

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 5, 1880.

A Disguised Blessing.

Those Snyder boys are excellent material to point a moral and adorn a tale. No doubt they were created for a wise purpose, which seems to be the securing of an adjudication of the proper relations of the different members of society to one another; of judges to editors, of lawyers to clients who are the best workers in their wards, of policemen to criminals of that class, and editors to everybody. It ought to be easily ascertained, but it seems to be formed with difficulty. The judge has but to decide the law, the lawyer to present his client's case, the policeman to arrest the criminal, and the editor to observe that these duties are fairly performed. The difficulty comes in adjudicating as to the fairness. Public opinion decides it; and when the judge chooses to defy public opinion, by means of the power in his hands, it can never be long. Just now the Snyder boys are serving an excellent purpose in evolving public opinion upon the very interesting questions which are at issue between the judges and editors, lawyers and policemen. It does not so much matter what the law is, as what it should be, since it is certain to be made what the public judgment decides that it ought to be. If it is right that policemen should arrest notorious offenders to have them released by partisan lawyers and commonwealth attorneys, because of their political services and through a prostitution of the machinery of justice, and if it is right that the court whose processes are thus used should not condemn the act and punish the offending lawyers, but should condemn and punish editors who commented upon the way in which justice was administered and who inquired whether political prejudice guided its course, then the people will say so and the law will say so; and if the public verdict is otherwise the law eventually will follow it. Let us then regard these dear Snyder boys as benefactors, and bless them.

We observe that our policemen are somewhat in doubt as to how they should regard them; and truly they have cause. The Snyder boys have been an especial thorn in their side. In view of the difficult conundrum presented to them in deciding how they should treat the Snyders, we feel like suggesting that our Lancaster police ought to be a very bright set of boys and should be carefully educated, that their minds may be strengthened to an adequate discharge of their duties. A special school of instruction for policemen might profitably be established in connection with our common school system to which the strongest headed boys might be promoted. For obviously when men are sworn to arrest every violator of the law and are nevertheless forbidden by their superiors in the administration of justice to arrest the guilty when the guilty are "the best workers in the ward," and are charged, when they do arrest them, with being prompted by political feeling, "the best workers" being prominently turned out to work against them at the next election—such men need to be philosophers and wise men of the most approved pattern. An ordinary man in such a state of affairs would become bewildered as to his duty, as our policemen seem now to be. The chief keeps pretty cool, it seems, and in view of the late demonstration against the law of the Snyder boys, proposes to consult the district attorney as to whether it would be worth while to arrest such approved political workers. We sympathize with the chief in his dilemma. We are in ourselves. We are inclined to think that we would be justified in using strong expressions in reference to such an administration of justice as can leave the policemen in doubt as to whether he will be applauded or abused by his superiors for arresting undoubted criminals. We forbear to use them because of the interesting question pending in the supreme court as to how far we may go in expressing our opinion of our judges; and for the further reason that the English language is hardly rich enough to afford us an adequate expression of our sentiments on the subject.

Serious Charges Repeated.

We invite the Honorable John B. Livingston, president judge of Lancaster county, and the Honorable David W. Patterson, associate law judge of the same, to read the New Era of last evening, a paper of their own political persuasion and published by a member of their bar. It charges that the "outrageous proceedings of Sunday, which shocked and terrified peaceable citizens in the vicinity of the 'Shony Park,' are the natural fruits of the prostitution of the machinery of justice through the agency of the district attorney's office, and the failure of the court to take cognizance of the disgraceful fact—admitted by their own sworn testimony in the presence of the judges—that the district attorney and his assistant, J. Hay Brown, actually jostled each other in the race to claim the gratitude of the criminals who had escaped through their official dereliction—to use the mildest phrase admissible in the case."

It also publishes an editorial from the Philadelphia Times of November 3, 1879, endorsing it "as the clearest, most comprehensible summary of the events of which the disgraceful riot of Sunday lay only one of the natural outgrowths." That article, thus endorsed, says that a "manifest prostitution of justice to partisan purpose" in Judge Livingston's court, clearly presented to his attention and to Judge Patterson's, by the undisputed testimony of a case in which one of them was a witness and the other the sitting judge.

It charges that Judge Patterson was "oblivious to the startling evidence given in his court, clearly proving the prostitution of justice to low political ends and by the officers of his own tribunal"; and further that if Judge Livingston failed to take cognizance of it—as the New Era now says that he did—"he must not complain if very many of the honest people of the county shall be

ing telegraphed to it from Harrisburg that Mr. Speer said such a contest as Mr. Grier proposed to make against Youst, Weidner and Hoover, in the state convention, would be "infamous." Mr. Speer writes to the Columbia Herald:

"I never used the language quoted, and while I do not wish to be drawn into any controversy as to questions now settled by the convention, justice alike to you and myself, prompt me to respond to your inquiry. Nevertheless, on the evening before the state convention assembled, Mr. Speer, in discussing with Mr. Hensel the cases of a proposed Fayette county contest, on the one side, and of the Upper Lancaster county contest on the other side, did just exactly say: 'All such contests are infamous.'"

