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NEWSPAPER LAW.

☞The law is, and so the courts decide, that the person to whom a paper is sent is responsible for the payment, if he receive the paper or make use of it, even though he never subscribed for it. His duty in such case is not to take the paper from the office or place where it is left, but to notify the publisher that he does not wish it. If papers are sent to a post office, store, tavern, or other place, and are not taken by the person to whom they are sent, the publisher, by the person to whom they are sent, the publisher, by the person to whom they are sent, the publisher, store or tavern keeper, &c., is responsible for the payment unless he immediately gives notice to the publisher that they are not taken from the office or place where they are sent. Extract from the Post Office Regulations, page 59, section 118:

"In every instance in which papers that come to your office are not taken out by the person to whom they are sent, you will give immediate notice of it to the publisher, adding the reasons, if known, why the papers are not taken out."

REMITTANCES BY MAIL.

FROM THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

"A Postmaster may enclose money in a letter to the publisher of a newspaper, to pay the subscription of a third person, and frank the letter, if written by himself."

☞NOTE.—Some subscribers may not be aware of the above regulation. It will be seen that, by requesting any postmaster to frank their letters containing money, he will do so upon being satisfied that the letters contain nothing but what refers to the subscription.

THE STORM.—The N. E. storm of Saturday and Sunday the 2d and 3d ult., was according to the most approved model of North Easters. At New Haven there was a flurry of snow on Monday morning, sufficient to whiten the ground, and at some places it had not entirely disappeared at evening of the same day. No damage was done, either to the wharves or shipping.

New York on Sunday was visited by one of the severest northeasters that we have experienced in many months. The rain fell copiously and the wind blew a gale throughout the day. Awnings were torn into shreds, and awning posts blown down in all directions. The trees on the Battery and in the Park suffered severely. The beautiful willow at the northeast corner of the City Hall was torn up by the roots.—Several others were badly broken. We fear that much damage has been done along the coast.

The shipping laying on the north side of the river suffered considerably from the storm. A schooner lying in the stream dragged her anchor, and became unmanageable. A signal of distress was raised by those on board, but no one could approach the vessel, on account of the spray a high sea running constantly. She finally drifted down near the French man of war. Every assistance was rendered by those on board the Belle Poule, and the vessel was finally secured along side. Numerous other vessels dragged their anchors, and drifted down the Bay—some, it is feared, have gone ashore. Up to the time of writing this paragraph, the storm was increasing, and shifting towards the north-west. We shall probably hear of more disasters.—*N. Y. Com.*

At New Haven (Ct) the storm was accompanied with snow. The Herald adds the remarks:

This morning the face of nature presented a singular appearance, the full verdure of summer still resting upon the trees, while fruit and ornamental, many of the garden flowers in full bloom, the fruit ungathered, and the latter harvest still ripening in the verdure of the autumn season. The beautiful verdure of the fields is now peeping through the snow; the trees shaking themselves from the ruthless incumbrance; the flowers weeping away the sorrows of a night, and the pleasant sweating under the tread of overshoes and beavertcens.

At Boston there was also snow, which melted as fast as it fell.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript, under date of Waltham, October 4, 7 o'clock, A. M. writes as follows:

For the last two hours the snow has been falling constantly fast, and the ground is now completely covered in some places to the depth of an inch or more.

THE FOREIGN NEWS.—The few English papers brought by the Shenandoah, contained very little foreign news of importance. From China, however, we have accounts that the Emperor persisted in his determination for war; that Keshan was to suffer an ignominious death; and that the Tartar troops continued to pour into Pekin. Capt. Elliott had obtained a shipment of about 11,000,000 lbs. of tea, and expected to get about as much more. Captain Steed, R. N. had been seized and lodged by the Mandarins at the house of Englis and Wallace, and all British and other goods had ceased, and tea can only be purchased with specie. The Emperor had threatened to have the flesh torn from the bones of a Councellor who had recommended peace.

The British Parliament met on the 6th, and the various leading members took seats in conformity with the political change that had occurred. Thus, the Duke of Wellington occupied the seat lately held by Lord Melbourne. In the House, the subject of supplies was made the order of the day on the 7th. Deep excitement was still felt in relation to the Corn Laws, and a letter before us from a friend says:—"it is impossible for me to depict the distress that exists in some of the manufacturing districts. Indeed, without some change in relation to the Corn Laws, the Tories must expect a serious time of it, and great difficulty in preserving the public peace."

We are looking with much anxiety to your country for the results of the McLeod case, and all the reasonable, moderate and patriotic of our people hope for a speedy adjustment, and thus a perfect reconciliation between the two countries."

