

There is imperfection in every law of human enactment, and hence it is that we should not be evermuch contented by pen- dencies of municipal statutes, but trust rather to the perfect law of nature.

Yet we cannot call it a "higher law" than that of man's enactment, for the latter when once expressed becomes a part of nature's code, and an infringement of it then will meet with inevitable punishment.

Do the fanatics of New England think they should be blessed if they could abrogate a law of Congress, and blot out the Constitu- tion of the Union? Do they expect to profit by or enjoy a state of anarchy and lawlessness?

Or do they think their own cotton lords can fatten under a part of the law, while they themselves trample upon another part? Do they believe the South would bend the plow- binges of the knee while the North arrogated a superiority and set all law at defiance?

From the annual report of this bank to the Auditor General we gather the following statistics as to its condition on the 4th of November last. Capital stock \$105,770 00. Notes in circulation 186,970 00. Due other banks 11,771 24.

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The Ladies' Register is one of the prettiest and cheapest periodicals published. The April number contains a plate of "Miriam," with her image in her hand smiling over the triumphant deliverance of the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage.

The American Pterological Journal for April, contains a likeness, with a pterological examination of the character of the es- trated American Ornithologist, John J. Audubon. The Pterological Journal is a cheap and valuable publication, and does not confine itself, as its title would indicate, along to Pterology, but other departments of science are ably treated in its pages—making it a very desirable work.

We have from the same publishers The Student for April—a monthly reader, devoted to the physical, moral, and intellectual im- provement of youth, published at \$1.00 per annum.

The United States Monthly Law Magazine for April contains a vast fund of the most useful legal intelligence, and is certainly meriting a liberal support from the profes- sion. It has a well written article on "The Nature and Method of Legal Studies," another on the Copyright Law, and several hundred recent American decisions, among them we are pleased to find a great number which are of practical importance.

Will the publisher be good enough to send us the March number of the work. That never reached us, and we prize the work too highly to think of having our set broken.

North American Miscellany. The 11th number of this weekly miscellany garners up the following bits of fine fruit from the current literature of the day: "The Crocodile Battery; Pearl Drivers; a Tale of Mexico; The story of a picture; Confession of an Attorney; How to manage a husband; The Forget me not; Matrimony made easy; Oliver Wendell Holmes; Anecdotes of Pa- gamini; Bill sticking; London cabmen; Peace and War; The Mothers test; Random Records; Chronicle of the week; The Book World.

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We have been favored by the pub- lisher, with a neat little pamphlet of 24 pages, entitled a "Journal of the Sufferings and Hardships of Capt. Parker H. French's Over- land Expedition to California, which left New York City, May 13, 1850, and arrived at San Francisco, Dec. 14." The Journal was written by Mr. William Miles, one of the ill-fated expedition, and transcribed and prepared for the press by his brother, Mr. Wesley Miles, of Carlisle, Pa., the whole forming a highly graphic and interesting de- scription of the route and the scenes through which they passed.

The retail price is 15 cents per copy. Agents, Booksellers, Merchants, &c., by ad- dressing Wesley Miles, Carlisle, can be fur- nished with any number of copies at a ver- y liberal discount, by accompanying their or- ders with the cash.

Newspapers must be Paid For. A case was tried yesterday, in the Com- mon Pleas, before Judge Kelly, in which the right of a newspaper publisher to exact payment from a subscriber, who neglects or refuses to give notice to stop his paper, was fully tested. The case was that of Philip B. Fraz vs. Jacob Haas. It was an action to recover the subscription price of the Ger- mantown Telegraph for 12 years. The pa- per was left at a public house in the vicinity of the defendant's stall, in Callowhill street, (the defendant being a butcher at the time,) at the express direction of Mr. Haas, whose name is continued to be left for the space of time stated. The defence was two fold—1st, the statute of limitations; and 2d, that the paper should have been left at the residence of the defendant; as it was known to the Plaintiff, William S. Frice for plaintiff; F. C. Brightly for defendant.

