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FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1866. DEATH FOR COUNTERFEITING. Mr. Brandegee, of Connecticut, yesterday introduced a bill in Congress to punish counterfeiting with death, and the bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee. The New York Evening Post, generally so sound in its opinions, advances somesingular arguments against the proposed legislation. Its leading idea is that Congress has, by establishing a uniform style of currency throughout the country, offered a premium to counterfeiting, and is therefore so far responsible for the increase of this crime, that it would be wrong to make it a capital offence. We do not see the force of this argument. If Congress had the right to establish a National Banking system, which we believe is not denied, it had as well as economical way. To have issued a different style of plates for every National Bank throughout the country would not only have been attended wit enormous labor and expense, but would have been open to two other grave objections. It would have destroyed the national character of the circulation, and greatly impeded the free passage of the notes of one section of the country in other remote sections. More than this, it would have actually increased the feeilities of counterfeiting. When the country was flooded with the endless variety of issues of private banks, counterfeiting flourished with almost perfect impunity. The people were not familiar with the appearance of the genuine note and were of course unable to judge of the counterfeit. Under the present system, a suspicious note can immediately be confronted and compared with a dozen

spurious character will be detected. We think Congress has done well to give us a uniform currency, and we do not hesitate to express the opinion that it will do equally well to make the penalty of counterfeiting death. The Post argues that the death penalty was abandoned in England because it was found that counterfeiting was not prevented by it. But does the State's Prison prevent it? If not, we should abolish that penalty and adopt a lighter one, and continue this gradation of punishment until we shall reach that mysterious minimum at which counterfeiters will stand aghast and abandon their nefarious trade. Very few people will be willing to follow this argument to its inevitable reductio ad absurdum.

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A true appreciation of the evil of counterseiting ought to convince every one that its punishment cannot be made too severe. It is an old principle of English law that to steal such things as are necessarily exposed to depredation is a worse offence, and to be more heavily punished, than the theft of such things as may be securely locked up or preserved. Now there is no stronger illustration of this principle than in the case of counterfeiting. The most cunning art of the bank note engraver fails of affording perfect security to any currency. "What man hath done man can do" is a maxim of universal application, and there is but one method of effectual protection for our national currency. That method is to make it cost too much to counterfeit it. Imprisonment will not do it, because the profit of the business is so great that the gang of counterfeiters can well afford to spare one of their number, now and then, for a temporary seclusion from society. Imprisonment will not do it, because the chances of escape are good and those of pardon still better. There are few communities that are not cursed with some one or more corrupt officials who will, "for a consideration," smooth the way for an early remission of the present penalty of

As our borders spread wider and wider Proscribed Races of France, Spain and

we need a more and more stringent exercise of the strong arm of Law and Justice to protect the innocent and to awe and punish the evil-disposed and guilty. Nothing threatens greater peril to our free institutions than the disposition to deal leniently with crime and to indulge a feeling of mawkish sentimentality towards all sorts and kinds of criminals. Pauperism and vice in all their forms are fostered and encouraged by a great deal of false sympathy and tenderness, and we should be glad to see Congress make the experiment of a sterner and surer dealing with the particular class of criminals with whom, as a National Legislature, it has mainly to deal.

THE MERCHANTS OF PPILADELPHIA AND THEIR DUTY. The merchants of Philadelphia are frequently told that they are behind the age, and the rapid progress of other cities is cited as a proof. They are reminded that in 1820 this was the largest city in the United States, and her secondary position now is quoted as a grievance for which they are to blame. There is some truth in these complaints, for whatever apology may be made, the fact remains that we have lost those lines of steamships which ten or twelve years ago ran to Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington and Richmond. Yet there is much that may be said on the other side. The reputation of our mercantile community for honesty is almost worldwide; as a rule they fulfil their obligato the letter; the goods they sell abroad are equally good as she samples from which the buyer chooses. Throughout the South and West the name of Philadelphia merchant is a title to trust and honor. And if they are slow they are sure. The Quaker leaven, if it has given the community too much caution, has a compensation in its integrity and solidity. Our business men do not risk as many commercial experiments as they should do when the immense working capital of the city is considered; but what they do attempt they generally execute.

The present movement to establish steamship lines to the, chief ports of the Southern States is an illustration of these statements. It began with the house of E. A. Souder & Co., which at the close of the war ran steamers to Charleston and Savannah. This line was unsuccessful because the proprietors found that the long want of transportation from Philadelphia had turned the current of Southern trade to New York. Perhaps the necessary transfer of these steamers to the latter city was fortunate, for it aroused our merchants and manufacturers to the alarming truth that all their interests were endangered. Then, at a meeting of many of our most influthe right to do so in the most efficient ential business men, it was resolved that lines of first class steamships should be established, to run regularly to the South, and that they should be sustained, even if at a loss at first. This was wise. For the great duty of the hour is to restore to Philadelphia her Southern trade. The permanent establishment of these lines will ensure their success, and this can only be done in the way proposed, by general subscription; all subcribers, of course, to be stockholders in the lines. But far more important even than the large dividends the investment will ultimately pay, is the immense benefit steam-communication with the South will be to the entire business community. The want of it even cripples our European commerce, for the Liverpool

line now isobliged to take part of its cargo from New York, because Philadelphia cannot supply the Southern commodities required. The gentlemen who have the interests of the city at heart have the spirit and influence to make the enterprise succesful. Their efforts have thus far had encouraging results. Upwards of five hundred thousand dollars have been subscribed, and the committees are actively at work. It is expected that eight hundred thousand dollars, or perhaps a million, will be collected by the end of the month. All that is needed is the prompt and liberal response of this great and wealthy business community to an appeal, which has no selfish inspiration, bnt is based on the sound conviction that steamship lines to the South are indispensable to the prosperity of Phila-

delphia. The Opera, Mr. Grover's opera season is drawing to a close. The final performance will take place to-morrow evening. Last evening Bellini's Puritani was received with much delight by a fine audience. Miss Kellogg makes a charming "Elvira." She acts with unusual energy, and executes the florid music of the part with great ease, though the high notes with which she at times varies the composer's text are not agreeable. Signor Irfre's performance as "Arturo" was faithful and conscientious. His voice is tender and sympathetic, but the appearance of effort is too obvious. In the concerted pieces, especially in the "A te, o cara," his voice sounded better than in the solos. Bellini and Antonucci filled the parts of "Ricardo" and "Georgio" satisfactorily, and the "suoni la tromba" was received with the usual tumult of applause.

This evening one of the best of the modern Italian operas, Lucrezia Borgia, is to be produced for a complimentary benefit to Mr. Grover, to whose enterprise we have been indebted for this brilliant season. Mme. Zucchi, Miss Phillips, Irfre and Antonucci take the principal parts. The artists of the German troups will also give a miscellaneous concert. To-morrow afternoon Martha and the Kermesse scene from Faust will be given by the Germans. In theevening the season will close with Lucia by the

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