THE NEWS BY THE ARCADIA.—The Steamship Arcadia arrived at Boston on Tuesday last. The New York Express says:—

The London speculators in tea were somewhat frightened by the news from Canton, and they sold at the reduction of 15 to 20 per cent., but the importers would not give way.

The foreign news by the Arcadia is of much commercial interest. What affects the currency and the harvest in Great Britain, more or less, act and react upon the civilized world, and particularly upon the United States.

The accounts respecting the crops are somewhat contradictory, but there is no doubt that the crop in general will be less than an average, one-sixth or one seventh, it is computed, and that there will be considerable demand for foreign grain.—The duty on foreign wheat had already declined to the lowest rate, 1 shilling per quarter, the average of the six past weeks being 7s3.

Upon a careful examination of the various accounts of the crops in Great Britain, however, we apprehend that the demand for foreign grain will not be very large.—The weather was generally favourable to the progress of the harvest, and more than two-thirds of the crop had been secured. The low duty of 1 shilling per quarter, it was not probable, would remain over a week. Flour, duty paid, in Liverpool was worth 35 shillings per barrel, and good wheat 9s. to 9s. 6d. per 70 lbs.

NEW TARIFF.—The new revenue bill, which we published in our last, goes into operation on the first day of October proximo.

Among the articles which are now imported free of duty, the following will, on and after that date, pay a duty of twenty per cent. ad valorem, viz:

All manufactures of linens, including Russia sheetings, diapers, Osnaburgs, &c.

All manufactures of silk and raw silk.

All manufactures of worsted.

All kinds of dry and green fruit.

All kinds of spices, beeswax, cocoa, honey, mahogany, rosewood, satinwood, Manilla and Sisal hemp, jalap, &c.

Gunny cloth, and any other articles capable of being used as cotton bagging, to pay the same duty as cotton bagging.

The articles which were imported into the United States in 1829, free of duty, and now chargeable 20 per cent. by the new tariff, amounted to $38,318,091; of this sum there was exported to the amount of $3,021,119; leaving the net amount imported, $35,269,112.

Articles which now pay less than 20 per cent. will on and after that day pay 20 per cent advalorem, except bristles, and two or three other articles, which are made free.—*Lyford's Com. Jour.*

Alluding to Grogan's case, the Albany Advertiser expresses the opinion that the adventure was got up by "volunteers," and that they intended to secure the reward of five hundred pounds offered some time since for Grogan's apprehension. This is doubtless the true story, and we think therefore that Grogan will be promptly given up by the British authorities, however much the "volunteers" may deplore the failure of their notable speculation.

THE CASE OF DR. FITCH.—*Charge of Forgery.*—On Saturday, a man recognized by the name of Samuel S. Fitch, for some four years a resident of this city, and at present living in Chesnut, near Ninth, was committed to the custody of an officer from the State of Connecticut, by Alderman Bradford, on a warrant issued by the Governor of that State, upon the requisition of the Governor of Connecticut, to demand and take back the said Fitch, "who stands charged with forgery, committed in the jurisdiction of the State of Connecticut." The particulars of the case we did not learn, but understood that one charge was for forging title papers to some land in Sheldon county, State of Vermont, sixteen or eighteen years ago, which was sold, realizing to him a very large amount of money. He was recognized by an attorney for the State of Connecticut. It is said he is worth $100,000.—*Phila. Ledger.*

The above seems to us an extraordinary case, if the individual alluded to be, as is generally supposed, Dr. Fitch, the dentist. He came to this city a number of years since, and first established himself in Almond street, Southwark, where he resided for a short time—and then removed into Walnut street between Seventh and Eighth. He lived there for several years, and pursued his profession as a dentist, in which he specially acquired much reputation, and he was believed, a small fortune. He also published a work on Dental Surgery, which was received with considerable favour. Within a few years he bought some property on the corner of Eighth and Wood streets, and built a row of stores there. He appeared to seek no concealment as to his name or character, was intelligent, gentlemanly, and as far as we have heard, until this recent affair, was deemed honorable in all his transactions. It is curious that such a change should have slept so long, especially as he has resided in this city so openly. He must have many friends here, and it appears to us not at all unlikely, that the charge will turn out either wholly unfounded or greatly exaggerated. We know nothing of him personally, but remember his arrival in Philadelphia a long time ago and his first residence in Southwark; and although in connection with his early poverty, his recent wealth may have been regarded as somewhat strange, the charitable, as to his conduct and career, may hope that he will be able to afford a thorough explanation. He recently returned from Europe, where he went, as well for the benefit of his health as for the purpose of acquiring information of his profession. If the charges against him be fully true, he has been sleeping upon an abyss for a large portion of his life. He cannot now be more than forty years of age.

