

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING NOV. 29, 1882.

Grammatical Differences.

The New York *Sun* is amusing in its hypercriticism of Attorney General Brewster's action. He cannot do anything to entirely please it. It cannot disapprove his recommendation to the president to dismiss the officials who have embarrassed the Star Route trials, but it finds something to condemn in the way he did it, even though it is only in his use of the English language. Attorney General Brewster would probably prefer to be accused of some grosser offense than ignorance of good English, for he probably prides himself on his mastery of language, and as an orator of distinction ought to be beyond reproach in his use of words. The *Sun* criticizes Brewster for saying that he had never forgotten his instruction to prosecute, "so that the innocent should be acquitted if clearly innocent, and the guilty should be punished if clearly guilty." The *Sun* doubts whether the president ever instructed the attorney general to see that the innocent were acquitted only if "clearly" innocent, seeing that the law entitles them to acquittal if there should be any reasonable doubt of their guilt. So the law does; but if the *Sun* had been disposed to give a liberal construction to the president's alleged instruction, it would not have been difficult for it to conclude that it meant that the innocent should be acquitted if it clearly appeared that they ought not to be convicted under the evidence; that it was "clearly innocent" in the sense that they were not clearly guilty.

Then the *Sun* complains of the attorney general's use of the phrase, "the condign act of an infamous conspiracy," considering the word "condign" to be here used "in a novel and unfamiliar sense." Webster defines "condign" to mean "deserved, merited, suitable;" and perhaps the "suitable" act of an infamous conspiracy" was a very suitable way to express what the attorney general was undertaking to say; but if the *Sun* had been reasonably good natured it would have forbore the condign condemnation of Brewster's condign word, especially in view of the condign praise due him for the condign punishment to which he delivered the Star Route criminals' sympathizers. And if its editor had written in a thanksgiving spirit he would, too, have omitted to abuse our elegant attorney general for speaking of a "band of organized scoundrels," instead of an organized band of scoundrels, as the *Sun* thinks he should have expressed it; in which judgment, however, the *Sun* itself falls under the harrow of a hypercritical spirit; for a "band" does not necessarily imply organization, but only union, and union and organization are quite distinct things, as there may clearly be union without organization, and perhaps even organization without union. An "organized band of scoundrels" means a union of scoundrels in an organization; and a band of organized scoundrels means apparently the same thing. It will bother over the hypercritical soul, if the case the scoundrels are organized instead of the band, but as the scoundrels are the band, and the scoundrels are organized, the band is organized. If the consideration of these distinctions is perplexing, the leisure time of the Thanksgiving holiday may be given to their consideration by the bewildered reader. But meanwhile we protest against the pillorying of our distinguished attorney general as an orator ignorant of his native tongue. What is particularly edifying and gratifying about this illustrious man is his elegance, his nicely and the punctilious propriety of his deportment in every particular. To say that such a man does not talk good English is simply a piece of barbarous meddlesomeness.

The New State Committee.

The local organizations of the Democratic party in the various counties of the state are derelict in failing to provide for the representation of their respective counties in the new state committee, under the first of the new rules adopted for the government of the party:

The state central committee shall consist of one member from each county, and in addition any county that is entitled to more than one state senator shall have an additional member for each additional senator—the members of the committee to be appointed in such manner as the local regulations of the respective county organizations may determine.

In very few counties of the state have there been any regulations adopted on this subject or members of the new committee chosen. On the 15th of October, 1883, the new committee will meet in Harrisburg to elect a chairman, secretary and executive committee for the coming year. The state committee chosen at the last state convention is practically *functus officio*. Its members cannot continue to represent their counties, unless re-elected or by the consent of their county committees. Besides, many of them represent senatorial districts composed of several counties, whereas the new rules contemplate that every single county shall have at least one representative in the new state committee.

It is very plain that for the important work before the new committee at its first meeting there should be a full meeting of active and interested members and not of dummies and proxies. To secure this some of the counties have already adopted permanent "regulations" as to the election of their members and their tenure; in some few the county committees will be called to elect a member or members to serve until the superior local authority has adopted a regulation on the subject. In very few, of course, can there be conventions called to make this permanent rule, but in all of them there should be action at least by the county committee.

