

WHO WILL BE SAFE?

Perhaps there is no principle so vital to the civil and political liberty of the people, and none more sacredly guarded in the annals of jurisprudence of this country and of England, where we derive it, than that no man shall be tried and condemned unheard. It is common law, and the common sense of mankind, that he upon whom his fellow men sit in judgment, for an alleged crime, shall be confronted with his accusers, and allowed to be heard in his defence. It would be unsafe for any one in authority to advocate the abrogation of this doctrine. It is the safeguard of all our rights. Without it, no man in the community could feel secure. Legislation cannot destroy it, for human nature reserves it in the bill of inalienable rights. In a free Republic like this, or in a constitutional monarchy like England, the attempt, by government, to take away this inestimable privilege of the citizen, would be the signal of revolution and bloodshed.

Whenever this principle of common justice has been trampled under foot, either by an established government or an irresponsible body of men, consequences pregnant with terror, and cruelty, and oppression, have been sure to follow. The intelligent reader of history will not ask to be referred to illustrations of this truth. They are scattered all along on the blood-stained pages in the chronicles of crime. The sanguinary period of the French Revolution is not alone in furnishing lessons how revolting and dread are the judgments of the untried tribunal. But the memorable events connected with that fearful chapter of the past are not soon to be forgotten. In that day men were guillotined who till the moment of death, had never dreamed of danger, and who died without knowing for what they were condemned. Power became vested in the secret societies of France; and how, in consequence, the land was deluged with innocent blood, and fertilized by the festering carcasses of butchered citizens, led the heart-sickening record of those times tell.

The secret clubs of Paris were organized, in the beginning, for a good purpose. They were intended to promote the general welfare. They were composed of men faithful to the cause of liberty. They were stimulated and encouraged by mistaken patriots, and for a time their conduct was not such as to occasion alarm to the friends of freedom. But they became powerful by secrecy, and found their field in their own hands the lives and liberties of their fellows. Men of strong passions obtained control. Fear, hatred, malice and ambition were among the elements that directed their action. The horrors of their triumph need not be recounted.

The profession of these facts from history will be obvious. In this free country we have in our midst a secret political organization of a character similar to the clubs by which Robespierre exercised his bloody despotism. The Know-Nothing society—a secret, mysterious, proscriptive, political organization, that is seeking to extend its branches over the land, should be regarded by all good citizens, as dangerous to the liberties of this country. It is not so now, they will, if possessed by power, become an engine of evil in the hands of ambitious leaders. Their method is to strike in the dark—to be concealed while aiming the deadly weapon at the unsuspecting victim. They seek to strike down one class of the community; to deprive one portion of the people of their constitutional rights. If successful, will they rest there? If by conspiring in secret, for conspirators they are—they can nullify law, and mark one religious creed for silent vengeance, what is to prevent their taking a step further, and embracing another? Who will be safe from the decrees of this star-chamber inquisitorial tribunal? Some who now look with complacency on its progress, may themselves, in time, be pointed out for the sacrifice. Zealous men who devise such methods for obtaining undue advantages, and sacrificing others, may themselves be made the worst sufferers. Their own weapons may be turned upon themselves. Disasters attend, by his own agonizing cries, when expiring within the brazen bull of torture, was made to exhibit the admirable merits of his own invention. So his mysterious order, formulated in an unholy purpose, may not stop where its founders designed. It may strike down the Catholic to-morrow, and the Unitarian or the Presbyterian the next day. Its prescription may only be limited by its power and inclination. If it succeeds, let no man be certain of his own safety.—Pittsburg Union.

Another Mystery.—The New York correspondent of the Sunday Mercury of this city, gives the following information of recent transactions of an interesting character. The institution is rather broad:

"You may have noticed that some of the Massachusetts darkeys have come down on Mrs. B. B. Stowe, authoress of 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' like a thousand of brick, because that lady, since her return to the United States, has kept mum in reference to certain funds placed in her hands while in England to be used in ameliorating the condition of the American colored people." In reply, Mrs. Stowe says the money was placed in her hands to use as her pleasure might dictate, and the aforesaid Massachusetts darkeys have no more to do with the matter than the mysterious individual who is supposed to keep bachelor's hall in the moon. We all know how much of the profits on the sale of her book were applied to the 'amelioration,' &c. We don't insinuate anything about her 'pleasure' in the affair, of course; but when we hear that the 'funds' in question have been 'applied,' you shall be advised of the circumstance."

A strong mind well cultivated—a noble and generous heart, good morals and sound health, are of more value to man than all the gold of California.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

The following delegates from their respective Boroughs and townships met in Convention, at the Court House in the borough of Clearfield, on the 19th instant.

