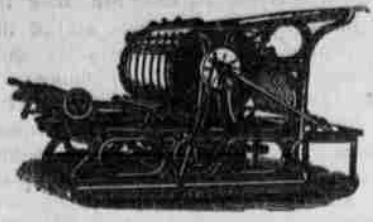


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JUDGE RICHARDSON, formerly assistant Secretary has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury vice Boutwell, and the president has appointed Frederick A. Sawyer, ex-senator from South Carolina, assistant secretary of the treasury.

LEGAL NONSENSE.

For a first-class specimen of legal nonsense, we can commend our readers to the following extract from the dissenting opinion of Justice Reed on the Constitutionality of the Local Option Law:

"The question of license or no license is to be submitted to the citizens of Philadelphia at the general election in October next, and if the vote is against license, then the city will be under a prohibitory law during the whole Centennial Celebration to which we had invited the whole country. On the 4th of July, 1776, every patriot drank to the Independence of the United States, and shall it be that on July 4th, 1876, all we can lawfully offer to our guests on this our great anniversary, will be a glass of Schuylkill water seasoned with a lump of Knickerbocker ice?"

We may conclude from this choice extract, that every man who did not drink something stronger than water on the 4th of July, 1776, was no patriot, as he asserts that every patriot drank, and that those who indulge simply in ice water on the 4th of July, 1876, will not show a proper appreciation of the day we celebrate.

To call such stuff a legal argument, is an insult to common sense.

A CONGRESSIONAL SWINDLE.

To call the action of Congress in repealing the Franking Privilege a step towards retrenchment, would be ridiculous. To have simply repealed that law, would have been such a step, but when we consider that an addition was made to the salary of each member, to cover expenses of postage, and that a large appropriation was made to each department for the purchase of postage stamps, the action is proved to be only a dodge to obtain a notoriety for reform while they are actually picking the National pocket.

An enormous number of stamps must be manufactured to meet the daily demands of Government machinery all over the land. The manufacture of these stamps cost money, and Uncle Sam must pay it. The Treasury, the Post-office, and the department using the stamps, must have clerks to keep watch of the money and the stamps; and Uncle Sam must pay their bills, also.

For instance, the Treasury furnishes to the Patent Office a sum of money for postage. The Patent Office goes over to the Post Office and spends that money for stamps, and the Post Office turns the money over to the Treasury, as a part of its earnings, while the Treasury has to hire a clerk to keep the account with the Patent Office, and the Patent Office has to hire a clerk to keep its accounts with the Treasury.

So the money goes round and round, like the white horse in the circus, and every time the errand boy licks a stamp the public treasury is depleted by just the cost thereof. If the law required an officer to throw three cents from the public funds into the river every time he writes an official letter, and then send the letter free, the Government would save money.

"Buffalo Bill."

"Buffalo Bill" was at Hartford, Conn., the other day, and while visiting Colt's Army, the large number of spectators who had assembled to see the famous scout, desired him to favor them with an exhibition of his skill as a marksman. Bill gave the chew of tobacco in his mouth to a small boy to keep warm; a small piece of white paper was put up on a barn door, fifty rods distant; B. William seized a fine new rifle, spit on his hands, and in the manner so often described by Ned Buntline, raised the weapon until his nose rested on the stock, fired, and a picket was knocked off from a fence ten feet to the left of the barn. "This rifle barrel is crooked," said Bill; so saying he hit it over a stone to straighten it, then shot again, this time barking the shin of an old pie woman on the right flank. A third trial and he hit the barn fair in the centre, and the about that arose from the assemblage attested the joy of the spectators at his success. Bill is just as good an actor as he is marksman, which is very remarkable in these days of corruption and bribery.

A youth in Daughters aged fourteen played hanging on Saturday, using a wheelbarrow for a platform, which turned over, and the boy was soon after found dead.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE.

The following list gives the manner in which a large number of the cities and counties in the State voted on the license question.

Table with 3 columns: County Name, Licensees, and Licensees. Lists Adams, Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Elk, Forest, Lebanon, Luzerne, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Wayne, York.

Table with 3 columns: City Name, Licensees, and Licensees. Lists Allegheny, Allentown, Carbondale, Corry, Erie, Lancaster, Lock Haven, Meadville, Pittsburg, Reading, Scranton, Titusville, Wilkesbarre, Harrisburg.

Table with 3 columns: County Name, Licensees, and Licensees. Lists Armstrong, Blair, Bedford, Bradford, Cameron, Centre, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Cumberland, Franklin, Greene, Huntingdon, Juniata, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Montour, Perry, Somerset, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, Wyoming, Williamsport.

Table with 3 columns: City Name, Licensees, and Licensees. Lists Altoona, Williamsport.

A Church Difficulty.

A difficulty has occurred in Augusta twp., Northumberland co., where the Lutheran and German Reformed denominations jointly own a church and worship in it. When the church was constructed an agreement was made between the two congregations that nothing but "divine service" should be allowed therein. Subsequently Sunday schools were held by the two denominations in a school house in the vicinity. The brethren did not dwell long together in unity before irreconcilable differences effected a separation, and the Lutherans appropriated the church for Sunday school services. Holding that Sunday schools did not come under the classification of "divine service" the Reformed denomination prosecuted the Lutherans. The law suit resulted in Judge Rockafeller sustaining the defendants. The case was carried to the Supreme Court, and that tribunal has just reversed the decision of the court below.