Judge Kelly charged the jury, that where a person subscribed for a paper, and gives di- rections where it shall be left, he is bound to pay for it, unless he prescribes the time for which it shall be left. If a subscriber wish- es to discontinue his paper, it is his duty to acquaint his accounts and then give notice for a discontinuance. If a paper is sent to a person through the Post Office, and he takes it out, he is bound to pay for it. If a sub- scriber changes his residence, it does not follow that the carrier must take notice of it, and a delivery of the paper at the place where he was first directed to leave it, is a delivery to the subscriber, unless the pub- lisher receives notice to discontinue or send it to another place.

The statute of limitations did not affect the case, as the defendant had paid some- thing on account in June, 1844. Verdict for plaintiff, \$22.50.—Sun.

Gen. Cameron.—The Harrisburg Union, of last week, says—Some of the letters written from Harrisburg have recently represented General Cameron as being hostile to the nomination of Col. Wm. Bigles, as the next Democratic candidate for Governor.—This we have reason to know is not the fact, and we are authorized to state that the General will give Col. Bigler his warm support in the Convention, and use his best exertions to se- cure his election after he is nominated.

Rev. Mr. Tunin, late Chaplain to the United States Senate, last week lectured at Pottsville on the subject, "Do spectres appear?" Tickets 25 cents, and all the money made out of the specks, hobgoblins, and knockings will be devoted to charitable purposes. What clever spirit!

End of the Fugitive Slave Case. Depon- ture of Sims for Savannah. The Boston papers of Saturday contain the following account of the termination of the Fugitive Slave Case.

After the decision of Judge Woodbury last night, the friends there did not inter- fere with the certificate of Mr. Curtis remain- ing Sims, preparations began to be made to convey him back. The brig Acorn had been hauled to the end of Long Wharf, hav- ing been previously fitted up for an extra number of passengers. During the night the Court House Square was filled with a crowd who were collected in knots discus- sing the matter and occasionally looking at the officers. There was a number of females among them.

Not the least attempt at violence was made. Mr. Colver and other persons in the crowd occasionally denounced the proceed- ings, and called for the thunderbolts of Heav- en to be poured down upon them.—When the procession reached the wharf, the brig was found to be already, with the steamer Hornet alongside, with the steam up. Sims was taken immediately into the cabin. The Acorn had two cannon on board to protect her from any assault on the passage. The word was given to let her fastenings, and she was soon under way.

About thirty police officers accompanied the vessel as far as the steamer went, as a protection from officers of this city, includ- ing U. S. Deputy Marshals Savin and Byrne accompanying the fugitive in the vessel to Savannah. Just as the vessel was about to leave the wharf some of the crowd sang sev- eral hymns, such as "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," "Oh! there will be mourning," "At the judgment seat of Christ," "Be thou, oh God, exalted high, &c."

One man, just as Sims was going below, called out to him to preach liberty to the slave,—and as the brig was departing, the Rev. Mr. Foster, orthodox minister of Con- cord, made the following prayer—"Almighty God! Thou see'st this poor man, one of Thy children, borne away by oppression—Thou art, who see'st all who suffer wrong,—and we have now no hope but in Thee; that hope is still unshaken; Thy promises endure forever, and now we beseech Thee to show Thy power and love in blessing this dear brother who is carried by force to the land of whips and chains—O God, make him a missionary of power to awaken a love of justice and liberty that shall end in the speedy overthrow of the ac- cused system which now causes millions of bleeding hearts. In mercy, Heavenly Father, do Thou destroy the wicked power which suffers serious damages in consequence of the long pending engagement, which induced him to neglect his profession, and that his termination shall be as a fit sickness, &c. The plaintiff's counsel read a long cor- respondence between the parties, which ser- ved to relieve the usual tedium of a civil trial. The plaintiff was not suited upon the strength of one of his letters produced by the defendant's counsel, in which he stated that he would give her three days time to consider whether she would marry him or not, and that "he would abide by the issue" of her decision, whatever it might be. Messrs. Sheple and Morehead for plaintiff; Messrs. Sheppard, D. P. Brown, Strong, of Reading, and Mallory, for defendant.

Wealthy Men of New Orleans.—In the second municipality, New Orleans, there are seventy persons whose aggregate wealth is more than twelve millions of dollars, which is about one fourth of the whole assessed real and personal property of the municipali- ty. This is certainly an instance uncommon in America of the unequal distribution of wealth. Three persons pay taxes upon \$360,000 worth of assessed property, seven on \$250,000, six on \$200,000, and thirteen on \$100,000, fifty persons on various sums over \$60,000.

