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The Red Rose of Lancaster.

To the republican irritations of personal disappointment may easily be pardoned the very indiscreet, foolish and even some utterly untrue statements, with which candidates for the revenue collectorship of this district and their friends now rush into print.

The most of these answer themselves, and need no reply from those against whom they are directed. The president has no doubt been used to being accused one day of unworthy motives and of yielding to improper influences by the very men who the day before appealed vainly to such influences.

He can stand it, and those of less responsibility and power can take their share with equanimity.

But when our esteemed contemporary, the York Age, whose editor was a candidate for the position, undertakes to belittle the great body of loyal and long-suffering Democrats of Lancaster county, by contrasting them and their services with his own constituency, the INTELLIGENCER cannot and will not refrain from testifying to the truth.

There is no body of Democrats in the commonwealth more entitled to the respect of their party than the loyal and steadfast organization in York county. Their fidelity to good principles, and their results shown in a satisfactory administration of local affairs attests their worth.

Their representatives in Congress, Col. Maish, and their present representative in the State administration, Lieutenant Governor Black, and many of them in less conspicuous positions, are such men as the party in the whole state delight to honor.

The York county Democracy are our neighbors and our friends. If they ever become less it must be by their own act. If the collectorship could not be kept here, where it belongs, for business and political reasons, the Lancaster county Democrats would have been most pleased to have seen it lodge in York.

The largest amount of business of the office, more than a third and nearly a half of its collections, is transacted here, and here the collector has been located since the internal revenue system was first established.

Moreover the Democrats of Lancaster county have never been a race behind those of York or of any other county in their fidelity to Democratic faith and their loyalty to Democratic works.

Without offices to reward them, without positions of profit or honor to tempt them, and without any incentives, except their sound principles, they have stood straight and steadfast in sunshine and shadow.

It is true that Republican majorities increase here, like Democratic majorities in York and Berks, and for the same cause, that the natural increase is greater with the majority party, and when that organization numbers nearly two to one of the population its greater increase is proportionate.

In 1884 Lancaster county cast 9,953 votes for Cleveland; Allegheny, Berks, Luzerne, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York alone did better. For Pattison only these counties did better than Lancaster. For Hancock, too, the same counties and no other polled more votes than Lancaster county's Democracy. Surely the members of an organization that have so constantly held high place in their party have some rights that even their more favored brethren who fatten in the rich pasture of York's Democratic power will not begrudge. And if their own rights are not conceded to them, or are sought to be wrested from them, who will blame Lancaster county Democrats for asserting them and standing up for them? We don't propose to take a place behind the door, nor to be crowded into such a position.

A Senate bill proposes to enact that boiler inspectors shall be appointed for every county, and that all those who use boilers for generating steam shall insure against any and all loss of life and personal injury. The bill evidently has been prepared in the interest of some boiler insurance company. The requirement that insurance shall be taken against loss of life and personal injury indicates this clearly. It will require every user of a boiler to carry an enormous insurance, for protection against the possible injury to life and person by an explosion. It will be impossible to estimate in advance what such liability may amount to. The explosion of a single boiler may possibly injure a great many people, and the damage, if it could be measured in money, might be very great. There is no way of estimating such damage unless by a resort to a jury; and the litigation produced by the proposed law would be excessive.

Damage to life and limb is now provided against in life and accident insurance companies, and there is no need that boiler insurance companies should enter into this business. As the law now stands any one who uses negligently a boiler for making steam so as to cause damage to others, is responsible for the injury done. This bill proposes to add to this responsibility that also of unforeseen and unpreventable boiler explosions, by requiring insurance to be taken out by boiler owners against such accidents.

It is putting an unnecessary and vexatious burthen upon manufacturing industry. The legislature has just taken off the tax upon the dividends of manufacturing com-

panies, out of its desire to promote their success. It was an unnecessary donation, as companies that declare dividends can afford to pay tax upon them. But to put this proposed burthen of insurance upon manufacturing industry would be very unwise and unjust, since it would expose it still more to the great and uncertain hazards which are natural to it and which tend to repress it.

To Be Kicked.

It disgusts one with representative government to see the antics of the assinine legislators of Pennsylvania. It has been the fashion to attribute legislative folly to partisan malice; but that will not account for the silliness of the Democrats who have refused to sustain the governor of Pennsylvania in his vetoes of unworthy appropriations, and of a most unjust apportionment bill. It was not conceived to be possible, until it was done, that the lower House would decline to stand by the governor in his refusal to grant to employes of the state moneys beyond the amount of the salaries they agreed to serve for; nor was it believed that Democratic senators would so far forget their duty as to be bribed, by some partiality in the apportionment bill to their own districts, to do the gross injustice to the Democrats of the rest of the state that is done by the Republican apportionment bill for which they voted. There is no reasonable excuse for the votes of these recreant Democratic senators and representatives. They were bound to regard the interest of the state and were not at liberty to violate it for the profit of the employes of the state or for the advantage of their own districts. The senators who were induced by this consideration to vote for a bill obnoxious to their party and condemned by its palpable unfairness to that party in the state, were unworthily bribed by considerations of personal advantage to do a great wrong; and they will suffer for it. The representatives who showed their eagerness to despoil the state, at the solicitation of the petty hirelings about them, earned a kicking by their constituents, on their return home, into a state of unstable soreness.

