

IS IT A LEGAL HOLIDAY?

LAWYERS DIFFER CONCERNING THE STATUS OF GOOD FRIDAY.

The Act of April 10, 1869, Defines It as Such, But the Act of April 5, 1873, Does Not Mention It—Interviewing the Lawyers on the Subject.

The question whether or not Good Friday is a legal holiday was the principal topic of discussion among Lancaster lawyers this week. It is rarely that the day comes so late in April as the week of quiet sessions court. It was first discussed early in the week when it became necessary for attorneys to know whether or not there would be a session of court on that day.

A search of the acts of assembly shows that the legislation on this subject has not been amended since the act of 1869. It is declared that Good Friday in each and every year shall be a legal holiday. The act of 1873, which amended the act of 1869, was passed defining what days shall constitute legal holidays. The act mentions January 1, February 22, March 3, April 4, May 1, June 1, July 4, August 6, September 8, October 3, November 11, December 25, and the day of the celebration of the independence of the United States, as a day of fasting and prayer.

LEGAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. A difference of opinion exists among the members of our bar on the question. A dozen or more of them happened to meet in the small room at the law library yesterday, and one remarked that there would be no court on Friday, on account of its being a legal holiday.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE STRIKE.

He Suggests That a Committee of Labor be Created to Settle Labor Disputes—The Reason He Gives Therefor.

The president has sent a message to Congress on the subject of the labor troubles, as follows: To the Senate and House of Representatives. The constitution imposes upon the president the duty of recommending to the consideration of Congress, from time to time, such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. I am deeply impressed with the importance of immediately and thoughtfully meeting the problem which recent events have presented to the country, and upon us, involving the settlement of disputes arising between our laboring men and their employers. I am constrained to recommend to Congress legislation upon this serious and pressing subject.

While the real interests of labor are not promoted by a resort to threats and violent acts, the real interests of capital are not promoted by a resort to threats and violent acts. The real interests of both labor and capital are promoted by a resort to peaceful and lawful means. I am convinced that the only way to settle labor disputes is by peaceful and lawful means.

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ATTACKING THE LAND BILL.

LORD BELMONT HOURLY ASSAILS THE QUADSTONE MEASURE.

Irish Home Rule Also Comes in For a Touch of the Foe's Wrath—Arguing That the Amount Set Down for Expropriation is Entirely Inadequate.

LONDON, April 23.—Lord Selborne, formerly lord chancellor under Mr. Gladstone, has written a letter in which he strenuously opposes Mr. Gladstone's scheme for the expropriation of land to be used for a land purchase bill. The minority in Ireland, Lord Selborne says, would, through the Parliament, have complete control over everything relating to the lines and liberties of the open's soil, and that of the land. He also opposes the premier's land purchase bill, and declares that an appropriation of at least £10,000,000 would be necessary to render its provisions effective.

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Base Ball News.

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The opening game on the Met's new ground on Staten Island yesterday was a grand success. About 5,000 people attended the game, and the Met's won by a score of 7 to 6. The game was played on a beautiful day, and the crowd was in excellent humor.

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SECRETARY TURNER TALKS.

HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE LABOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Throwing Some Light on the Western Strike, The President's Views Incidentally Touched Upon—Recounting Instructions That the Knights of Labor Were Speculating.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—So great was the crowd about the room where the labor investigating committee is taking testimony that it became necessary to exclude the miscellaneous populace to-day. A deputy sergeant-at-arms was stationed at the door and only members of Congress, witnesses and representatives of the press were admitted until the jam was over.

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A BRIBER IN THE HOUSE.

Over the Question of the Reference of the President's Letter to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—[House.]—The House met at 11 o'clock in continuation of yesterday's session, and at once went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill. The bill was read and considered and some little progress made.

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NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

STILL HAVE TWO FEET LABOR STRIKERS IN THEIR HANDS.

The Latest Features of the Street Car Trouble. Brooklyn Passes an Unlucky Night Over the Sugar Refiners' Strike Situation Elsewhere.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The difference between the officials of the Third Avenue railroad and the strikers was the subject of a discussion this morning that when the men first went out. The railroad officials adhere to their determination to get along without the strikers, while the latter are just as determined to bring the company to terms.

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