on March 16 or 17, the chairman of our committee, probably Mr. Daize, will introduce the bill which we are now preparing. It will be referred to our committee in a formal manner, and, being already fully considered, it can be reported back to the House on March 18 and a time set for its discussion and passage. Of course, we must let the minority have time to make speeches, and we must make some speeches on our side; but I expect the debate to be limited to about ten days, and then the bill will be passed under a special rule, with Speaker Reed in the chair with his gavel in hand. That is an epitome of the situation, and you will find it to be correct. Immediately after the bill is passed by the Senate it will be engrossed and taken to the Senate; and God only knows what will happen there, because the Senate is a body composed of peculiar people."

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JOHN LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., December 17, 1896.

Let us remind our readers, that the time for purchasing your gifts for the glad season is now, and the place to buy them is here, providing always, you want the most useful things at the very lowest prices. The big store is fairly packed with the good things that help make Christmas a day of happiness. We wish we could tell you more about them, a suggestion is all our space permits. The first suggestion is our beautiful line of silk web, fancy frilled garters, with buckle and bow trimmings, in any shade your fancy dictates, seven distinct qualities to select from at 19c, 25c, 30c, 59c, 75c, 85c, and \$1.25. Satin Belt Hose Supporters, 25c. Fancy Frilled Side Garters, 25c.

Real Tortoise Shell Side-combs 35c, 49c, 69c and 98c. Sterling Silver trimmed Side-combs, 35c.

Chatelaine Bags, the latest novelty, colors to match costume, from the plain leather to fine seal leather and allegator, 19c to \$1.49. Men's New Solid Shank, Link Cuff-buttons, plain or stone setting on one side, warranted for 20 years at 75c.

Men's Satin Suspenders, kid ends, gilt trimmings, in white, navy baby blue and black, with white edging, in a neat box, for 98c.

Men's Silk Watch Fobs with heavy rolled gold buckle and hook warranted 20 years, at \$1.00.

Men's Imperial Scarfs, specially made for gifts, in all the delicate shades and newest patterns—the price don't denote their quality—they are rich—50c.

German Silver Match Boxes, begin at 89c. Sterling Silver Gold Lined Match Boxes begin at \$1.49.

Sterling Silver Mustache Combs \$1.49.

Silver Mounted Tortoise Mustache Combs, 69c.

Men's Velvet Slippers, Chenille Embroidered Patent Leather Quarters, 74c.

Picture Albums, bound on one side with fancy Celluloid, Plush or Leather on reverse side, 69, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.89, \$2.49, \$2.69 and \$2.98.

Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets in Celluloid Case, 89c, 98c, \$1.69, \$2.98 up to \$5.48.

Our line of Rocking Chairs embrace 27 different styles to select from, the very lowest in price shows evidence of careful design and workmanship, Oak and Mahogany Rockers with upholstered seats, begin at \$1.69.

Handsome Carved Mahogany Finished Rockers with saddle seats are \$2.69 and \$2.98.

Rich Hand Polished Hard-wood Rockers with cobbler seats begin at \$2.48.

Furs for the children, pretty Angora sets including Muff and Collar, \$1.48.

Thibet sets, Muff and Collar \$2.98.

You want Ribbons for a thousand uses at this season, our recent arrival is a line of rich Gross Grain Ribbon, usually sold as 5 inch, actually measures 4 1/2 inches, in pink, white, blue, apple, olive lavender, corn and black, you can buy it reasonable enough for any purpose, the yard 23c, same 3 1/2 inch 19c, same 2 1/4 inch 15c, same 1 inch 6 cents.

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Lutheran Church services last Sabbath were in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. of this town.

The pastor of the Lutheran Church spoke in the Evangelical Church owing to the failure of one of the speakers to appear.

Dr. Johns of Hazleton spoke in the Lutheran Church in the morning and Mr. Lawmaster of Danville in the evening to full houses. The services were impressive, it is to be hoped much good will result to the association, to the churches and to the town.

There will be regular preaching services in the Lutheran Church next Sabbath morning and evening by the pastor. Sermons upon themes suitable to this season.

The repairs upon the church which prevented the congregation occupying the main audience room last Sabbath have been completed and there is no doubt that it is stronger and better than ever, so that we are prepared to worship with nothing to hinder.

The last of the year is a good time to square up accounts. And a good place to begin is at the newspaper office where you have been getting a paper for one or two, or five or more years without paying for it.

This office will be open every day except Sundays and Christmas, and we shall be very glad to receive calls. Though quite busy, we have plenty of time to write receipts.