Paid For It.

The unsophisticated people who wonder at the great enterprise of the Philadelphia journals in publishing pages of speeches and communications upon the absorbing question of the new railroad in that town, may state their admiration when they understand that the matter is all furnished by the rival railroads and paid for at a dime or more per line. The secret was out when Mr. MacVeagh's speech was not printed as he made it, and had to be reprinted the next day from copy furnished by the Baltimore & Ohio stenographer's notes. The first edition had been prepared from the Pennsylvania reporter's copy, edited by Mr. MacVeagh. The newspapers kindly take the flood of interesting reading the railroads provide for them and accept with beaming smiles the checks that come along with the copy.

Red Hot.

They are having a skyrocket time of it in Philadelphia over the railroad question. Lawyers by the score are addressing the people and councils by day and by night. The Pennsylvania railroad, which stepped rashly into the path of the proposed road, is being shaken by the neck by the lawyer bulldogs and newspaper terriers, with a vigor that threatens dislocation. Nevertheless the indications are that the Pennsylvania has the council committee. The people of the town are undoubtedly the other way, and the Baltimore and Reading people know it and are firing them up in first-class style. It is a red hot contest and very interesting to outsiders. It is astonishing to see how much patriotism a railroad company can show when it pays to exhibit it, and how little it is squeezed from it when it don't.

West Chester Followed.

WEST CHESTER followed him no longer except 37 1/2 cents for every offender they arrest. The constabulary subservient an ornamental purpose chiefly in that model borough.

ASST. POSTMASTER GEN. HAY very plainly announces that he will not allow the executive functions of his department to be so far usurped as to concede to senators or representatives in Congress the right to make or dictate appointments. And he is right. The presumption of congressmen who undertake such things should be summarily set back. There is no doubt that the representative of a large constituency ought to be consulted as to appointments in his district; he may be reasonably expected to know its wants and relations and its conditions. This is one thing; the arbitrary dictation of appointments is quite another thing. Mr. Hay no doubt knows the difference and will observe it.

The Philadelphia Record very properly calls a halt on the proposition to hang young Cluverius of Richmond, Va., for the murder of Lillian Madison, having been convicted because the jury could find no other theory to explain the crime. There is a shadow of doubt in the case as to whether it was a murder and greater doubt as to whether the prisoner was the guilty man. The case was very strong that that against the Malloys in Connecticut for the alleged murder of Jennie Cramer; and it was certainly one in which the Scotch verdict "not proven" might have been applied with propriety. There is reasonable ground for the belief that Cluverius is guilty, but the law requires more than this; the Cluverius case is one in which the defendant may very properly be held in custody and in the shadow of a death warrant until further developments make more clear and certain his guilt—or his innocence.

The extracts from "A Study of Prison Management" by Charles Dudley Warner in the North American Review, given elsewhere, will be read with interest by all who have given any attention to this important social problem. As the writer says there is too much of the "codding" system in vogue among the presumably model prisons of today, and the physical restraints that are expected to have their effect on the moral nature of the criminal are entirely lost in the comfortable surroundings of his place of captivity. If prisons are simply intended as places where those who have been guilty of defiance of law are required to stay forever or for a time as a punishment, it would seem that the penalty is far less than the offense. If labor is additionally imposed, the penalty becomes more proportionate. But most prison reformers lose sight of the psychological part of the question. The model prison should include a scheme for the reformation of the criminal. It is said that 60 per cent of those ordinarily discharged from state prisons have to be caught and imprisoned again. Here is an additional expense that might be saved by any system some approach could be made toward the moral reformation of the convict. That used at the Elmira, New York, Reformatory, wherein the prisoners are graded according to conduct, diligence and willingness to labor, has proved successful. It is also expensively, but any state should cheerfully spend some of its surplus revenue in the reformation of those who live by preying upon its law-abiding citizens.

PRISON MANAGEMENT.

IN THE MODERN HANDLING OF CRIMINALS A FAILURE?

Discussing the Question of How Convicts Are Kept in the Best and Worst Prisons of the Day—Denouncing the Wholesale "Codding" of the Criminal Classes.

Charles Dudley Warner in North American Review.

Our failure in the handling of criminals with reference to their reformation, and the proportionate security of society and decrease of the crime, is due largely to the fact that we have considered the problem as a physical, and not a psychological. The effort has been to improve prisons and the physical condition and environment of prisoners. This effort has been directed by sentiment, rather than upon principles of economy and a study of human nature. It has been to lock up criminals with more kindness, if they were lodged in prisons well warmed and well ventilated, light and airy, in cells more roomy and comfortable, if they had better food and more privileges (granted on good behavior), and if they would be more likely to reform and to lead honest lives after their discharge.