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

A fire at Palma Soriano, near Santiago de Cuba, has destroyed 100 habitations, and many families are in distress. The sale of the Greenbrier White Sulphur springs property to W. A. Stewart was yesterday confirmed at the court. The dwelling of Mr. Fulton, a farmer, was burned yesterday near Urbidge, Oct. Two of his children perished in the flames. Baseball: At Boston—Boston 4; Providence 3. At Worcester—Worcester 7; Troy, 3. At Albany—National, 3; Albany, 0.

The supreme court in session at Harrisburg yesterday rendered a decision, confirming the decision of the Philadelphia court, discharging a lawyer by the name of Samuel Davies. What his offense was we do not know, or that it can have any bearing on the Steinman and Hensel case, as a precedent, we cannot say.—Examiner.

But our contemporary could easily have ascertained that his offense was stealing his client's money, drunkenness, licentiousness, and nearly everything else that constitutes a degree of "moral obliquity," unfitting a man to be entrusted with the privileges and responsibilities of a member of the bar.

PERSONAL.

Mr. CHARLES S. PARNELL has announced his intention to sit in parliament for Cork. The aspect which SIMON CAMERON presents to the newspaper man is graphically described by the Herald of Boston. "To the interviewer, he is a tomb." To other visitors the ex-secretary is courteous and hospitable and likes to make them at home. A supper was given at the Grand hotel, Harrisburg, last night to Colonel A. C. Noyes, the retiring state treasurer. Hon. John J. Pearson presided, with Judge Henderson on his right. Toasts to the health of Col. Noyes, State Treasurer Butler, Auditor General Schell and Deputy Attorney General Yellman Gilbert were appropriately responded to by those gentlemen. Judge Pearson entertained the company in his genial way, and the affair was altogether a very pleasant one.

Six of BRIGHAM YOUNG'S daughters have just been excommunicated from the Mormon church, the specifications against them being entering and prosecuting a suit falsely charging their father's executors and the authorities of the church with defrauding the heirs of the late President Young out of \$1,000,000, and for causing the imprisonment in the penitentiary of the executors, and jeopardizing the liberty of John Taylor, president of the church. The daughters, all of whom have husbands, are understood to have courted excommunication, and some of them say that they are disgusted with Mormonism. All except two are polygamic children.

MINOR TOPICS.

NEW YORK SEN: "The only two reasons now left for nominating Grant are named Conkling and Cameron—a weak foundation for a great party to stand upon."

WHEN completed, the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore will be the finest and best endowed institution of the kind in the world. The grounds cover an area of 14 1/2 acres, and there will be 28 buildings in the inclosure. For it and for a colored orphan asylum Mr. Hopkins left \$4,000,000.

LEVEES are necessary to preserve Sacramento from the danger of inundation. The city lies in the focus of precipitous watersheds, and the recent heavy rainfall produced great alarm. A plan is under discussion to extend the levees on a grand scale and make them serve the additional purpose of adorning the city by converting the crests into pleasure drives.

"It is the health, not the eye-sight," says the London Spectator, "which parents with studious children should protect, though they should be most merciful in insisting on a sufficiency of light, and light which actually reaches the object of attention. You may sit in a room full of light, but have all the while only twilight or even a deep shadow falling upon the work in hand. Light, full light, but light without glare, is the grand preservative of the eyes."

FISHERMEN DROWNED.

Sad Fate of a Party of Fishermen on the Columbia River. A large fleet, numbering over a score of boats, started out early yesterday morning to lay their nets in their usual fishing ground, opposite Point Adams, at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon. The bar there, which is constantly shifting its position, made it difficult for the boats to get out in fine weather, but in times of sudden squalls it becomes especially dangerous. In returning up the river, soon after sunset, one of these squalls arose and twenty boats were driven helter-skelter to the bar, where they were swamped. Every exertion was made by their more fortunate companions to aid the drowning men, but in spite of all their efforts twelve of the number were drowned before their eyes. The shore was finally reached by the remaining boats of the fleet with the rescued men. The names of those who have perished are not yet reported and the number of drowned, in addition to those stated, is as yet unknown.

Political Power Stronger than Justice.

Philadelphia Times. "The best workers of the ward" seem to be multiplying misfortunes for both themselves and their friends in Lancaster. It seems to have become understood that political power is stronger than justice in that county, and the "boys" who take their inspiration from the Snyders carried their usual Sunday lawless forays to a riot on Sunday last. The chief of police speaks out very frankly on the subject, as the mayor did before the court in a recent libel case, and proposes to know whether the law will be enforced without fear or favor before he incurs the cost of another Snyder arrest.

