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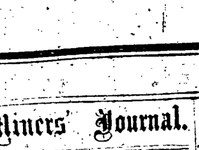

"Be true to your colors, but be true like a man, not like a fool. Be firm and manful in the conflict, but keep your temper. Be honest in the fight, but be honest in the sight of God, your cause and your country."

DARING DEFIANCE OF LAW.

The District Attorney of this County, Mr. Charles D. Hipple, recently issued the following notice to Justices of the Peace:

> *Notice to Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Schuylkill.*
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> GENTLEMEN:—Having received information that the Supreme Court of this State, in the Mechanics case of the Commonwealth vs. James Ellis, late District Attorney, in the Judicial District of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Schuylkill County, No. 22 May Sessions, 1869, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in the Judicial District of the aforesaid County, No. 22 May Sessions, 1869, holding that the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Schuylkill has no jurisdiction of the Criminal business of the County in the absence of the Judge learned in the law, and that the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the County of Schuylkill has exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors. What the Supreme Court did say was that the two Courts had concurrent jurisdiction, but that consequently by practice of the place could return recognizances to the Court of Oyer, just as they saw proper.
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> In the face of this we, the law officer of the Commonwealth, on the part of a official officer to decide such a question as one quoted above. It is in contempt of law and in defiance of the express Supreme Court on this point, and we presume that the audacious act was carried in part by the belief that the District Attorney that he could not be indicted and punished for his temerity, which is hardly to be said, but it is to be hoped that the people of this County, without regard to party will see in respect of law and order, and will not vote for him, but see that he be prosecuted for this most monstrous misdemeanor in office, the more flagrant in consequence of the propriety and publicity of the act.
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> The opposition to the Criminal Court is by many. The good of the community does not require it, and it is a recognized fact that the more establishment of the Court has effected good and created a better administration of justice even on the part of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and the business that the criminal business could be done by in the absence of the Judge learned in the law, it would be presumed that there would be a Court to share the work and expedite it, would be ordained. Why, before the establishment, business was accumulated to such an extent on the heels of the old Court, that applications were made for an additional law Judge. This would stand but not exactly in this case, but in the form decided by the people, in favor of a Criminal Court, with the appointment which was done. The opposition of the Court is not one we are willing to depart of as we put in having established, and an additional law judge of common selection placed on the bench of Quarter Session. He is chosen, and if at the October election the Democratic party in a county men to Governor and the Legislature, the matter will be consummated according to the opinion of
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> But if there is a prospect of the Democratic party being successful in either of those offices we are mistaken, and the Criminal Court will stand, and as the business of the County requires two law judges and the people decide that it shall remain in its present shape, it is to be hoped that a final decision of the Supreme Court will ere long fix the exact status and powers of the Criminal Court. The Act of Assembly establishing it says that all criminal proceedings shall be returned to the Court, while the Supreme Court says that to that Courts have concurrent jurisdiction in this matter. If this would not be sufficiently before the meeting of the next Legislature, it will probably be found desirable to obtain additional legislation confining upon the Criminal Court jurisdiction in such cases. In Dauphin and Lebanon, the other counties of the judicial district, this has always been done, to provide for Court being held in the most available absence of the President Judge of the other Court, and Schuylkill can easily be included in the same category.
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> Upon the part of the District Attorney, in reference to the jurisdiction of the Criminal Court, the people of Schuylkill County will know the fact of the Court has done, the opinion of the Supreme Court in the matter, and the necessity as far as the legal business of the County is concerned for its continuance, should place the seal of their indignant condemnation. As an open and daring defiance of law is unprecedented in its extraordinary, and the magistrate should be prudent in the assignment now is allowed by the Supreme Court, the power of the Court should step in. It is a duty of offences who occupy less prominent positions to the community.

THE REGISTRY LAW.