Since the above was written, we have been called upon by a friend of Dr. F., who requests us to ask a suspension of public opinion in the case. He says that the deed on which the charge was founded, was 20 years ago sent to the doctor, who was re. ceiver in behalf of a client, and that he has not received $75, which he did. It turned out a forgery, but the doctor had no hand in it. Two highly respectable citizens went to his hall on Saturday for $10,000. When he left home on Monday, he concealed the real cause from his wife, as he expected to give bail for his appearance, and return to Philadelphia in the course of a few days. As to his sudden wealth, our informant states that he knows of a transaction, in the purchase and sale of property in this county, in which the doctor cleared upwards of $50,000. We report our impression, that the matter will turn out wholly unfounded or greatly exaggerated.

A LETTER FROM MCLEOD.—We find the following in a Canada paper. It is an extract from a letter recently written by McLeod in Utica. As his trial excites so much solicitude and interest now, we give it:—

"I am now in another state of this interminable 'McLeod case.' When the current will go down, and the last wave of the Farce be played. I cannot say. You will have seen the whole proceedings in the papers, and are doubtless sick of hearing of the affair from day to day, so I need not trouble you with the details. I may say briefly, that when the Judge decided against the application I made, I at once decided to make a trial as early as possible, to get out of this dreary confinement; my counsel were and are apprehensive of the result; they think I may be convicted—I do not. If I am convicted, it is probable, although such an event is within the bounds of probability.—The patriots will bring as much perjury to bear as they can, and doubtless they can procure any amount of it to order, to suit, on the occasion. If I had moved for a writ of error to bring the case into the Supreme Court, it would have had to go into the Supreme Court of the United States, and then I should have had to await a session until July next. My health has suffered much from the close confinement; such precautions would kill me, and it is such a lingering death, that it is irritating and annoying.'

"I was urged by friends and fellow countrymen in New York, to draw up a narrative of the 'McLeod case,' as it had excited so much attention, and was so very imperfectly understood by all parties, and publish it, as it would exonerate my character from the foul stigma that has been affixed to it by the witnesses, the press and by the President, through Daniel Webster's letter to Mr. Fox, of 24th April, 1841, and that I had on the American frontier bragged of having been at the destruction of their pirate boat. I need not say to you the 'vile calumny in an infamous lie'—for you know me too well to have ever given the slightest credence to such a report; but millions believe it, because it has never, I suppose, been satisfactorily contradicted.—The fact is, I was arrested on the 13th of September, 1840, at Manchester, at or about noonday: in less than five minutes there were at least one hundred people collected around me; I mildly denied having any hand in the destruction of their boat; but when before the magistrate, in the midst of a crowd, and bantered and taunted with cowardice in denying the part they said I acted in the affair, I said, *'I was not there; had I been, I should not deny it. I considered the destruction of that boat a laudable and praiseworthy action, and I will not lay claim to an honor to which I have no title.'* I have ever held the same language. On the 12th of November I was again arrested, at mid-day, in that rascally den of iniquity, Lewiston, and, immediately a crowd was collected around me. If I had ever made such a boast of their exploit, it was susceptible of proof. No proof of such a boast has yet been given. One or two perjured villians swore they heard me in Chippewa boast of having been at the destruction of the boat; even they swear they never mentioned such a story till after they heard of my arrest.

"You have not seen all the stories they have got up against me. I have been held to be one of the greatest scoundrels that draws the breath of life—the whole press has been arrayed against me, with very few honorable exceptions—their members of Congress and Assembly of this State have abused in all manner of ways, and yet they keep saying "I shall have a fair trial."

THE GREAT FORGER.—Caldwell who has committed several extensive forgeries lately, and who has been most eagerly sought after by the police of various cities in the Union, is at present in Moyhamensing Prison. High Constable William Young of this city, arrested him at the boarding house of Mrs. Phillips in Front street below Walnut, on Sunday evening. He was taken before Recorder Vaux, who committed him to prison.—His trunk when searched, was found to contain between forty and fifty thousand dollars. There were upwards of eight thousand dollars in gold.

In the afternoon of yesterday he was brought before Judge Randall by writ of *habeas corpus*. Mr. Edgar Cowan, one of the principle sufferers, was examined at length. Caldwell was remanded back to prison for a further hearing at 11 o'clock this morning. His proper name is said to be Col. Monroe Edwards. Counsel for the prisoner, Josiah Randall, Esq. G. M Dallas, Esq. and Mr. Gilpin, the late U. S. Attorney for Corpus. Mr. Edgar Cowan, one of the principle sufferers, was examined at length. Caldwell was remanded back to prison for a further hearing at 11 o'clock this morning. His proper name is said to be Col. Monroe Edwards