

TRIAL OF JOHN LEFEBRE.

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FRIDAY.

John Pugh recalled, and Court permitted him to relate what Lefevre swore before the inquest, differing from Duffy's statement in that, instead of drawing the body immediately from the stairs through the kitchen door, he drew her out into the hall near the pantry door.

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FOR JUDGE SUPREME COURT.

Hon. Henry Green,

OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL.

Hon. John A. Lemon,

OF BLAIR COUNTY.

A COMMUNICATION FROM PARKER TOWNSHIP, and other matters, have been crowded out this week.

The name of the Hon. S. Newton Pettis, of Meadville, has been sent to the Senate by the President as an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Wyoming Territory.

Mr. Pettis, it seems, prefers that, to being our Minister to Bolivia, South America.

What a "rooster" is, in legislation, came up for interpretation during the bribery trials last week at Harrisburg.

Senator Carpenter, of counsel for the Commonwealth, did not appear to understand the meaning of the term "rooster," as applied to our legislators.

When told that it meant a member who would take bribes and sell his vote he seemed surprised and said such a thing was unknown in Wisconsin.

Or all the disgraceful things done at the late State Convention, in connection with the representation of this county in the same, the imposition practiced upon Judge Feidler one of our delegates to the same was perhaps the greatest.

And the most disgraceful sequel to it is the publication of a letter in the Eagle last week under the Judge's name.

When we received that letter we thought we recognized the "car marks" of its true author; and all doubt on the subject was removed from our mind on seeing a copy of it in the Eagle last week.

Who that knows Judge Feidler would suppose for a moment that he would make and keep a copy of that letter, or of any correspondence he may have with his fellow citizens? For what purpose would he do so? We are sorry for his sake, honest man that we know him to be, that he has been so misled in this case as to be in the least a party to what is now an apparent trick of Thomas Robinson.

We have in our pocket the letter sent us by the Judge, in which there is no request for its publication and for the publication of which he never asked us, nor did he ever complain to us of its non-publication, nor express any desire for or disappointment of its not being published.

But on the contrary, in the presence of witnesses, he confessed, on the first and only occasion we have since met him, that he had been deceived at Harrisburg; that he was there told and led to believe, as we stated last week, "That Errett (the Grant candidate for chairman of the State Convention) was a good Blaine man."

Now this is the point in the matter. We know how our delegates voted in the Convention. Mr. Robinson was there. Will he now please state how and for whom our delegates did vote in the general caucus, held the evening before the convention? We have very reliable information, as we have heretofore said, as to the declarations of one of our delegates, while at Harrisburg, that his preliminary votes would all have, of necessity, to be in the interest of Don Cameron. If this is a mistake we will make any just corrections. And as to all the other matters in the Eagle last week, we say let the Republican votes of this county have an early and fair chance to decide between us, and we will abide their verdict. We think we know what more than two-thirds of them think and will say in regard to recent political events in this county, and we know they are honest men and only desire a chance to be heard.

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recent, and the half has not yet been told. One in particular is of a very recent date, but as it might not be political in its purpose we forbear at present. And on the other hand, in answer to his insinuations, he knows well that we have never bolted a Republican ticket. Since we have been a Republican we have never even scratched off a regular nominee. And since editing this paper we have never, not in one single year, failed to vote for and support the names standing at its head. To the old Republicans of the county we know that it is unnecessary for us to be making the above reply to the Eagle, but as there are some in the county now who might believe its charges, we have thought the above proper, and in conclusion have only to say, that if it thinks it profitable to further pursue this theme of party fidelity we will hold ourselves ready to further respond.

The Bribery Trials.

Proceedings in and the result of the bribery trials at Harrisburg last week, growing out of the corrupt action in the Legislature last winter on the Riot claims bill, will be found in our paper this week.

The first of the proceedings will be seen on the fourth page of this paper. Four of the principal defendants, Messrs. Kemble, Salter, Rumberger and Crawford, will be seen pleaded guilty to the charges against them. This was a surprise and gave an unexpected turn in matters. The general opinion is that these pleas of guilty were entered in order to save from exposure other back and behind the party indicted, and that the Pardon Board will be resorted to for pardons.

How this may be we cannot say; but one thing is apparent, that if this course is pursued, to save men from punishment who have violated the fundamental law of the State, the New Constitution that the people of this State have been to so much labor and expense in getting formed, it will create an alarm and indignation that will certainly be damaging to all concerned.

It was with great difficulty the cases reached a trial, and the result is one of the most important for the future purity of our legislation that has ever happened in the State. We cannot believe the fears entertained that the Governor and the pardoning power will interfere and defeat the laws of the land on an evil that has so long been complained of by the people and that has made Pennsylvania the subject of reproach and shame.

The Census.

Supervisor Richmond was called upon the other day for information concerning the appointment of enumerators and the taking of the census in this district.

Upon being asked how soon the appointments of enumerators would be made, he answered: "As soon as I get my commission. The commissions are all held back until the Senate confirms all the Supervisors in this State—at least so Gen. Walker informs me