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**THE CONTEMPT CASE.**  
A SUBJECT OF GENERAL NEWS-  
PAPER DISCUSSION.

"Listeners" and Special Editorial Con-  
tributors to the Rescue.

The Pending Question.  
Cambria Freeman.

Judge Patterson, of Lancaster county,  
entered a rule last week on Messrs. Stein-  
man and Hensel, editors of the Lancaster  
INTELLIGENCER, who happened also to be  
members of the bar of that county, to  
show cause why they should not answer  
for contempt of court, and why their  
names should not be stricken from the list  
of attorneys.

The charges, coming in the  
peculiar manner in which a whimsical  
prosecution was disposed of with the consent  
of Judge Patterson, honor believed  
that the article in the INTELLIGENCER was  
libelous, he had precisely the same remedy  
at law that every other man has, and if he  
was afraid to submit his case to the judg-  
ment of a jury, he will find, we doubt not,  
before he gets through with his Star Cham-  
ber proceeding against Steinman and Hen-  
sels as editors, that he committed the  
greatest mistake of his life. If lawyers  
can be stricken from the roll of attorneys  
simply because of their criticism of a court,  
the right of free speech would be de-  
stroyed, and the public would be de-  
prived of the only means by which the  
conduct of the courts could be kept  
within the reach of a more powerful  
Assembly was passed last May on this  
very subject, of which the editors of the  
INTELLIGENCER were, of course, at the  
proper time and in the proper manner,  
become necessary. Who struck the infor-  
tunate Billy Patterson has never yet been  
determined, and the great question now to be  
determined is, did Steinman and Hensel ac-  
complish the feat by bringing the count  
of Billy's name into ridicule and con-  
tempt?

Suggesting a Retreat.  
Huntington Monitor.

Judge Patterson last week summoned  
Messrs. Hensel and Steinman, editors of  
the Lancaster INTELLIGENCER, before him  
to answer for contempt, and when they  
appeared in court he awarded a rule to  
show cause why their names should not be  
stricken from the list of attorneys. The  
INTELLIGENCER in speaking of a case  
which had been tried in the criminal court  
of Lancaster county said that the defend-  
ant's acquittal had been secured "by a  
prostitution of the machinery of justice to  
save the exigencies of the Republican  
party. But as all the parties implicated,  
as well as the judges, belong to that party,  
the court is unanimous—for one—that it  
needs take no cognizance of the imposition  
practiced upon it and the disgrace attach-  
ing to it." This criticism aroused the  
anger of Judge Patterson, and he resolved  
to execute his vengeance on the editors,  
who are members of the Lancaster bar.  
Instead of instituting a prosecution against  
them for libel, and compelling them to  
answer the charge before an impartial court  
to execute their countrymen, Judge  
Patterson has signified his intention to do  
the part of prosecutor, judge and the jury  
in the trial of the case. It cannot be that  
such judicial despotism as this will be tol-  
erated in Pennsylvania. If any wrong has  
been done Judge Patterson by the editors  
of the INTELLIGENCER, the remedy is open  
to the editors of the law are at his  
command, to redress the injury according  
to the forms of law. But he cannot be  
permitted to punish lawyers for contempt  
because of the discharge of their duties as  
editors of a newspaper; they have criticized  
his judicial acts. For such criticism they  
are responsible as editors, and not as law-  
yers. That Judge Patterson has placed  
himself in a pitiable predicament, cannot  
be denied. He has chosen the means of  
his own dishonor, and that is, to discharge  
the rule on the ground that he had no  
legal right to award it.

About Judges in General.  
Easton Free Press.

