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Cox and his Critics.

Judge Cox seems to be the Christmas topic of the newspapers. Having exhausted the vocabulary in denunciation of Guitau, the judge affords a convenient object for the transfer of the flow of animadversion. At this season which teaches peace and good will among men one would think that the most atrocious editor would be able to check the flow of his bile, at least against a judge who at the very worst is only charged with a superabundance of tolerance. There are many worse failings even in judges, and a respectable citizen ought to hesitate a good while before he damns a judge for his good nature. It is not often that he has a chance to do so. The despotic power placed in the hands of the judiciary is far more subject to abuse than to non-use; and we cannot help feeling a good deal of disgust at the ungenerous and severe comment visited by the press upon the moderation shown by Judge Cox in the discharge of his duty. It may be as charged, that Guitau deserves to be violently suppressed; but it is to be noted that those who say so are confirmed in their opinion of his real sanity and his simulation of insanity. If that assumption was a conceded fact, then Judge Cox might well be called upon to use all his power to suppress the farce. But in truth it is not admitted that Guitau is sane. That is the question which the jury is considering; and which the country has considered with the result of a great diversity of opinion, most persons probably believing that Guitau is of unsound mind and only hesitating as to whether the degree and character of his insanity is such as to free him from responsibility under the law. As he says repeatedly, the sole question of fact in his case is whether or no he was impelled to his act irresistibly; if that is admitted then the question of law to be settled is whether such irresistible pressure excuses the crime.

Judge Cox is giving him a fair trial. The newspapers, unrepressed by the responsibility resting upon the judge, are not fair. Just what sort of judges these critics of Judge Cox would make we may not know; but it is safe enough to say that they would not be an improvement upon him, and that no citizen can burn with a just sincere desire to have such men as judges instead of the Cox style, however little that may be to his liking. Honesty, impartiality and moderation are invaluable qualities in a judge; and to one who possesses them a great deal may be excused. Nothing is more unjudicial than violence of word and manner, and Judge Cox's critics are notably unfit to fill his place.

An Unhappy Organ. The Philadelphia Press thinks it worth its while to urge the Republican state committee not to call the state convention at too early a date to enable the delegates to be chosen by the people. The Press is not complimentary to the committee in entertaining the idea that it has any such purpose, though it has justification for its suspicion in the fact which it states that "such things have been done before and may be attempted again." The Press has reason to be very unhappy over its apprehension, both as a high-toned independent, honest organ of the vox populi, and as the organ of a Republican faction, both of which positions it undertakes to occupy. It is somewhat embarrassing to play upon such discordant instruments, and the success of the Press has not always been distinguished. It is now in a situation of peculiar anguish. Its particular party is very much mashed and its sometimes fierce independence is attuned to a very low key. It belongs to a party whose representatives it declares to be addicted to calling conventions, and what is particularly sad about it is that this great injustice is practised to the injury of the particular Republicans whose organ the Press is. And yet they cling to the party, and it urges them thereto, considering it much better to be a disfranchised Republican than to be none at all. The average American citizen ought to be so uneasy under such treatment as to kick out of the party traces; but these Independent Citizen reformers are an amiable sort of servile asses who will bear any amount of hard usage and laboring without uncovering the spirit they were born without.

It seems that a vigorous effort will be made in Philadelphia by one class of Democratic politicians in behalf of Controller Pattison for the Democratic nomination of governor next year. Another set, with equal vigor, will oppose him, and one feature of their canvass against him will be a movement to support Judge Ludlow for the nomination to the supreme bench. The Democratic city committee appears to have been called last night to appoint temporary chairmen of the conventions in the anti-Pattison interest, and the controller's friends managed to have these appointments deferred. Heretofore Philadelphia has cut a very poor figure in state conventions by reason of just such squabbles as these, leading to division, strife and often to disgraceful contests for seats. It is to be hoped the Philadelphia politicians will spare their party in the state at large any more of this shame. It does not appear that in this Pattison contest the factions divide on the old lines, but it can fairly be claimed that among the most active opponents of Pattison are some of the most respectable of the Philadelphia traders, and if the "Tommy Ryan" proposed for chairman of one nominating convention is the Tommy Ryan who falsely sat in another Ryan's place in the Williamsport convention and falsely voted on his name, honest men of all interests should object to him.

The prospect now strongly points to the triumph of Mr. Gowen in the Reading contest, which will be an agreeable result to the public generally. Mr. Bond has not excited any interest in the public, while Mr. Gowen is the object of very widespread and profound admira-

tion, won by his steady exhibition of bold, vigorous and honest manhood under the calcium light that has been thrown upon him during the years of his as yet brief career. Whatever may be said of his railroad management there is but one opinion as to his integrity, courage and intelligence, qualities which are supreme in commanding the popular heart.