A Mayor Firing Himself.—Mayor Kings- land has been firing the merchants of New York city for obstructing the sidewalk with their boxes, bales, and barrels of goods. Some of the sufferers retaliated, by keeping watch over the large wholesale establish- ment of the Mayor, who is himself a mer- chant. The other day they caught the Mayor's employer's napping, and tiered complaint before his honor and obliged him to fine himself three hundred dollars.

A Heavy Swindle. A man named David Leaman, engaged in the milling business, near New Holland, Lancaster county, after buying a large amount of grain and flour on credit, and converting it into cash, suddenly left for "parts unknown," last week, leaving his creditors to whistle for their money. The amount of his swindling operations has been estimated at from \$15,000 to 20,000. He had lately purchased a mill property for which he promised to pay on the first of this month. A great deal of disappointment has been occasioned by this affair.

Another Dodge.—One of the Miss Mac- combs—whose one—has commenced a suit against the vocalist, Dodge—he of 6223 Jenny Lind street—notoriety—for breach of marriage promise. The Sheriff accompanied Dodge from Lowell to Boston, where the great ticket man obtained bail. Can Dodge dodge that suit?—Daily Sun.

The Rev. Wm. J. Clark, has resigned the Rectory of Christ Church, (Episcopal) Williamsport, and will take charge of an In- stitution of Learning, in the city of Wash- ington.

When the case of Astrologer Roback was called up in the Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia, he was not est inventus, and so his recognizance was forfeited.

The Commissioners of Clinton county are about to receive proposals for building a new jail at Lock Haven.

Change.—The Postmaster General has ap- pointed J. C. Howe Postmaster at Davidson in Sullivan county, in the place of A. C. Wilber who is now appointed Postmaster at New Lapiro, Sullivan county in the place of W. A. Mason.

A law has been passed fixing the salar- ies of the County Commissioners of Berks at \$250 per annum instead of \$150 as heretofore.

Judge Woodward has resumed the prac- tice of law at Wilkesbarre in connection with his nephew Warren J. Woodward, Esq.

Webster, the uncle of Mrs. Couden, has confessed that he was the murderer of the Couden family in Kent county, Maryland.

The resignation of Cornelius Darragh, as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, was accepted on the 4th inst., by Gov. Johnson. No successor has yet appointed.

Arrest of Benjamin Pratt. Benjamin Pratt has been arrested by the Marshal's police and held to bail in \$8000 by Alderman Freeman on the charge of steal- ing and selling counterfeit bank paper.—The arrest was made on the part of David Moore, who alleges that the wife of Pratt informed him that the latter had expended \$7000 in the purchase of a new lath and im- plements to get out a new paper for the sel- ing and circulating a spurious issue. The witness further states that he purchased five thousand five in the Mechanics' Bank, and nineteen hundred two on the Lancaster Bank from two persons at the house of Pratt, in Northumberland, for which he paid \$100 per thousand—the contract for the transfer of the paper having been made with Pratt, who alleges procured these men to make the sale. The deponent obtained the notes for each person, and did not pass any of them.—Moore was held to bail in \$1000 to appear and testify in the case.

The above paragraph is extracted from the Philadelphia Ledger, and the individual referred to, is not, as the paragraph intimates, a citizen of Northumberland or of Northum- berland county, but of Montour, where he has resided for some time. We are heartily glad of his arrest, if guilty, and hope he may be visited with the utmost penalties of the law; for the country in this section, has been literally flooded with spurious bills of late, and it is high time the second-rate were foreited out.—Milliton.