This movement was dictated by philanthropic motives, and I am far from saying that it is all wrong. But it has not produced the results that were expected; and it seems to me that the result, the scientific method, against what is called the "codding" system is justified by facts and results. The modern model prison is a costly and architecturally beautiful structure, by looking into and free from odors than most hotels; its cells are well warmed, lighted and comfortable, and the prisoners are fed better than most of its inmates are accustomed to; it has bath-rooms, a library, often large and well selected; an admirably arranged chapel, with a choir, and furnished with frescoes and improving texts; there are Sunday services and Sunday schools; there is a chaplain who visits the best convicts to look after their souls, and converse on religious topics; there are lectures and readings and occasional musical performances; and on the best of the days are given; there are extra dinners on Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, and the Fourth of July, when the delicacies of the season are distributed; and the prisoners are made to earn a considerable abatement of his sentence by good behavior.

The sanitary condition of most of these model prisons is good; they are very good refuges in that respect to the system in general. It is, in fact, improved by the good treatment and privileges granted. It is, in fact, improved by the fact that the prisoners are made to earn a considerable abatement of his sentence by good behavior.

There is no doubt that the convicts like the new prison better than the old. They have their preferences in them, as old people have in hotels. Some prisons have a bad reputation with the criminal fraternity, and some have a good one. I remember reading some time ago, a newspaper communication from an old convict in Allegheny, who had been in prison who compared the diet in each, and spoke, very feelingly and bitterly of that in one of the prisons in Allegheny, and of the work of variety. He wrote with a natural indignation, and I have no doubt had the sympathy of a good many philanthropists and sentimentals. And if it is seen an outrage, (from one point of view of the management of prisons) that he should not have been given twice a week in the prison, an fresh tomatoes, which are given in a prison, he named. A professional criminal, whose sole occupation is crime, has a right to demand a modern civilization, and it should keep pace with itself in the matter of diet, and provide him agreeable quarters during the periods of his temporary seclusion from general society. It is a question of the economy of the whole; and many of our prisons pay their way; that is, the prisoners turn out at last labor (which is to be labor, as to hours or amount than free labor), under the contract or other system, to pay the running expenses of the establishment in many instances in Allegheny, and in other parts of the country. It is a question of the economy of the whole; and many of our prisons pay their way; that is, the prisoners turn out at last labor (which is to be labor, as to hours or amount than free labor), under the contract or other system, to pay the running expenses of the establishment in many instances in Allegheny, and in other parts of the country.

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PRISON MANAGEMENT.

IN THE MODERN HANDLING OF CRIMINALS A FAILURE?

Discussing the Question of How Convicts Are Kept in the Best and Worst Prisons of the Day—Denouncing the Wholesale "Codding" of the Criminal Classes.

Charles Dudley Warner in North American Review.

Our failure in the handling of criminals with reference to their reformation, and the proportionate security of society and decrease of the crime, is due largely to the fact that we have considered the problem as a physical, and not a psychological. The effort has been to improve prisons and the physical condition and environment of prisoners. This effort has been directed by sentiment, rather than upon principles of economy and a study of human nature. It has been to lock up criminals with more kindness, if they were lodged in prisons well warmed and well ventilated, light and airy, in cells more roomy and comfortable, if they had better food and more privileges (granted on good behavior), and if they would be more likely to reform and to lead honest lives after their discharge.

This movement was dictated by philanthropic motives, and I am far from saying that it is all wrong. But it has not produced the results that were expected; and it seems to me that the result, the scientific method, against what is called the "codding" system is justified by facts and results. The modern model prison is a costly and architecturally beautiful structure, by looking into and free from odors than most hotels; its cells are well warmed, lighted and comfortable, and the prisoners are fed better than most of its inmates are accustomed to; it has bath-rooms, a library, often large and well selected; an admirably arranged chapel, with a choir, and furnished with frescoes and improving texts; there are Sunday services and Sunday schools; there is a chaplain who visits the best convicts to look after their souls, and converse on religious topics; there are lectures and readings and occasional musical performances; and on the best of the days are given; there are extra dinners on Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, and the Fourth of July, when the delicacies of the season are distributed; and the prisoners are made to earn a considerable abatement of his sentence by good behavior.

The sanitary condition of most of these model prisons is good; they are very good refuges in that respect to the system in general. It is, in fact, improved by the good treatment and privileges granted. It is, in fact, improved by the fact that the prisoners are made to earn a considerable abatement of his sentence by good behavior.

There is no doubt that the convicts like the new prison better than the old. They have their preferences in them, as old people have in hotels. Some prisons have a bad reputation with the criminal fraternity, and some have a good one. I remember reading some time ago, a newspaper communication from an old convict in