

Centralia People Are Aroused Over Lawlessness.

Court Blamed for Increase of Crime.

Up to the present time there has been no definite clue that will lead to the conviction of the parties who set fire to Dyke's barn, and Davis' block of houses at Centralia last Friday night.

"We know, or feel sure that we know, who the guilty parties are," said one of Centralia's leading men to a man from the Ashland Advocate today, "but we have not got the evidence that will convict them."

"What we need, however, at Centralia," he continued, "is a vigilance committee. It should be organized at once, and then there are about a dozen fellows in our town who should be given twenty four hours to quit the place, and if they don't go they should be strung up to the nearest lamp post."

"I am positively unsafe now for people to venture out after nightfall, as they not only run the risk of being insulted, but beaten and robbed as well. Strangers are almost afraid to come into our town and you seldom see any of them here after nightfall."

Some of these young thugs—and they are nearly all young men—do not hesitate to rob and steal in broad daylight, and their special prey is poor and inoffensive foreigners, whom they pick quarrels with for the mere fun of beating and robbing them.

"I could detail enough petty thieving and minor crimes to fill your paper and would not have to rack my brain very hard to do it. Only last week it was found that thieves had broken open an empty house owned by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and stole everything portable in the place, even to the doors and window sash. Another case was that of a woman going home from the store with a basket of groceries. She was stopped by two young rascals who took her goods, and she narrowly escaped bodily injury because of her protests. It is a frequent occurrence to hear of men and women having their purses snatched out of their hands while making change at the stage—trolley transfer stations, and to have their wages stolen from them when coming home from the colliery office."

"You remember that it is only a couple of years ago since a man was shot dead in his saloon right in the most heartless and cold blooded manner. I doubt whether there is another town in the state where that could have occurred and the murderer gone unpunished, yet in this case he walked coolly up the street with the smoking revolver in his hand and no one made an attempt to arrest him. He was around this vicinity for days after the murder, but no one molested him and he finally disappeared. I am told that he has been seen in this neighborhood recently, but it is doubtful whether he will ever be brought to justice."

"The trouble is to a great extent due to the laxity of the courts of our county. Law is nothing more than a farce and punishment a fake, with many of those who are sent to the Bloomsburg jail. In fact we have many young criminals here who have served time in our county jail, and came home telling the most interesting stories of the good times that they had during their 'vacation.'" Political influence is the key note to this condition of affairs, and practically puts a premium on crime. It is to this fact

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that much of the lawlessness that is giving Centralia so unenviable a reputation is due.

"The right thinking people are becoming aroused, and there is a disposition to remedy existing evils. I cannot say just how it is going to be done, but it cannot continue much longer. The only thing to do is to wait and watch for coming events. The people I allude to are worked up to a high pitch, and are ready to meet fire with fire."—Ashland Advocate.

New Counterfeit Bills.

Notice is being sent out from Washington of two new counterfeit bills. The first is a \$5 silver certificate of the series of 1896, check letter "D," plate thirty, Bruce register, Roberts treasurer. The bill is a deceptive one, printed from photo etched plates on two pieces of paper, and red and blue silk threads are distributed between them. The work is blurred and the small seal is darker than the genuine. The back of the note is also darker. The other bill is a \$1 silver certificate of the series of 1899, check letter "C," Lyons register, Roberts treasurer. It is printed on rough photo-etched paper, the seal and the numbers are lighter, and the lathe work and portraits are blurred. The back of the note is dirty green and the lathe work is very tough.

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Can't Have the Job.

The director of the census has ordered that no assessor, tax collector or justice of the peace shall be appointed as an enumerator. He has also directed that the names of the enumerators be withheld from publication. This is done for the protection of the enumerators from the flood of advertisements with which they would be afflicted if their names should be made public. They would be solicited to become agent for all kinds of patent medicines, farming implements, etc., and this would interfere with their work.

Reduced Rates to Cincinnati Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those desiring to visit Cincinnati during the session of the People's Party National Convention, May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell tickets from all stations at the rate of one first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going on May 7 only, and returning leaving Cincinnati not later than May 12.

Pennsylvania's Silk Industry.

Pennsylvania leads all the other states in the number of her silk factories. Her growth in this direction is something marvelous. During 1897 and 1898 silk mills were established in twenty-nine cities and towns of the state, and in 1899 thirteen more, bringing the total up to sixty of these mills scattered among the towns of the state.

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A contract made over a telephone is valid in law. This was demonstrated in a suit involving \$8,000, heard before the Fayette county court. The telephone order had been taken down in writing, and the court ruled that the phone is a legitimate medium of trade.

Poetic justice continues to get in a good glow occasionally. A St. Louis barber was stricken dumb the other day just after telling a long-suffering customer that he had a sure cure for baldness.

Moving day has passed and the kitchen stove begins to settle into place, but house-cleaning looms up horrible as a welsch rarebit nightmare. France has decided she does not want war with England. Luckily for France, she still enjoys occasional lapses into sanity.

Something is wrong in the efete and dreamy East. Japan has allowed two weeks to pass without sassing the Russian bear.

Journalistic Innocence.

The innocent saffron journals have been imposed upon once more. The New York yellow sheets lay claim to immense stories of enterprise, but all the time they display a ready gullibility that must be a sore temptation for Gotham goldbrickers.

On April 1st, *Il Progresso Italiano* printed an alleged dispatch hot from the banks of the ancient Tiber, telling about the declaration of an Italian republic and the sudden and disordered flight of King Humbert to Corsica,—no doubt to consult the shade of one N. Bonaparte, who once found himself in somewhat similar trying circumstances. The lingo of Italy seems to be beyond the ken of some of the Enterprising Ones, but two papers bit promptly at this tempting bait, and next morning each of them printed real nice half-tones of the unfortunate ex-potestate, and in cablegrams from "special Roman correspondents," told under eight-inch headlines, the sad tale of another king out of a job.

But the rude man who publishes *Il Progresso* spoiled it all the next day. He expressed deep surprise that the story had not turned out to be true, because it was merely a first of April offering to his readers, and he hoped that his enterprising and honest contemporaries who had so readily swallowed his early spring joke, would not suffer from indigestion.

Those careless "special Roman correspondents" should be sharply looked after, especially around the first of April.

An Interesting Case.

An interesting divorce case will come before one of the courts of Philadelphia in the near future. The principals are deaf mutes, and the wife charges that the husband called her vile names with his fingers. Fifteen witnesses, all deaf mutes, will appear on the stand to certify. A tedious trial is expected. The unhappy couple who have found marriage a failure, have been married ten years and have done their quarreling with their fingers.

ABOUT THE WILY BOER.

According to this writer to Purlorn Seems to Be Second Nature to Him. I spent quite two years going about from farm to farm with wagon loads of miscellaneous goods, bartering them for ostrich feathers, ivory, hides, wool, live stock or whatever I could get, says George Lacy in the North American Review. I scarcely ever exposed samples of my goods at any farm without attempts being made to purloin articles that could be readily concealed. All took part in this, old and young, male and female; and constant watch had to be kept. I once detected a young girl, the daughter of a Boer who was then and long afterward a prominent member of the Free State volksraad, trying to secure a case of watches under her apron.

No shame is evinced on detection; the matter is treated as a good subject for laughter. In purchasing horses and cattle the greatest care had to be exercised. No London horse-gopper could compete with the average Boer in the art of passing off broken-winded horses or sand-cracked trek oxen as sound animals. Dishonesty extends further still than to matters of this kind.

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Table with columns for train names, destinations, and times. Includes trains like Philadelphia & Reading, Atlantic City, etc.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 19, 1899.

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