The committee of the American bar association will, at its meeting in New York in February, urge a plan for the relief of the United States supreme court which contemplates the establishment of another court, to consist of fifteen judges. The supreme court desires this plan.

EMIGRATION FROM GERMANY IN 1882 promises to become a colossal task that of 1881. Fourteen thousand tickets have already been taken for transportation by vessels leaving Bremen for America in the spring. Almost an equal number of emigrants will go from Hamburg.

SINCE he and Cameron have agreed on Beaver, Republican State Chairman Cooper sees no reason for further delay, and has called his committee to meet on Jan. 11, to decide upon the time and place of the meeting of the next state convention. The idea is to have the convention early in May next, about the first or second Wednesday, at Harrisburg.

The New York brokers are no guessers at all compared with the people who go to Demuth's store to speculate in beans. A New York sporting man had a hog at his place for the broker broods to guess at in the Christmas season and they invested about \$3,000 to back their opinion, mostly that the hog would weigh 700. He drew the bean down to just 593.

The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Herald again calls the attention of the Quaker city people to the slams of that town, which, he says, since their fumigation of some years ago, have been refilled with crime and vice and now swarm with thieves and misdeeds of all degree. Some of the foreign missionary societies in the city of Brotherly Love can find heaps to do in Bedford, Alaska and St. Mary streets.

When it comes to introducing bills the Pennsylvania statesman always forgets to the front. In the two days allotted for that purpose in Congress our congressman got there with 184 bills. Ohio followed hard upon with 150. Then came New York with 142, Illinois 141, North Carolina with 138, Kansas with 131, and Missouri with 119. These seven states, who have only 123 members of the House, are responsible for 1,006 bills, or about one-half of all so far introduced. In point of individual activity Kansas leads all the rest, her three members having fathered 131 bills, or 43 each, and North Carolina comes next with 8 members and 138 bills, or 17 each. The average of New York was only 37 bills to each member.

An eminent Republican contemporary has the news that Keifer's packed election committee will dispatch the 21 contested congressional cases referred to it with unheard-of celerity. Great scandal has undoubtedly attached to such contests, and great wrong has been done by the needless delays over them. There are instances when the House did not vote on contested election cases until the very last night of the session, thus allowing two men to draw the salary for one place. There is good ground for believing that the Calkins committee is organized to convict, and that in disposing of cases summarily as it proposes, it will not only give the Republic the benefit of all doubts, but likewise all the seats in dispute.

The people who blame Jeff Davis for carrying off several million dollars worth of gold belonging to the Southern Confederacy do not pretend to explain how he got away with it. As yet it is about as difficult to tell who fathers the story as who got the gold. Correspondent Burr says Gen. Joe Johnston made the accusation. The Press and Burr say Johnston does not deny it, and the World says he does. It is a tempest in a teapot. The public does not believe the C. S. A. had any such amount of gold, and if it had, nobody believes that Jeff Davis stole it. Those who think he was a knave don't believe he was a fool. All the same Gen. Johnston might as well say out boldly over his own sign manual what he said and what he thinks.

No less high Republican authority than the New York Times declares that the good intentions of Hayes's administration "were made to pave the way to political perdition, partly by the president's lack of penetration, infirmity of will and deplorable perversity of judgment, and partly by his two secretaries' unscrupulous scheming." One of the secretaries referred to was Sherman, who made his office a nest of "greedy trading politicians, with little ability and less character," and who "prostituted the vast and varied treasury service in the South in a desperate effort to secure his own nomination to the presidency." The other was Key, who "made use of his official power and influence to serve his personal and political friends, and quietly ignored every test of political fitness."

AGED ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE. Death of Daniel Webster, a former slave, who leaves 128 descendants.

Daniel Webster, a widely known colored man, who is believed to have been the oldest person in Philadelphia, has died at the age of 105 years. He was born in Hartford county, Maryland, in June, 1776, and was owned by Col. Joseph Webster, who was killed in the war of 1812. Daniel accompanied his master in the war, and fought his body back to Maryland, for which service the dead man's wife gave him his freedom. The freedman's wife and two children, however, were retained in bondage, and he preferred remaining with them. In his old age he purchased his wife's freedom but she died a month or two later and he married again. He came to Philadelphia in 1857, and settled at 4,123 Ludlow street where he died. Daniel was a famous exhorter, and was well known in all parts of the city. His faculties were unimpaired to the last, and until he received the stroke of paralysis that caused his death, he was in the habit of boasting that he had never been sick in his life. He leaves eight sons and daughters, the eldest being 78 years of age; fifty seven grandchildren, and sixty-three great-grandchildren, the majority of whom live in Maryland. His second and last wife died many years ago.

THE P. & E. COMPANY.

Observations of a Small Stockholder. Messrs. Editors: I know very little about dealings in stock, although I own a few shares of Reading railroad stock, but I have often noticed that whenever it was thought that Mr. Gowen was going to win the stock went up, and whenever it was thought that Mr. Bond was going to win the stock went down.