The Anderson Suicide.

The clouds surrounding the cause of the suicide of T. F. Anderson, at Franklin, have been effectually dispelled by the investigation and verdict of the coroner's jury. The jury called to sit upon the case was some of the best citizens of the town, men who had known the unfortunate gentleman intimately and well; and who after weighing all the facts and evidence brought before them, were unanimously of opinion that the act was committed while laboring under a fit of insanity, and that he had been in that condition for some time previous to the tragedy. This fact was strengthened by the investigation of the affairs of the bank, which showed that his accounts were strictly correct, and that there was no defalcation, and no outside accommodation to friends, and hence that the expression indicating such a state of facts in his conversation and letters written previous to his death, out of which so many painful rumors were manufactured, were but the fancies of a disordered brain. We have but to add that the verdict gives universal satisfaction to Franklin, as the facts developed show no stain on the unfortunate man's character.—Titusville Courier.

A Kentucky Tragedy.

A terrible tragedy occurred near Bardonia on last Saturday a week. G. W. Holtzouser one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens was sitting in his office at about half past seven o'clock, p. m., with his unmarried son D. W. Holtzouser, when his married son J. Holtzouser, entered and without speaking pulled out a navy revolver and shot his brother, the ball entering his left breast and lodging under the shoulder blade. The wounded young man rose from his chair and as he did so received another shot, entering near his shoulder, when he fell forward, receiving the third shot on the crown of the head the ball lodging under the right eye. The fratricide immediately left the premises and has not been heard of since. The cause of the murder is supposed to be a feud of several months standing. All the parties were held in high esteem and great excitement has been caused in the community by the tragic affair.

A Fiendish Act.

On the 24th ult., the daughter of John Lank, a respectable gentleman residing near Rehoboth station, six miles from Georgetown, Del., while running from her uncle's was accosted by a negro named Burton, who tore the clothes from her and violated her person. After the base assault the villain fled, and the girl, who is but fifteen years of age, managed to reach her father's residence and make known the facts. The negro was surrounded in the woods and captured about two miles from the place where he committed the crime at 12 o'clock, and lodged in jail to await trial in April. He is a hard hearted wretch, and makes light of the crime.

A Mystery.

The following circular relative to the brigantine Mary Celeste, found derelict at sea, has been issued from the Treasury Department, directed to Collectors of Customs and others:

"You are requested to furnish this Department with any information which you may be able to obtain, affording a clue which may lead to a discovery of all the facts concerning the desertion of a vessel found on the 13th of December last, in latitude 28.20 north, and longitude 17.51 west, derelict at sea, and which was towed into the harbor of Gibraltar by the British vessel Del Gratia, and there libeled by the sailors. By the log of the abandoned vessel, she is supposed to be the American brigantine Mary Celeste, bound from New York to Genoa, and it is supposed that she sailed from New York, and that her master was named Briggs. The circumstances of the case tend to arouse grave suspicions that the master, his wife and child, and perhaps the chief mate, were murdered in the fury of drunkenness by the crew, who had evidently obtained access to the alcohol with which the vessel was in part laden.

It is thought that the vessel was abandoned by the crew between the 25th day of November, and the 5th day of December, and that they either perished at sea, or more likely escaped on board some vessel bound for some North or South American port or the West Indies. When discovered the derelict vessel was thoroughly sound, with the exception of the bows, which had been injured by some sharp instrument. She was well found and provisioned, and no reason for her desertion was apparent. A sword with the appearance of blood thereon was on board, and marks of blood were found upon the sails. The vessel's documents and chronometer have not been found, but almost the whole of the personal effects of the master, his wife and child and of the crew were discovered in good condition, and books, trinkets, gold lockets and female wearing apparel of superior quality were left untouched in the cabin. The log was completed to noon of the 24th of November. Many other details concerning the matter are in possession of this Department, which will be furnished upon application, if necessary.

(Signed) WM. A. RICHARDSON.

A City on the Ice.

The Bay City, Mich., Herald tells of a novel city on the frozen waters of Saginaw Bay. It consists of fishermen's shanties, about 300 in number, extending out about ten miles on the bay. They have a regular municipal government, with Ed. Lewis, formerly of Bay City, for Mayor. Any violation of the ordinances of the community is punished by ducking the offender in the cold waters of the lake, through holes cut in the ice. Provision is made for the visitor, there being one or two hotels and a number of saloons. The occupation of the inhabitants is principally fishing.

Three Little Children Perish.

A dispatch from Detroit says the house of Henry Peters, at Grass Point, six miles from that city, was burned last night while Peters and his wife were absent. Four children were in the house. The oldest, aged fourteen, escaped, but ran back to the burning house to rescue her younger sisters. She seized them and attempted to carry them out, but was overcome by the fire and smoke, and was only saved by the efforts of neighbors who were called to the spot by her screams. All the children but the oldest perished, and the latter is badly burned. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the bursting of a kerosene lamp.

Scene in Court.

In the progress of a trial in the Circuit Court of Ann Arbor, Mich., the other day, the witness, Mrs. Rapalje, interrupted the questions of the cross-examining counsel, Mr. Joslyn, of Ypsilanti, by coolly drawing from her muff a loaded revolver and remarking: "One more insulting question and I'll drop you where you stand." The examination was pursued no further.

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