Judge Patterson, of Lancaster, has been  
taught a lesson he will heed. If he  
has not availed himself of this opportunity  
to add to his stock to knowledge, other  
judges had better take notice not to use  
Star Chamber methods in dealing with  
editors of newspapers. The new news-  
tempt of court—and if the court be really  
contemptible the greater need for  
charities in the use of arbitrary powers.  
If a judge is libeled by a newspaper he  
ought to take the same means for his  
vindication that any other citizen  
in the must use, that whom he is no better  
or worse in the eye of the law. In the  
case of some remarks made by the Lan-  
caster INTELLIGENCER, which were possibly  
believed, unjust and false, Judge Pat-  
terson assumed airs of having quicker ways  
of protecting his reputation than the law  
gives to ordinary men, because he was a  
judge. He has shown himself to be worse  
than any specification alleged against him  
—a judge who would not be foolish in pro-  
ceeding will fitter and while the  
editors will escape he will have the mem-  
ory of his error for his pains. It is bad  
policy for judges to set up to be too smart;  
they do not figure well in that direction in  
a state where there are so many news-  
papers as in Pennsylvania. \* \* \* \* \*

If Mr. F. B. Gowen has been talking  
rashly about the supreme court of Penn-  
sylvania and the corruption of its justices,  
he ought to be called upon to explain. We  
do not think it would be foolish to hope  
in such a matter, and foolish he is  
not. Right or wrong, however, to senti-  
ments credited to him elsewhere will be  
believed by a large portion of the public so  
long as supreme court judges ride on free  
passes and railroads make money out of  
their decisions, by previously calculating  
on them. Is it possible that this shame,  
so boldly and defiantly shouted, cannot be  
shown to be slanderous? Let us have the  
answer before we act on them.

The Contempt Case.  
You will oblige one who was a listener  
yesterday, to the legal argument in the  
case now engrossing public attention, to  
insert a quotation which the learned gen-  
tlemen have failed to quote. I quote it  
for him, and our community may then  
begin to see that there are two sides  
to the question now engrossing public at-  
tention. I quote from 5 Watts and Ser-  
gent, page 274, the opinion in which was  
delivered by Judge Rodgers, of Penn-  
sylvania.

"In Austin and others (5 Rowle 191) it  
is held that it is a breach of professional  
fidelity to attack the proceedings of the  
court for impure and improper purposes,  
being thereby connected with the public  
press, for such an offence the court may  
properly exercise the power given them to  
suspend or expel an attorney from his office.  
Indeed, without this power and its occasional  
exercise, the courts themselves would be  
brought into public odium and contempt."  
—5 W. & S. 274.

A LISTENER.

Forgets the Law of 1879.  
Belleville Watchman.

The whole proceeding was most discredi-  
table on the part of the judge, and any  
lawyer of ability in the country will agree  
with us, if he hesitates to say so. And  
here is where the weakness and imperfec-  
tion of our judiciary system manifests it-  
self most forcibly. Lawyers do not always  
dare to say what they think when by so  
doing they may bring themselves into dis-  
agreeable conflict with a judge who has so  
much arbitrary power—which some do not  
hesitate to use, as gentlemen of the bar very  
well know, and has been practically de-  
monstrated to those of Lancaster.

Judge Patterson has no more control in  
his judicial capacity over those gentlemen  
in their capacity as editors, than he has  
over any other citizen. This fact is too  
plain for argument or demonstration. But,  
suppose he presumes to exercise an un-  
doubted power though it be not supported  
by right? What is to prevent it? He can,  
we doubt not, dismiss these gentlemen  
from the bar, and how are they to help  
themselves? If they were obscure attor-  
neys in a country town, and without  
connections or friends, they would have no  
difficulty in securing a writ of habeas cor-  
pus, and they would probably never be  
heard of where it could affect all the  
parties concerned. As it is, these men are  
in a position to make a fight, and one that  
is sure to be damaging to their adversary  
eventually. Yet, except for the moral  
effect of public opinion, we do not see  
what power these lawyer-editors could ex-  
ercise as against the most arbitrarily un-  
just action the judge might have the har-  
diness to carry out. They could not pre-  
vent the immediate wrong to themselves,  
and their only remedy would be to appeal  
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Still, the means by which the could  
be right and the best, a round-  
about and difficult process, and would not  
be within the reach of many a poorer attor-  
ney who might be compelled to suffer  
in silence under most palpable wrong.  
That such things are possible demonstrates  
that our system of administering the law  
is faulty, and we are assured that there  
is no wrong or defect, clearly perceived to be  
such, but what may be remedied.