Resolved—Samuel Shoff.
Bell—Walters, R. Mehalley.
Beggis—Chas. Sloan, Isaac Heba.
Bradford—A. Livingston, V. B. Holt, E. Dale.
Bridle—Wm. Schwein, M. Luther, Dr. Boyer, G. W. Long.
Burnside—Jacob Neff.
Carrington—Dr. Canfield, E. P. Condit, Cleod—E. Hurd, G. S. Torer.
Decatur—Not represented.
Ferguson—Judge Hoyt, Thos Owens.
Fox—Not represented.
Givard—H. J. Hite, Joseph Klyer.
Goshen—A. S. Leonard, W. L. Shaw.
Huston—Not represented.
Jordan—Not represented.
Karthaus—B. D. Hall, Isaac McClosky.
Lawrence—Joseph Shaw, John J. Reed, H. Roles, Jacob Hoover.
Morris—Dr. Hoops, C. Munson, Christian Knigh.
Penn—Not represented.
Pike—Ross Bloom, John Dunlap, Frederick Hennigh.
Woodward—George W. Shoff.
Union—Elias Horn, John Hare.
Carronsville—B. P. Sterling, John D. Thompson.
Clearfield—W. A. Wallace, S. Evans.

The Convention organized for business by the appointment of B. D. Hall, Esq., of Karthaus as President, and W. A. Wallace, and Dr. G. P. Hoops, as Secretaries.

The Convention decided by vote that no township should be entitled to more votes than she had delegates present.

It was on motion, Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, it is, under the present posture of our political canvass, impolitic and unfair for Clearfield county to claim a nominee for Congress within her limits.

The delegates voting in the minority endeavored to effect a re-consideration hereof, when no person voting in the affirmative was found willing to move therefor.

Conferees to represent this County in Congressional Conference at Brookville, were then selected, viz: D. W. Moore, G. A. Wallace and Robert Mehalley.

G. W. Shoff, Esq., moved that our Congress be instructed to vote for G. R. Barrett for Congress. This resolution was debated at considerable length, when the vote was taken and it was carried.

A respectable portion of the Convention understood this resolution to operate as a re-issuance of the former resolution, although no actual vote was taken upon that question.

Dr. T. J. Boyer, moved that said Congress be instructed to vote for David Barclay, Esq., of Jefferson county, which also was debated but was carried.

J. P. Weaver, L. J. Crans and John L. Cutler, were appointed Representative Conferees, and instructed to support Alexander Caldwell, Esq.

The Convention then proceeded to make nominations for County Commissioners.

Thomas Owens, nominated David Ross, Dr. Hoops, nominated Maj. J. Williams, A. S. Leonard, nominated Wm. Merrell, Jacob Hoover, nominated Joseph Shaw, F. Condit, nominated William Alexander.

On first ballot, David Ross had 22 votes, Maj. Jacob Wilhelm, 10; Wm. Merrell, 5; Joseph Shaw, 3; and William Alexander, 2.

Mr. David Ross having a majority of two over all other candidates was declared the nominee.

Nominations for Auditors.—Judge Hoyt, nominated Geo. Walters; Samuel Shoff, nominated John Weid, Jr.; Jacob Neff, nominated W. T. Thorp; A. S. Leonard, nominated Josiah R. Reed; E. Dale, nominated Jacob Pearce.

On first ballot, George Walters had 17 votes; John Weid, Jr., 1; Geo. W. Shoff, 6; W. T. Thorp, 3; Josiah R. Reed, 5; Jacob Pearce, 3.

On second ballot George Walters had 22 votes; George W. Shoff, 5; Josiah R. Reed, 3; Jacob Pearce, 11.

George Walters having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared the nominee for Auditor.

The Convention proceeded to discuss the propriety of changing the mode of nominating officers, from the Delegate to the Crawford County system, upon the vote being taken by a division of the house it was found to be equally divided twenty-one to twenty-one.

The proposition was again renewed and upon calling the townships by yeas and nays, it was found to result as before, 21 to 21.

Considerable discussion ensued when the proposition again came up, by a division of the house the vote was found again to be 21 to 21.

The Chair decided the motion to change the system lost, and that the delegate system be still in existence.

The Law of Newspapers.

1. A newspaper which expresses public sentiment, is considered as speaking for the community.

2. If a newspaper prints the communications of its subscribers, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrears are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the office, to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they have notified their bills and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers remove to other places without informing the publishers, and the newspapers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

5. The Courts have decided that printing false communications from the office, of subscribers and their agents, is considered as libel.

Philadelphia Lumber Market.

Commonly used lumber, in bulk, to be noted.

Day 20 per cent, ad. vs. W. P.	64 1/2	and plank
Timber, by the square, in bulk	22 1/2	and 22 1/2
White Pine, in bulk	11 1/2	and 11 1/2
White Pine, in bulk, in bulk	27 1/2	and 27 1/2
Headed logs	17 1/2	and 17 1/2
Headed log, in bulk	7 1/2	and 7 1/2
Headed log, in bulk	8 1/2	and 8 1/2
Headed log, in bulk	12 1/2	and 12 1/2
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