

Cruelty to Animals.

The subject of cruelty to animals, has become one of deep interest in all communities, both in city and country towns, and is one that should meet with very earnest but proper attention.

We are aware that personal difficulties are wont to arise in neighborhoods, and malignant revenge often leads persons to seek redress by trumping up causes for complaint in matters that were not worthy of notice; and also that fear of offending leads others to overlook and omit a duty, which should be felt imperative upon them, and most heinous cruelty is allowed to go unpunished.

We are informed that some of the most wanton cruelty to dumb animals has been reported to members of the Society in this county, and parties so reporting have urged them to take immediate notice and bring the offenders to justice.

We admit that this law, like all others, is open to imposition by evil disposed persons, but the moral justice, and the prevention of that influence, blunts the finer sensibilities which elevate the human above the brute creation, can but be frankly admitted.

A "Look Within."

It is the common practice of almost all newspapers of all parties, to expend their time and energies in denouncing the sins and shortcomings of their opponents in political strife, and seldom if ever looking within their own ranks for wholesome self-examination.

With the positive human frailties which mankind possess, this is one of the most important duties of the human heart, and will prove as salutary to political purity as to moral and spiritual advancement.

This disposition of the press to be hammering away at its opponents, with all the fury it can bring to its aid, is induced largely by the readers of newspapers, who, almost universally commend the journal most insinuating and bitter language against their political opponents; and we almost daily hear it said, "I like that paper because it falls this or that party in good style."

A denouncing of wrong, and rigid adherence to pure principles and right, as each understand them, is a duty which no journalist can escape and discharge his moral and political obligations to his country and his God; and a personal examination of himself and his own party organization occasionally, is equally as binding upon him as a constant criticism upon the acts of his opponents.

The clergyman who constantly pours out his anathemas against the heathen, distant sins, and other churches, without alluding to the errors of his own community by practical application of the truths of Christianity, may satisfy the easy virtues of a fashionable congregation, but he will not build up an active, true and living church. So it is with the press. Unless the principles which it advocates are practically applied to its own party adherents, the same errors may creep into their ranks which it is denouncing in its opponents.

Our readers, for a case in point, have but to refer their minds to the late Congressional canvass in this district. We have been denouncing Radicals for their corruption, and while the reprimand is yet warm upon our lips, we are betrayed and defeated by the same venality and traitorous action in our own ranks in Luzerne, showing conclusively the necessity of a practical self-examination, and a strict adherence to our noble Democratic principles; and a thorough application of them to renovate our party and its leaders.

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In Ohio the Radical majority of two years ago has been reduced more than one half and the leader of the Radical corruptionists in the present Congress has been defeated. We now appeal to the Democratic and Conservative voters of the States in which elections are about to be held to make further and more determined efforts in behalf of a restoration of an honest administration. We ask that they direct their attention in any respect to the proposed use of military power of government in the local management of elections in the States. Let the doors of our organization be thrown wide open for the admission of all who desire economy and honesty in the management of the public treasury, so that the present burden of taxation may be thereby mitigated regardless of former issues or past political association or name, and bring about entire co-operation among all who seek a restoration of the Union founded upon peace and good will among their fellow men, and a return to strict integrity among the public officers of the nation.

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