On Monday night Mr. G. W. Loucks, of York, met on the street a riding one of Mr. Farner, and another riding another. Recognizing the horses Mr. Loucks stopped the thief and a struggle ensued. Mr. Loucks received some injury but secured the horses. The thief escaped.

JUDGE BLACK.

A Strong Southern Doom For Him.

The Philadelphia Times, the leading Democratic paper of its state, has brought forward the name of Judge Jeremiah Sullivan Black as that of a possible Democratic candidate for the presidency. No number of party is better entitled to that high honor, for he has been nearly equal ability ever served a party so unselfishly, with so much determination after results or so successfully, and it would be difficult to call the name of one among the long list of illustrious Democrats who served the country in the last quarter of a century who has so promptly responded in behalf of the people, certainly no one who has done such work in beating down the enemies of the republic, of its peace and prosperity, and its integrity and the independence of the states that make it. His papers in criticism of the nefarious policies of the Republican party, and later of the third-term faction of that party, are a part of the written history of our country, and it is not to be believed them to have been, have been surpassed by his services before the supreme court in arrest of the wave of Radical malice that threatened to crush the South out of existence. He has always been the true friend of a man of principle, and in storm and sunshine he has made the constitution his political guide. He opposed every enactment that did not square with it, and has boldly contended for the simple faith of the fathers. He is the greatest intellect of our party. As jurist and lawyer his abilities have long been confessed to be of the very highest order. This reputation rests upon a solid foundation. He owes nothing to the clamor and flattery of friends. A devoted student of the constitution, thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of his faith, he speaks and is obeyed as an almost unerring oracle. If nominated, he can be elected. No man could arouse the Democratic party as he can. Full of sympathy with the present, he links us with the past. An administration under him would bring the country back to the days when strong men presided over every department of the government, and when the American name was held in the highest respect.

The Republicans in Congress.

The Republicans in Congress have made two conspicuous blunders recently. Last June, after an angry and protracted controversy, the point in dispute upon the ratification of the constitution, the president and the Democratic majority in Congress, was adjusted by a sort of compromise, prohibiting "any portion of the army of the United States to be used as a police force to keep the peace at the polls of any election within any state."

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WHY THE FIRE BELLS SANG.

Burning of a Building on Cherry Alley—The Children's Home Damaged by Fire.

This morning shortly after 2 o'clock fire was discovered in a new brick building situated on Cherry alley, between Chestnut and Walnut streets, owned by A. W. Russell. A portion of the building, which is as large as a good sized tobacco warehouse was occupied by Lewis Sylvester as a tobacco reworking establishment, and in part of it Miller Frain had a lock manufactory. When the fire was first discovered it was in the garret and was very small. For this reason it could not be seen from any great distance and the firemen were slow in going to it. After it had burned for about 15 minutes the flames shot through the roof and they could be seen all over the city. When the fire companies arrived they went to work quickly and for more than half an hour streams of water were thrown upon the fire which was finally extinguished. The roof was entirely consumed as was the floor between the garret and the second story. A large lot of new cigar moulds which were owned by Mr. Sylvester were stored on the garret, and were almost all burned. On the second floor there was a lot of tobacco in cases and it was thoroughly soaked. The machinery used in reworking process was also damaged by water &c. Mr. Frain had a large stock of locks, iron &c., on hand and these together with the machinery have suffered largely from the water as they have all rusted. The building, which was but recently erected, was insured for \$900. Mr. Sylvester had an insurance of \$1000 on the tobacco, and he estimates his loss at between \$500 and \$600. There was no insurance on the cigar moulds, which were valued at \$200. The machinery had an insurance of \$200. Mr. Frain had an insurance of \$2,300 on his stock, machinery, &c., and the loss will probably be from one-third to one-half of that amount.

PEACE AND HARMONY.

Editorial Views of the Democratic State Ticket.

The ticket is the most popular at the tail, and we should not be surprised to see Col. Dechert elected—we can only hope for Jenkins.

Touching a Responsive Chord.

The undiluted and ringing utterances of the Democracy of Pennsylvania expressed in the admirable platform adopted at the recent state convention, thrills the Democratic heart throughout the union and brings back responsive echoes from every state. It is a prophecy of the victory certain to come in November and an earnest of what may be expected of the country at large.

Office-Seeker Nor Log-Roller.

It is the men who dance attendance on political conventions who, as a rule, receive the honors of their party, and as a class they are the least deserving of them. The rule of Judge Black joining the grand army of office-seekers and log-rollers and intriguing for the presidency is something so incongruous with his character that no one who knows him would entertain it for a moment. Jeremiah S. Black is one of the few men in this country who are above the presidency.