I notice also that Mr. Bond thinks that the right way to make our stock more valuable is to issue a great deal more of it to the creditors of the company. But the property cannot be made more valuable by dividing it into more shares. If the creditors who are to get the stock will take it in payment of their debts it would be all right, but I don't understand that they are to do this. Another idea has occurred to me, and that is that as Mr. Bond thinks that everything that Mr. Gowen did was wrong, that he ought not to have leased the Schuylkill canal, or the Catawissa railroad, &c., or have bought the coal lands or the Montour iron works, he, Mr. Bond, will not be very anxious to make Mr. Gowen's plans successful. It would be quite a disappointment to Mr. Bond, I should think, to find the coal lands yielding a large revenue, and if the Danville works make money Mr. Bond will not be able to say "I told you so." I never knew any man to make a machine or tool that he did not like to work well. We cannot alter the arrangements of the Reading railroad company; and I don't see how we can expect a man to run its machinery who feels bound to show that it is all wrong. On saying this I do not mean to admit that I think Mr. Bond right in his objections. Take the case of the Schuylkill canal for instance. He says that the railroad company does not make the rent which it pays. That may be—it might pay a storekeeper to rent a rival store and shut it up if he got all the business, and I don't see why the same thing should not be true of a railroad or canal. I certainly should not be in favor of giving the canal boats and cars back to the canal company and letting them start competition again with the railroad company.

READING. A LETTER FROM TILDEN. The Sage of Graystone on the Resources and Development of the South.

GRAYSTONE, Dec. 17.—To the Executive Committee of the International Cotton Exposition at Atlanta—Gentlemen: I have the honor to receive your resolutions inviting me to visit the International Cotton Exposition at your seat, and designating Messrs. Robert Tamahill, John H. Inman and M. B. Fiehlings as a special committee to communicate them to me. I have also had the honor of a personal presentation of a copy of the resolutions at the late meeting of the Southern States. Above all, I desire to contribute my influence, however inconsiderable it may be, towards encouraging a movement to organize investigation and intelligence concerning subjects of vast interest to the South, and but to our whole country and the world. I may venture to hope that the public spirit which created and has sustained this exposition is not exhausted, but that the signal success of this first essay will induce others, attract increasing public attention to these subjects, and secure for them wider co-operation and more perfect development.

The last time I visited those islands which were the homes of most of our ancestors I realized what a benediction it is to have a future in these heavens a sun which is generally radiant, and sometimes blazing. It is what climatologists call the upward curve in the hourly and daily tides of heat which makes our 450 million bushels of wheat a sure crop, which ripens our 1,750 million bushels of corn, and which enables us to grow six million bales of the best and cheapest cotton.

The invention which separates by machinery the fibre of the cotton from the seed gave a new comfort to every fireside. Better than any other, it has benefited mankind. The fact that one-half of the present cotton crop is the product of white labor has dispelled the illusion that the Caucasian race had been excluded by Providence from their natural share in so important a business, and has assured the future an ample supply of labor from sources of indefinite extent. This result derives momentous importance from the fact that the actual culture of the cotton is now applied to less than one-third part of the lands embraced in the cotton belts.

The development of your agricultural industries will soon be followed by manufactures. A mature community, while it is enlarging the positive volume of its external commerce, increases the proportion of domestic manufactures, which enter into the local consumption.

The advantages of a superior adaptation of climate, soil, and other spontaneous bounties of nature, and of a geographical contiguity to the market, are a legitimate product of the soil, and the satisfaction on the greatest productiveness of human labor in supplying the wants of man, and upon the utmost saving in the cost of transportation between the producer and consumer. It contrasts with the artificial devices of legislation, which unskilfully, and often perverted by selfish greed, which generally have the effect of diminishing the productive power of human labor, just as if the soil were rendered less fertile or the climate less genial by act of Congress, in order to enable the deluded beneficiary to make some profit out of enterprises otherwise unremunerative.

The South is rich in natural capacities of production, as yet mainly unappropriated. To utilize these capacities is a beneficent process. Its results may come, not so fast or so soon as some may hope, but I predict that when they do come they will in their magnitude transcend the anticipations of the most sanguine.

Your fellow citizen, SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

An Old Story. At the beginning of a new Congress there are two important committees who loudly proclaim their virtuous intentions. The appropriations committee will have all the great appropriations bills ready "very early." The committee on elections will at once throw upon the House the responsibility of deciding the contested election cases. Yet, such is the frailty of congressional committees, that the appropriations committee will have all the great appropriations bills ready "very early." The committee on elections will at once throw upon the House the responsibility of deciding the contested election cases. Yet, such is the frailty of congressional committees, that the appropriations committee will have all the great appropriations bills ready "very early." The committee on elections will at once throw upon the House the responsibility of deciding the contested election cases. 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