The new committee meets to discharge a very responsible duty. Its members should be men fit for it, and they should, each, bring to their duties a title clear as well as a firm and honest purpose.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

JEALOUSY CAUSES A DOUBLE CRIME.

A Hotel Keeper Maimed by His Wife's Favor for Another Man Cuts Her Throat and His Own.

Ending Poisoned Fish.

A murder and suicide of the most horrid character was committed about six o'clock Tuesday evening in Allegheny City. John Mueller, a well-to-do German, kept a hotel called Jefferson Hall at the corner of Madison avenue and Second street. He was about forty years old, his wife Mary about thirty. A boarder in the house, whom Mrs. Mueller looked with favor, aroused a feeling of jealousy on the part of Mueller. Mueller wanted to send the boarder away, but his wife said that if she went she would go, too. Tuesday evening his passion got such control of him that he decided to take his wife's life. He told his little daughter to go down on Ohio street and look for her mother. This was a subterfuge to get the child out of the way. When she had gone Mueller went upstairs to the room where he knew his wife was. When the little girl returned he, too, sought his mother's chamber and a terrible sight met his eyes when she entered. A foot or two from the doorway lay his mother with her throat cut from ear to ear, and near a door leading to an adjoining room was her father, whose head was almost severed from the trunk. Both were dead, but their bodies still warm. The floor was covered with blood. It was found lying on a piano and half closed in its case. Mueller having made an attempt to return it to the sheath after cutting his throat. Mueller was a well-known citizen. On his dead body was a decoration by the Legislature of West Virginia for meritorious conduct during the war. Some months ago he attempted his wife's life because she took one of their children out walking, when it caught a cold which caused its death.

Nileon in New York.

Madame Christine Nilsson gave her first concert in New York last evening. Her American engagement is for fifty concerts, and down to the close of her season at Philadelphia last week she had appeared in eleven concerts, of which the aggregate gross receipts were \$40,530. Her two Philadelphia concerts yielded her \$19,013. She will give another concert at New York on Saturday, and then leave for Chicago and San Francisco, her manager, Mr. Abbey, accompanying her. She will return to Philadelphia in the spring.

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The family of a laborer named Sullivan, in San Francisco, were poisoned yesterday "by eating fish." Two children are dead and another is not expected to recover.

End of a Murder Trial.

In the case of Peter Riley, charged with the murder of John McCrory, in Philadelphia, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy.

Sixteen Lives Reported Lost.

Advices from Sydney, New South Wales, report the sinking of the steam collier Monaro in a gale off Botany Heads and the loss of 16 lives.

PERSONAL.

MADAME MONESKA during her stay in this city will be the guest of Mr. F. Shrader.

MRS. HELEN M. GOUGAR, editor of the *Lafayette*, Ind., *Temperance Herald*, known as a temperance and suffrage advocate has sued the chief of police for slanderously alleging immorality against her.

SNATON DAVID DAVIS told a St. Louis reporter one day last week that he is never interviewed, and that whenever he saw an interview with David Davis published he should just write across his face "apocryphal." But perhaps Mr. Davis will say this interview is apocryphal.

EMMA ABBOTT, the prima donna, went horseback riding in St. Louis last Sunday. The discharge of a policeman's revolver frightened Miss Abbott's horse, and he ran away with her. As the animal was nearing a pond Miss Abbott jumped from the saddle and was picked up in an unconscious condition.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLME'S fare-

well to Harvard college yesterday was an informal but impressive occasion. For thirty-six years he had been professor of anatomy and science at the medical school. He recently tendered his resignation, and on his last appearance before his class the lecture room was filled with students and several scores of eminent practitioners, whose professional careers were begun under the direction of the poet physician. The doctor was presented with a cup by one of the undergraduates, and while he was restraining his emotion, a photographer caught the scene upon his camera. Abandoning his lecture the retiring professor spoke feelingly of his connection with the school. The occasion came to an end after a personal exchange of farewells. Dr. Holmes is succeeded by Dr. Thomas Dwight.

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HOW LANCASTER WILL KEEP THE DAY.

The Annual Festival of Praise—Some Features of The Church and elsewhere.