In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on Wednesday last, the majority of the Judges delivered an elaborate opinion, pronouncing constitutional the new registry law passed at the last session of the Legislature. It will be remembered that Judge Sharswood's position, was called by, Chief Justice Thompson, was that the law prevents no equal election. Judge Agnew completely undermine this point. He argues that in every partisan registry and practices as necessary for the public ear. The technical object of legislative attention. Every free abiding, good citizen is clear that the Supreme Court has made so laborious and just a decision.

We quote from the opinion the following paragraph, which is a summary of the whole argument. The Court says: "Enough has been said to show that free and equal elections are the true end to be secured, and that the system of laws regulating the elections is only the means of securing the end; that this system of regulation is the subject and legislation over which the Legislature exercises a sound discretion; that no clause in the Constitution requires uniformity of regulation or prohibits legislation according to the obstacles which different localities present, to prevent a free and equal election; and that it is mistaken to substitute uniformity of regulation for the free and equal election which it is the object of the regulation to secure. We have also shown that none of the features of this law subvert the rights of the true electors of this city, and that is the only test of the constitutionality of any provision contained in the law."

Copies of the Registry Law can be procured at this office, and we would urge not only assessors and election officers to procure but study its provisions, but also, citizens, so that all frauds may be stopped at the coming October election.

The English Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company have had for several years an organized system at work for the purpose of encouraging emigration to Canada. Lately, however, their efforts have not resulted in adding much to the population of the province. The emigrants come over, but only stay in Canada long enough to earn the money needed to take them to the United States. Our free institutions are too powerful an attraction to be resisted.

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This New York cheese, it is reported, have hit upon a new device to look fat—namely, and make it scarce and dear. The modus operandi is thus reported: They borrow money on greenback collateral. It results the operation sure the punishment of the scoundrels are taken. Hence too upon these must be returned, in large the face of such transactions that the same collaterals, and money cannot be deposited in bank. It is not an equivalent, must be returned. Such money cannot be deposited in bank. It is deprived of for the time being, as its circulating power is taken away. The bonds and stocks so borrowed are sold again. The money received is used to borrow more bonds and stocks, and the process is repeated over and over again. A prompt operator can thus in one day with a hundred thousand dollars lock up ten times that sum. Meantime the holders of bonds and stocks keep their market break and help him to the accomplishment of his final purpose.

In supporting the claims of the editor's former Douglass to work in the printing offices of Washington, the Typographical Union (that City is doing right. And we believe that the National Union will deprive them of their charter if not speedily forthwith, has too much intelligence and justice in its composition to do it, and we trust patriotism, for it is shown that the leader in the opposition to the admission of Douglass into the Washington Printers' Union, was during the late war a Rebel. This is one of the few colored men have been admitted as workmen in the printing offices, and the example should be generally followed. The Washington printers have acted right in this matter of admitting Douglass, and for the credit of the profession we can speak them.

The Lancaster Examiner is the name of a new weekly paper published in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, by Dr. P. John, late of the Lancaster Intelligencer. It is a handsome paper, and possesses the right thing in the right place. It is interesting, and promises to be a valuable addition to the newspaper press. We shall receive many favors from the new paper, and heartily bid the enterprise a hearty welcome.

The Democratic Philadelphia Sun at Pottsville coal yard.

The Pittsburgh Gazette, a fine organ capable of accommodating a number of readers, with ample facilities for the execution of all kinds of printing, has been sold to Messrs. Vanhorn, Railroad street above Smithfield. It is well established and comfortably circulated, and is a very desirable medium for those desiring to have their business well known. Mr. Vanhorne, the present editor, is also the business and is even a good writer. We are sorry to lose Mr. Vanhorne, but are pleased to learn that the Gazette will be conducted in the same manner as heretofore.

The Pittsburgh Commercial is to be enlarged and improved. It is a handsome paper, and has been greatly improved since it passed into the hands of Messrs. Hunt & Eaton's Sons. Success to the enterprise.

The Pittsburgh Evening Telegraph is a new paper, and is to be published in the afternoon. It is to be a handsome paper, and is to be published in the afternoon. It is to be a handsome paper, and is to be published in the afternoon.

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