Mr. Isaac McCollum died on Monday at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Watson. A wife, three daughters, and a son survive. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Watson on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. Interment at Derry, Montour County.

Art Calendars for 1897 Free.

The publishers of "The Philadelphia Press" announce that they will give free to every reader of "The Sunday Press" art calendars for 1897, worth easily \$1.00. The calendars will be in four parts, one of which will be given free with "The Sunday Press" on each of the next four Sundays—December 20, December 27, January 3 and January 10. The first part will be supplied with a silken cord, which will serve to fasten all the parts together. Each part is a work of art which will beautify any room. The supply of these calendars is limited, so that all who want them had better order "The Sunday Press" in advance.

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Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as an adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/4 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers. 12-17-4d.

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Is now ready for your inspection. The line is complete and in it you can find something for each member of the family. Games from 3 cents to \$1.75. Toy Books 5 cents and upward.

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Maceo Killed.

The great Cuban leader, General Antonio Maceo, is reported to have been assassinated. He was invited to a parley with the acting Spanish Captain General, and accepted. It was proposed to him that peace be made, Cuba buying her independence. When he reached the rendezvous he found himself surrounded by Spanish soldiers. Being ordered to surrender, he refused defiantly and was shot down, the Spanish Major Cerejeda acting the part of assassin, with Dr. Maximo Zertucha as assistant in the horrible drama. Convinced that not-

withstanding his great army, he could do nothing against the great Cuban leader, who has repeatedly defeated the Spanish generals in Pinar del Rio. Weyer conceived the idea of appealing his beastly instincts by cold blooded murder, and making the best of the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha and the Marquis de Ahumada, he planned with the latter his fiendish scheme.

There are many reports as to how Maceo came to his death, but the above seems to be about as correct as any.

Try the COLUMBIAN a year.

FROM NOW TILL CHRISTMAS

It's only a few days but each one of them is worth any two days of ordinary merchandising.

The host of fancy articles in china, lamps, cut glass, handkerchiefs, must be sold. We do not want to, and will not carry any over.

Crowds visit this store every day. There is a reason for it. There is reason in it. If you will make this store the base of your holiday supplies you will see how satisfied you will be.

IS IT HANDKERCHIEFS?

No stock could be in better shape to fit your every desire. Watch the people at the counters, watch them buy, watch the selling—it must be right.

Ladies' hemstitched linen handkerchiefs, 15c. or 2-4-25c. Fancy edged, fancy figures, and open work edge. 15c. or 2-4-25c. Ladies' linen, fancy handkerchief, best value ever offered, 25c. each. Ladies' linen handkerchief, fancy and plain, point lace, and hand made lace, 40, 52, 75c., \$1.00 to \$3.00 ea.

FANCY CHINA AND CUT GLASS.

Don't want a piece left over. See how very interesting these lots look in print. More interesting when you see them.

After dinner coffee and chocolate cups, 25c. and 50c. ea. Bread and butter plates in Austin and Limoge china, \$1.50, \$2.50, and \$4.00. the doz.

Chop dishes, \$1.40, \$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.

Elegant line of celery boats in china and cut glass, 75c. to \$4.00.

Chocolate pots, fancy plates, bon bon dishes, asparagus dishes, ice cream sets, claret glasses, vinegar cruets, etc., etc.

LAMPS.

Our assortment of lamps this year is the finest to be seen any where around.

Any style, any price and any quantity. They were never cheaper or prettier. A handsome all china banquet lamp, three distinct designs, globe included, \$4.25. An elegant banquet lamp, onyx stem, open work, brass bowl, removable fount, globe included, \$5.00. Best bargains in a library lamp, had some designs, complete. \$3.25.

DRESS GOODS.

What would be nicer than an elegant rich dress for a Xmas present. Dress goods were never prettier or lower in price than now. We are surely offering rare bargains in this line. If you want a nice pattern, we will pay you to see ours before you buy.

DISHES.

Why not give your wife a nice set of dishes for a Xmas present. Nothing is more acceptable than this. We can give you two open stock patterns to pick from, or a dozen different designs in sets. In fact any thing you want in the dish line.

FUR OPENING.

E. B. Ripson representing the Ripson & Newland Fur Co., of New York will give an opening here in our Fur Department, on Dec. 16th and 17th, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All are welcome.

Pursel & Harman, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

SHOES

An extra accumulation of ladies' shoes in narrow widths and small sizes has induced us to put on sale several lots at greatly reduced prices. Widths A, B, and C, sizes 2 1/2 to 4. Former price, \$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$1.50.

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