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A Judicial Wrangle. The judicial staff in which the counties of Lawrence and Butler have become involved is the natural result of the evil system of multiplying elective judges in this state.

Whatever of absurdity or derangement did not ensue from the constitution itself has been added by the Legislature's construction and enforcement of it.

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The bitterness of the local and personal feeling resulting from the present situation is greatly heightened by the asperities between the candidates, the judges sitting and contesting, and their counsel. Of his own motion Judge Brelin, judge and contestant, has entered a rule to disbar one of counsel opposed to him; and nothing that may occur in the adjudication or settlement of the dispute will relieve the bench and bar of this hybrid district from the evil results of the present contention.

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There is not one of them who does not feel that his prison clothes are a badge of shame, and who would not rather exchange them for the rags of a free man; there is none of them, so far as has ever been shown, who has committed any crime or even contemplated an offense against any law of God or man, except the statutory offense of being a "tramp"; and when the Christmas bells ring, the memory of each one of them may go back to happy days in a happy home in the fatherland, which they quit for a country where they had heard of equal laws and enlarged freedom.

They have each to yet serve two years and eight months of a three years sentence. We wish Judge Patterson a merry Christmas!

The Relief of the Supreme Court. The scheme to relieve the state supreme court by establishing an intermediate court in each half dozen judicial districts bunched together, and presided over by the district judges, does not meet with great favor by the country judges or lawyers.

It is an undeniable fact that the great business of the supreme court springs from the weakness of the inferior courts. And our remedy for the trouble goes to its root. We propose that the judges of the common pleas shall be men fit for their places; and it is undoubtedly a mighty good proposition as everyone will admit.

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There are two senatorial struggles taking place in this country, the results of which are looked for with interest, and in both the money power is playing an important part. In New York Gov. P. Morton, a Democratic candidate is pitted against William M. Evans and President Arthur, and it is conceded that his great wealth and his liberal contributions to the party are his main source of strength.

Five Men Wounded, Five Fatally, in a Midnight Attack On an Upper Schoolmaster in a Remote Region of Kentucky—Details of the Bitter Encounter.

The actual facts of the recent trouble at the town of Horse Cave, Hart county, Ky., make it appear that there were five men killed instead of one, as originally reported. Professor Slocum, the innocent cause of the bloody affair, was principal of the school in Horse Cave, and some of the citizens became dissatisfied with him and gave his place in the school to another man. Slocum immediately started another school on his own responsibility, and was in a prosperous condition when prejudice against him ran so high that he was warned to leave the place.

Two men stood at the front door and knocked. At this instant a volley came from an upstairs window, fired by Slocum and his associates. The men who were hit by the fire were returned—without effect, however. A second fire from the house ceased, however, and the assailants, the man named Wayne Crabbe, was shot through the head and eight others were badly wounded, four of whom have since died. Their names cannot be obtained owing to the remote location of the district and the reticence of all connected with the affair. It is known, however, that five men were killed, while Slocum and his party escaped.

The President-Elect Returns Courtesies Extended to Him in Three Cities. The reception tendered by Governor Cleveland to his social friends in Albany, Tuesday night, was a highly interesting affair. The number of 300 were sent out on fully nine-tenths of those invited attended.

SENATOR BUCK, Don Cameron, Butler, Jackson and several others, are coming down the Potomac on an extended duck hunt.

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What Signifies the Festival to the Poor Who Dwell in City Tenements. Felix Adler's address in Chickering hall, New York, the other day, was devoted to answering the question, "What is the cause of the Christmas festival to the poor and the dwellers in tenement houses?"

Eggs bring much higher prices in winter than in summer, and the aim of poultry men is to secure a liberal supply of winter eggs. Extra early hatched pullets, not much more than usual, are the best winter-egg producers, but they must have warm quarters.

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