The Voice of the Press.  
Spirit of Berks.

The case of the editors of the Lancaster  
INTELLIGENCER, who are also practicing  
attorneys at the Lancaster bar, has attracted  
numerous comments from the press of  
Pennsylvania and other states, and in no  
instance that has come under our observa-  
tion has the summary proceeding of Judge  
Patterson been approved, and the contra-  
ry, it has been condemned in more or less  
positive terms by the voice of the whole  
press, Republican, Democratic and  
Independent.

Some questions here arise: How far can  
the judges of our courts claim immunity  
from criticism of their official acts? And  
are editors who happen to be also attor-  
neys, so held responsible as attorneys  
for any printed publications they may  
make in reference to matters pertaining  
to judicial proceedings? No one in these  
days, will claim that judges are seated so  
high above their fellow men as to be  
beyond the reach of fair and honest criti-  
cism. If they were, then our courts would  
be a safe and sound exception to the  
rule which is clearly laid down in our  
constitution that "The printing press  
shall be free to every person who may  
undertake to examine the proceedings  
of the Legislature, or of any  
arbitrary government, and words shall  
never be made to restrain the right  
thereof." \* \* \* \* \*

Every citizen  
may freely speak, write and print on any  
subject [court proceedings not excepted  
therefrom]. \* \* \* \* \*

Every citizen  
shall be responsible for the abuse of  
that liberty. \* \* \* \* \*

These standard MUSLINS in office  
by an attorney—when they were used out-  
side the court and not in connection with  
any judicial proceeding then before the  
court, passes our comprehension.

Low-down Democrat and Sentinel.  
The editors of the INTELLIGENCER, being  
also members of the bar, and sitting in the  
court over which Patterson, unfortunately  
for the ends of justice, presides, having  
criticized some of the tortuous proceedings  
he sanctioned, has entered a rule in his  
own court, returnable to-mor-  
row, to show cause why they should not  
be disbanded for contempt of court, be-  
cause of such editorial animadversions. Is  
it any wonder with such illustrations of  
judicial despotism the old-time reverence  
for the bench is fast disappearing? The  
utter incompetency of Patterson for a seat  
upon it could not be made more apparent  
than by this puny attempt to abridge the  
legitimate freedom of the press.

It Will Not "Give Up the Case" Until the  
Core is Removed.  
New Holland Clarion.

The all-absorbing topic among newspa-  
per-readers of this county, at present, is  
the pitched battle between Judge Pat-  
terson and the editors of the Lancaster IN-  
TELLIGENCER. The entire public press of this  
and other states denounce proceeding  
of Judge Patterson as outrageous; if not  
in so many words, they do so in substance.  
It is little need to us which party  
have the law and precedents on their side  
in this case, but it is of vital moment to us,  
as well as every citizen of this county,  
what this constant bickering and "mud-  
slinging" on a court of justice by cer-  
tain dailies means.

Is justice prostituted for political gain?  
Or are these editors giving vent to their  
vituperations and denunciations through  
the columns of their respective papers  
merely to avenge some real or imaginary  
wrong received at the hands of the court?  
We cannot persuade ourselves to believe  
it is the latter, yet if it is the former, can  
it be possible that the new daily of Lan-  
caster which so assiduously publicized this  
case on the body court-police some time  
ago would abandon the case just as it  
was coming to a head? We entertain grave  
fears in that direction. The *New Era*  
prides itself in stating that it is not, their  
federal. If it is not, then their obsequies  
were being conducted when Hay, Brown  
and Gomley, Messrs. Hensel, Hensel, Hensel,  
and Frank Eshleman officiated, and the  
last words in their death throes were  
"Let the band play," and Revs. Brown  
and Eshleman granted their request, for  
the band did play.