Branch of Promise Case. We copy from the North American, the fol- lowing report of a trial for breach of promise which took place before the District Court of Philadelphia on Tuesday last: S. F. Earle, Esq. vs. Esther F. Packer. Action for breach of promise of marriage. The parties are residents of Reading. The plaintiff alleges that Mrs. Packer, the defendant, en- tered into a contract of marriage with him, and subsequently refused to carry out her contract. The counsel for plaintiff stated that the defendant was entitled to the interest for life of a large sum—he believed equal to \$30,000 per annum. The plaintiff is a very young man, obviously younger than the defendant. He alleges that he suffered serious damages, in consequence of the long pending engagement, which induced him to neglect his profession, and that his termination shall be as a fit sickness, &c. The plaintiff's counsel read a long cor- respondence between the parties, which ser- ved to relieve the usual tedium of a civil trial. The plaintiff was not suited upon the strength of one of his letters produced by the defendant's counsel, in which he stated that he would give her three days time to consider whether she would marry him or not, and that "he would abide by the issue" of her decision, whatever it might be. Messrs. Sheple and Morehead for plaintiff; Messrs. Sheppard, D. P. Brown, Strong, of Reading, and Mallory, for defendant.

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The Pittsburgh Post in noticing Mr. Buck- law's speech in the Senate on the repeal of the kidnapping law of 1847, says: "But the great speech was that, and I may say of the occasion, was that of Mr. Bucklelaw the young and talented Senator from Columbia. He completely electrified the crowded chamber by the magic of his eloquence, and the resolute weight of his argument. His whole speech abounded in beautiful thought and masterly argument, and was such a speech as became a true democrat. He is, beyond question, the most eloquent man in the Senate, and bids fair to become one of the very first of Pennsylvan- ia's great men. Columbia may justly pride herself upon her young, but able and gifted representative.

Advertising a Wife.—In the rates of Ad- vertising in the "Kentucky Flag," we find that the Editor charges five dollars "for ad- vertising a wife." The item is included in the regular scale of prices. We suppose there is small income from that source in the region of Mayville, and hence the unusu- ally high charge for notification to the pub- lic that a wife had left her husband's domicile for better or worse. Or perhaps the Editor considers himself entitled to as good a fee for announcing the separation of husband and wife, as the clergyman receives for uniting the parties—the husband being as willing to pay the charge in the one case as in the other!

Great sensation has been lately caused at Florence, by an intended duel with pistols between two countesses, in consequence of a political dispute. One of these ladies had taken an active part in the war of Italian in- dependence, and the other was the wife of a distinguished diplomatist. The combatants went on the ground, and the pistols charged, when fortunately their husbands arrived, and put a stop to the affair.

The plan of some of the sharks con- gregated about Harrisburg, to fleece a gen- tleman of thirty or forty thousand dollars, has blown up, and the operators lost to pursue some other game. The gentleman at- tempted to be swindled had had a bill be- fore the Legislature during the entire session and was told that it could not be passed un- less the above sum was paid.—Harrisburg Union.

A respectable New York paper asserts that there are cer- tain secret places in that city, furnished in the most gorgeous style, and patronized most exclusively by women of wealth and fash- ion, who go there first for ice creams, then for claret, champagne, brandy, mint juleps, sherry colbers; and brandy slings. "This is no fancy sketch; there are at this moment scores of women of the first rank of society who have become inveterate tipplers at these places."

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SENATE.—Mr. Crabb moved to amend the 13th section, by providing that hereafter there shall be but three Judges, instead of four, in the First Judicial District, which was agreed to—yeas 23, nays 5. He moved also to amend as to increase the salaries of the Judges of the District Court of Phi- ladelphia to \$2500.

Mr. Packer moved to amend the amend- ment by fixing the salaries of the Judges of the District Court at \$2500, which was agreed to.

Mr. Knigsmacher moved further to amend the section, so as to increase the salaries of the Judges in the Lancaster District to \$2000, which was agreed to—yeas 10, nays 20.

Executive Session.—The Senate, meeting this afternoon, went into Executive session, and confirmed the following nominations: George Chambers, to be an Associate Jus- tice of the Supreme Court, in place of Thom- as Burnside, dead.

James T. Haglo, to be President Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, in place of George W. Woodwad; whose term has ex- pired.

James Gardner, to be an Associate Judge for the County of Blair.

James A. Gardner, to be an Associate Judge for the County of Warren.

John C. Kurtz and Jonathan Kepper, to be Associate Judges for the County of Sum- meret.

Bills Acted On.—The bill to incorporate the Anthracite Bank of Tamaqua, came up in order on third reading and was passed fi- nally—yeas 5, nays 12.

