

NEEDED NEW LAWS.

SOME POINTS ON THAT SUBJECT FROM JUDGE HARRY WHITE.

Wants Prisoners Serving Sentence in the County Jail to Work—Determining Cost in Certain Cases and Providing Fees in Others—Has Prepared Bill.

Judge Harry White, of Indiana, in closing his address to the grand jury, recently said: "Our duty to you might rest here, as we have explained the ordinary procedure about indictments submitted; but for many years, in our judicial history, it was customary for the judges, through the grand jury, to call the attention of the public to matters of special interest. Such judges as James Wilson, to whose great service to his country this Commonwealth has never done justice, Judge Addison, Judge King, Judge Allison and others, who long adorned the bench, frequently followed this practice, and have left on record charges giving most valuable suggestions of the principles of our government and of the law. The conditions of some of the states, indeed, require the judges to report annually to the governor such defects and omissions in the laws as they observe to the best advantage of the people. Following such experience, we may here mention a few matters of practical use our observation has suggested to me. They do not relate to elementary principles, but interest the public in administering the criminal laws:

First, I say mention that many prisoners, who are sentenced to the penitentiary, are for fine and costs in other cases, living at the expense of the county, making no effort to pay anything, to be discharged at the end of their term, and the county is left with a large bill to pay. I would suggest an act authorizing sentences to simple imprisonment with labor and requiring the county commissioners with the sanction of the court, to put all the prisoners sentenced to the county jail to labor about the county buildings, or upon the public streets and roads, and provision made for guarding the prisoners while so at work. Such an act would make many sentenced prisoners pay their own fine and costs, and thus relieve the county from the payment of such costs. I think there is a sentimentality towards convicted and sentenced criminals. The last legislature, June 22d, 1895, passed an act on this subject, but did not, I think, go far enough.

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Fourth, there are frequent instances where constables cannot, unaided, make arrests of desperate and violent offenders. I would suggest an act authorizing the court to appoint constables in such cases as are employed there is no provision for fees. It is a hardship to require the execution of warrants in all cases yet to be paid for by the constable or assistants in desperate cases. I would recommend an act authorizing specific fees for constables' assistants to be paid on the approval of the court.

Fifth, I would also recommend authority be given the courts to allow compensation to constables in notifying supervisors of the court's directions about repairs to public roads from time to time. The only way, it appears, to get efficient work on the roads, is for the courts, in the rural districts, at least, to hammer away at the supervisors in charges to the constables; and power should be given to stimulate the constables to urge the supervisors to do their duty.

I have prepared bills on all these subjects and will submit them for your consideration. These matters are not any special theories of this court, but are plain, fair and practical suggestions, the suggestions about the treatment of jail convicts, and if made the law will aid public justice and cheapen the expense of keeping prisoners.

Seven Christmas Murders.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Kavanaugh's crime list this week is long and bloody, and the holidays bid fair to be quite interesting. In addition to the six burglaries for the week, the past forty-eight hours have been marked with the following deeds of violence:

At Cythlona, Thursday night, John Howe, colored, aged 15, shot and fatally wounded Policeman Charles Lacy. Howe was taken to Paris for safe keeping.

On the Big Elk Horn, near the Virginia line, Tom Edlison, stabbed Bud Stein to death.

PLATFORM OF PENROSE.

The Senator Gives His Views on Current Questions.

A PROTECTION TARIFF.

The First Need of the Nation and the Other Things That Should Follow. Sound Money and the Passage of an Immigration Law.

Senator Penrose has announced the platform upon which his candidacy for the United States Senate is based. In his address to the grand jury, he delivered the great town meeting held to inaugurate him in the Philadelphia Academy of Music on the night of Dec. 22.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I would indeed be fortunate if I did not deeply appreciate the confidence in me which has been shown by my nomination to the United States Senate by this splendid meeting. When I see the representatives of the people of this Commonwealth here tonight who have expressed their approval of my candidacy by acting as officers and vice-presidents of this meeting, I shall feel that the responsibility I shall owe to the vast majority of the people of this Commonwealth has never done justice to me.

I cannot but be touched by the evidence of friendship and support of the old soldiers of the Revolution, and the numerous and brilliant representation here tonight. Over thirty years ago the American soldier carried the youth and patriotism and chivalry of our land to the memories of those who perished in the civil war. I am proud to be numbered among those who were enshrined in the memory of the brave men who fought for the Union. I cannot but be touched by the evidence of friendship and support of the old soldiers of the Revolution, and the numerous and brilliant representation here tonight.

To those citizens and organizations who have come from other counties to attend this meeting I must particularly express my thanks. That they should be here in such numbers is indeed a compliment that I prize. Not least do I value in the presence of the ladies here tonight. Every year the women of America are taking an increased and intelligent interest in public affairs. Their influence is wisely and successfully exerted, and can have no other than an improving effect in the upward and onward development of American institutions and principles. To this great audience, composed of the active and patriotic citizens of this Commonwealth, I can hardly find words to express adequately the sentiments I entertain for the magnificent endorsement given me at this meeting.

I realize that among you are a very large number who have been comrades with me in the struggle for the rights of the colored people. I bring to you tonight a record of my life which I believe will justify me in the eyes of the people of this Commonwealth. I have been a member of the United States Senate for the past two years, and I have been a member of the United States Senate for the past two years.

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Our merchant marine should be encouraged by proper legislation. We will have at our command a host of hardy and courageous sailors and crews of English or any other country. Here, upon the shores of the Delaware, where every resource is available, there should be developed and encouraged those great shipbuilding industries for which we are so famous, and in which we should rival the most advanced nations of the world.

There is no advantage in transferring our shores to the industries of Europe if our American workmen, for whose benefit they are brought here, are deprived of the opportunity to earn good wages by the unrestricted immigration of cheap labor from Europe. It is our duty to the American citizen, and this cannot be done if the American workman is to be degraded to the level of the pauper labor of Europe. We must resist the dangers to this country from the unrestricted immigration of cheap labor from Europe. It is our duty to the American citizen, and this cannot be done if the American workman is to be degraded to the level of the pauper labor of Europe.

A Model Government.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—The religious society of Dunbar is endeavoring to purchase the entire region comprised within Houston county, in this State, to which they intend to emigrate to establish a government of their own, according to their peculiar notions. C. Barrett, of Abilene, is the proprietor of the scheme. He has already purchased forty-one thousand acres of the land in this county, in which one hundred families will move in a few days.

"PENROSE WILL WIN."

The Deliberate Judgment of a Staunch Republican Paper.

The Saturday Dispatch, of Philadelphia, on the 22nd inst., published an editorial in its last issue headed "Penrose Will Win." The article is a masterpiece of logic and reasoning, and is a most valuable contribution to the public mind. It is a most valuable contribution to the public mind.

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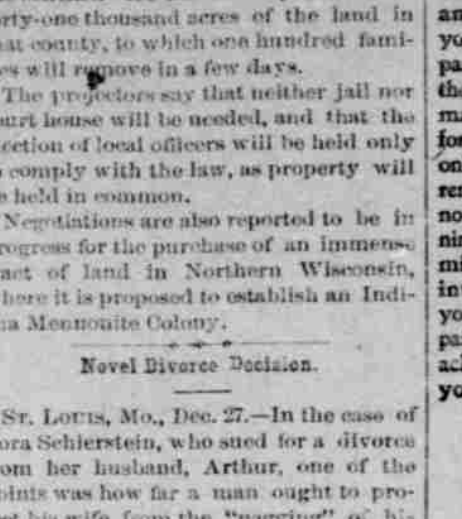
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