Indeed, the dissatisfaction of the *New  
Era* as to the adjustment of their case  
crops out repeatedly in the columns of

that paper, which leads us to believe that  
they are not fully convinced that the facts,  
as they stated them, were not correct. If  
so their dereliction of duty as pertains to  
modern journalism is without a shadow of  
excuse, and instead of sitting idly by  
and searing their conscience with the hot  
iron of "it's none of our funeral," they  
should endeavor to ascertain who these  
men are who prostitute the courts of jus-  
tice—for this is the veritable Mike Snyder  
case of *New Era* fame—upon them, and  
have them punished. But when the call is  
made for "music by the band" it should  
play the enlivening strains of victory in-  
stead of defeat.

Provincial journalism does not have the  
advantage accorded to metropolitan  
journals and the press of inland cities, but  
if these Lancaster dailies continue making  
these scathing accusations about our courts  
and make no efforts to fully investigate  
the cases when an opportunity presents  
itself, the rural press of this county will  
be compelled to demand an investigation or  
know the reason why. If our court is a  
political machine or an institution of de-  
bauchery it is high time that steps were  
taken to purify it. The *New Era* had the  
opportunity to ascertain whether the  
Snyder case was a prostitution of justice,  
but it signally failed. It will now, no  
doubt, present itself to the INTELLIGENCER,  
and we wait with some degree of anxiety  
to see what the result will be. The rule  
against the editors of the *Intelligencer* was  
made returnable on Friday of this week  
and in consequence the band has  
played its first tune before this paper will  
have reached its readers. We do hope  
that if the INTELLIGENCER assumes the role  
of physicians in no sense a *homo*, of  
physicians to the court, in order to heal  
this festering boil, that it will not give up  
the case until the core is removed, other-  
wise it will never be soundly or perfectly  
healed.

It is with a feeling of shame that we  
record the fact that our court, throughout  
this section, is but a by-word and reproach.  
And why? because the journals in  
question periodically denounce it as  
such, and the people take up the cry. The  
majority of our countrymen, man in-  
nately, are in favor of a just and  
right to accept the opinion of several ed-  
itors as to its debauched condition, espe-  
cially when they have the chance to make  
good their assertions and fail; and we can  
certainly not have a progressive journal  
that teaches its readers to direct  
their highest tribunal, when the proof of  
their accusations is not forthcoming. The  
province of a public journal is to  
inculcate such principles, and to  
denounce a few months we expect to see  
these accusations proven or complete silence  
on the part of the Lancaster dailies.

As Editors, Not Lawyers.  
Belleville Democrat.

The recent action of Judge Patterson,  
of Lancaster county, in citing Messrs. Stein-  
man and Hensel, of the Lancaster INTELLI-  
GENCER, to show cause why their names  
should be stricken from the list of attor-  
neys for an alleged contempt of court, meets  
with universal rebuke. These gentle-  
men have not offended the court as law-  
yers, but as editors. Besides being  
members of the Lancaster bar, they  
are the editors of an able and in-  
fluential newspaper, and it seems ab-  
surd that a judge of the court should have  
power to hold them responsible as  
attorneys for opinions expressed to the  
public in their vocation of journalists. As  
editors of a newspaper, they would be  
independent of the courts. If they have  
libeled Judge Patterson he has his remedy  
against them as any one else would have  
and they should be held responsible as  
other editors would be, but for a judge to  
assume arbitrary authority over them and  
mete out punishment according to his will  
is such a stretch of power as cannot be tol-  
erated under a free government. So far  
as we have seen, the press of the state is  
unanimous in condemnation of Judge Pat-  
terson, and it is to be hoped the editors  
will bravely stand by their rights.

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