A Good Omen.

When men like Franklin B. Gowen, John M. Hutchinson, Wm. A. Wallace, Samuel J. Randall, A. H. Hill, and others of like prominence and integrity attend the Democratic state convention in the interest of peace and harmony, and accomplish the object to the satisfaction of the entire party, the prospects for a grand victory in November are immensely increased. No matter what the nominal ticket of the convention may be the party Pennsylvania will enter the contest as one man, and doing so will be invincible. This state is by no means certain for the Republican candidate, and the country will see that by November it will be a debatable ground, with the prospects greatly in favor of the Democratic candidate.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Lancaster County Cases Argued Yesterday. In the supreme court yesterday the following cases from Lancaster county were argued, the counsel appearing as named below: Wiley's appeal. Lancaster, J. Hay Brown for appellant, W. Aug. Atlee for appellee, H. M. North in reply. Bomberger's appeal. Lancaster, W. R. Wilson for plaintiff in error, W. Aug. Atlee for defendant in error. Wall & Urner vs. Staley. Lancaster, George Nauman for plaintiff in error, W. Aug. Atlee for defendant in error. Borough of Columbia's appeal. Lancaster, A. J. Kauffman for appellant, H. M. North for appellee, W. Aug. Atlee in reply. Hanover Junction and Susquehanna railroad company vs. Kauffelt. Lancaster, George Nauman for plaintiff in error, J. Hay Brown and H. M. North for defendant. Same vs. Magee. Submitted on previous argument.

He is Thankful.

The following touching letter is published in the York Dispatch as a tribute from a grateful husband to detective skill: MR. EDITOR: I came to York the first part of last week in search of my wife, who eloped with a man by the name of D. T. Moore on the 19th of March. After searching in vain for her I was very much discouraged, and called on Mr. H. C. Ginter, of the Ninth ward, to assist me in the recovery of my truant wife. I left him at Ephrata on Thursday last, and this evening I received a dispatch from the officer stating that he had secured her lower and my wife, at Pottsville, Schuylkill co., and would arrive at Lancaster with them to-morrow evening, May 3d. I cannot give Officer Ginter enough credit for hunting this case for me. He is a credit to your town of York. He also captured with them about 30 letters, which they had in their possession. These letters, discover the plot of elopement, and all parties who are accessories. The elopement had been planned for over a year. Yours respectfully, May 2d, 1880. C. C. SNEADER.

A Ninth Ward View of it.

"Plate sin with gold and the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks. Arm it in rags, a pigmy's straw deth pierce it." Referred to the pardon mill at Harrisburg.

Correction.

It was John W. Groff, and not Levi W. Groff, who, having been divorced from his wife Lizzie, was ordered to pay her expenses and attorney fees.

Stocking Streams with Bass.

This morning County Solicitor Hugh R. Fulton left this city on the 10 o'clock train, taking with him about a hundred large black bass, which he will place in the streams in the lower part of the county. The fish came from the state hatchery at James Duffy's park in Marietta.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Lancaster County Cases Argued Yesterday. In the supreme court yesterday the following cases from Lancaster county were argued, the counsel appearing as named below: Wiley's appeal. Lancaster, J. Hay Brown for appellant, W. Aug. Atlee for appellee, H. M. North in reply. Bomberger's appeal. Lancaster, W. R. Wilson for plaintiff in error, W. Aug. Atlee for defendant in error. Wall & Urner vs. Staley. Lancaster, George Nauman for plaintiff in error, W. Aug. Atlee for defendant in error. Borough of Columbia's appeal. Lancaster, A. J. Kauffman for appellant, H. M. North for appellee, W. Aug. Atlee in reply. Hanover Junction and Susquehanna railroad company vs. Kauffelt. Lancaster, George Nauman for plaintiff in error, J. Hay Brown and H. M. North for defendant. Same vs. Magee. Submitted on previous argument.

He is Thankful.

The following touching letter is published in the York Dispatch as a tribute from a grateful husband to detective skill: MR. EDITOR: I came to York the first part of last week in search of my wife, who eloped with a man by the name of D. T. Moore on the 19th of March. After searching in vain for her I was very much discouraged, and called on Mr. H. C. Ginter, of the Ninth ward, to assist me in the recovery of my truant wife. I left him at Ephrata on Thursday last, and this evening I received a dispatch from the officer stating that he had secured her lower and my wife, at Pottsville, Schuylkill co., and would arrive at Lancaster with them to-morrow evening, May 3d. I cannot give Officer Ginter enough credit for hunting this case for me. He is a credit to your town of York. He also captured with them about 30 letters, which they had in their possession. These letters, discover the plot of elopement, and all parties who are accessories. The elopement had been planned for over a year