The bill to charter the Farmers' Bank of Pittsburgh came up in order on third read- ing, and was passed finally—yeas 17, nays 14.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of Mr. Bucklelaw, the Senate re-annexed the con- sideration of the bill to re-annex the county of Montour to the county of Columbia, the question pending being a motion to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert a provision annexing several townships now within the limits of the new county, to the county of Columbia.

Mr. Bucklelaw modified his proposition by adding a new section, authorizing the citi- zens of the said townships after their re-an- nexation to Columbia, to determine by a vote of the people, whether they would re- main in the County of Columbia, or return to Montour. Agreed to.

The bill was then passed a second reading and was ordered to be engrossed by a vote of 16 to 15.

House.—The Senate amendment author- izing the issue of small notes to the amount of \$1,000,000, and applying \$500,000 to the North Branch Canal, \$400,000 to the In- clined Planes on the Portage Railroad, \$100,000 to straightening the curves on the Columbia Railroad, and setting apart \$250,000 to the sinking fund, was taken up.

Mr. Penniman addressed the House in opposition to the amendment, and Mr. A. E. Brown in favor.

Mr. Broomall moved to strike out the Sen- ate amendment and insert another, appropriating all the money in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the North Branch Canal and to avoiding the Planes on the Portage Railroad; one half of the money to be appropriated to each. Disagreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of the Senate.

Mr. Brindle recalled the previous question, which was seconded, and main question was ordered to be put.

On recurring in the Senate amendment, the yeas and nays were called. Yeas 16, nays 78. Adjourned.

Night Session.—On motion of Mr. Packer, the amendments to a bill incorporating the Washington Hose Company were taken up by a vote of 49 to 36. (This bill contains an amendment incorporating the Susquehanna Railroad Company.) Messrs. Penniman and A. E. Brown addressed the House in opposition to the bill, and Mr. Packer in favor.

The first section being before the House, Mr. Penniman offered an amendment, re- stricting the company to building a road on the Eastern shore of the Susquehanna river; which, after discussion between Messrs. Packer, Penniman, Bigham and Bouham, was lost—yeas 45, nays 46.

Harrisburg, April 14, 1851.

SENATE.—The bill to re-annex certain townships in the county of Montour to the county of Columbia, was then taken up on its final passage, and negatived by a vote as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Bucklelaw, Crabb, Fernon, Forsyth, Fulton, Guernsey, Hoge, Huges, Jones, McCaslin, Muhlenberg, Packer, Sanderson, Savary, Shimer—16. Nays—Messrs. Brooke, Carothers, Carson, Cunningham, Frailey, Frick, Ha-lott, Ives, Knigsmacher, Lawrence, M'Murria, Malone, Myers, Robertson, Walker, Mathias, Spiker—49.

The bill repealing certain laws exempting property from taxation was discussed at con- siderable length, and finally postponed until the 4th of July next.

The new Judicial district district bill as received from the House.

The bill dividing Wm. Maids and Eliz- abeth. [Still in session at 10 o'clock.] House.—The bill to repeal certain laws exempting property from taxation, was taken up and passed.

The resolutions relative to the tariff were then taken up, and after some discussion postponed for the present, yeas 47, nays 41.

The bill repealing the sixth section of the anti-kidnapping law of 1847, was taken up and passed finally.

The House refused, by a vote of yeas 45, nays 51, to take up the bill providing for a system of free banking in this Common- wealth.

The bill relating to the Susquehanna Rail- road passed the House finally, as it came from the Senate. It contains authority for the Company to build on either side of the Susquehanna.

The bill relating to the election of Judges, and to regulate certain judicial districts in the northern part of the State, also passed fi- nally. Adjourned.

The General Appropriation Bill was im- mediately taken up and passed—yeas 72, nays 22.

It appropriates \$175,000 to the North Branch Canal, and the same amount to the improvement of the Portage Railroad, and any surplus remaining in the Treasury to be equally divided between the two.

The bill also allows the city and county of Philadelphia six Judges, at a salary of \$25,000 each. Three Judges of the District Court and three of the Common Pleas.

There is no loan authorized by bill, and the million small note issue was let out. The House was still in session at 10.

Harrisburg, April 15, 1851.

SENATE.—The Senate last night after my report closed, took up the General Appropria- tion Bill as it came from the House, and passed it finally without a division or amend- ment.

Tuesday.—The Senate took up and con- sidered