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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1912.

NOT THE POINT AT ISSUE.

We were mistaken in the law. The Citizen was wrong and the Independent was right concerning the compensation received by judges sitting outside their districts. We have already made the amende honorable, as it was our duty to do. But whether or not we quoted the law correctly is not the point at issue. It is of little moment what compensation judges do or do not receive compared with the question whether it is just or decent or patriotic for presumably reputable journals to subject the judges of our courts to repeated attacks, not on any specific charge of wrong-doing, but by mean slur and base innuendo, such as called forth our protest last week. There can be but one purpose in such conduct, namely to cast discredit on the courts, and arouse feelings of envy and hatred toward the judges on the part of the people. A newspaper may believe that this attitude on its part makes for popularity with those whom it delights to call the "common people." But we doubt it. The American workingman, as a rule, is too sensible to be gulled by the sophistries of the demagogue. The Citizen yields to no one in its admiration for the fellowship with the men who labor with their hands. They are the backbone of every community. But we have only contempt for the person or journal that attempts to arouse class hatred by persistent and malicious attacks on those who have achieved material success. Most of the men who are drawing the big salaries to-day, are men who have fought their way up from the ranks. The splendid thing about this country is the equality of opportunity it offers to all. No better illustration of this can be had than is seen in the case of the editor and owner of the Independent who, by reason of persistent effort and unusual ability, has in the course of a few years amassed a competence, and is sole owner of one of the most valuable country printing and publishing plants in Pennsylvania. Yet we do not find the editor of the Independent comparing his affluence and prosperity with the humble earnings of the man whom nature has less lavishly endowed with ability or persistency or foresight.

AS TO THE COMPENSATION OF JUDGES.

The Independent is making a great ado over the fact that by virtue of the Act of 27th April, 1911, a judge receives \$20 a day for holding court outside his own district. The Independent says he "receives twenty dollars per day and expenses besides," and in another column emphasizes the statement by saying that the judges "not only receive twenty dollars per day but also their car fares and expenses," and still further along in the same column it declares that the judge of Wayne county when holding court outside his district "is practically receiving forty dollars a day and his car fare and expenses." Either the Independent is ignorant of the Act of Assembly which it boastfully exploits, or else it has made a deliberate misstatement. That act says that the judge so presiding shall receive "the sum of twenty dollars per day and car fare and no more." The Independent also misstates the law, either ignorantly or maliciously, when it says that "the judge's pay is from four to twelve dollars an hour, and this he draws whether he works or not." The Act of Assembly above referred to expressly provides that "no payment shall be made for days consumed in such service of more than expenses and car fare unless said judge, so assigned, actually presides in open court, either at argument, hearing or trial."

The Independent also flaunts its gross ignorance of the duties of a judge when it assumes that his only working hours are those during which he sits in open court. As a matter of fact the longest and most laborious hours a judge puts in are the hours spent in his office.

The judge of Wayne county in common with many other judges, re-

ceives from the State of Pennsylvania a salary of six thousand dollars per year. The Independent intimates that so large a salary is a gross outrage on the rights of the "common people," and ascribes the present high cost of living in part at least to the enormous compensation received by the judges. Does the Independent really know how ridiculous it is making itself? We assert that, beyond all shadow of doubt—the Independent to the contrary notwithstanding—the judge earns his salary.

When he sits in another district, he does so because the courts there are congested with cases, and it is vastly more economical for the state to pay an outside judge twenty dollars a day for a few days or weeks service than to provide an additional judge for the district at a salary of from \$6,000 to \$8,500. Moreover, a capable trial judge is worth vastly more to the county in which he sits and which pays him nothing directly, than the twenty dollars a day he receives from the State. The manner in which he expedites business, brings litigation to an end, saves costs and expenses and the waste of useless controversy, makes him the greatest conservator in the community of the peace and order as well as the prosperity of the people.

The citizens of a community demand and are entitled to the best legal skill at the bar to occupy their bench. But that skill has been obtained only at the cost of years of preparation, of study and of experience, and that skill and experience are worth, and earn in the legal market as much, and in a great number of cases vastly more, than the salary of any judge in Pennsylvania. If the salaries of judges are to be reduced, as the Independent would have them, to the level of the income of the young and briefless barrister, or the country justice, we shall have the inconsequent lawyer or the country justice on the bench. Such things always regulate themselves.

The man who by reason of unusual ability, experience, skill or judgment is capable of performing unusual service is entitled to be rewarded accordingly, whether he sits on the bench of the court or in the editorial chair.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

A writer in a current publication bewails the decadence of the Christmas story. Decadence is hardly the word. English and American writers as a whole have seldom succeeded in depicting the spirit of Christmas in words and phrases. Dickens did it in his "Christmas Carol," the only real Christmas story ever written; in "Pickwick Papers" and elsewhere in his voluminous works. Washington Irving gives us some vivid sidelights on Christmas in England in the early part of the past century in the pages of his always interesting sketchbook, and Pepys, in his quaint way, lives over for us in his diary a British Christmas of a still earlier day. Aside from these, the true spirit of the world's greatest holiday shines all too infrequently from the pages of even our most noted authors.

Dickens wrote the one great Christmas classic because he was not only a born story-teller, but himself the very incarnation of the spirit of Christmas. It bloomed and blossomed in his heart and overflowed on all around him. He kept Christmas as we may imagine Scrooge did in the years that followed the chastening and the mellowing of his self-centered old soul. We don't observe the day in the bluff and hearty manner of Dickens and his English neighbors. We have lost something of the fullness, the charm, the royal good cheer of the feast. Irving, too, wrote from a heart full of delightful memories and a sincere appreciation of the holiday customs of his time. So did those few others who have successfully portrayed the Christmas spirit in prose and poetry.

The fault is not alone with the writers if there be a scarcity of good Christmas literature, but with us as well. We have given the author of

KATZ BROTHERS' Trade Day!

The hundreds of customers who patronized our store last Saturday asked if same opportunities would be offered them the last Saturday before Christmas.

In obedience to the wishes of our friends we offer the following merchandise at RECORD BREAKING PRICES:—

Saturday, Dec. 21st.

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Pony Coats selected skin and well made, elegant, \$50 value\$37.50 each
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Children's Caracul Coats, sizes 8 to 14, \$7.50 value.....\$4.75 each
Black Coney Muffs, \$4.00 value\$3.39 each
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27 x 54 inch Axminster Rugs, \$1.98 value\$1.69 each
Inlaid Linoleum, color through to back, .79c square yard
Woolknapp Blankets, \$2.25 value\$1.69 pair
Opaque Window Shades with fringe.....33c each

Katz Bros. Inc.

to-day small opportunity to do for us what Dickens and Irving did for their times.

SMALLER PAPER MONEY.

Secretary MacVeagh has awarded to Kenyon Cox, the distinguished artist, the task of making new designs for the paper money, which is to be issued next spring. The new notes are to be 6 by 2½ inches, as compared with 7½ by 3 inches, as at present. It is believed that the new size will be a great convenience, but it is not likely that the change would have been made had it not seemed highly desirable to alter the general appearance of our notes.

Five more days for that late Christmas shopping. If you know where to look for the bargains a lot can be accomplished in that time. The Citizen's advertising columns give the necessary information.

Speechless dinners are now in vogue in New York. If the speeches are going to be cut out the cooks will have to hustle and fix up additional features to take the place of the "feast of reason and flow of the soul," will they not?

BETHANY.

Bethany, Dec. 18.
The paragonage was filled to overflowing Wednesday evening and the chicken supper was greatly enjoyed. Proceeds from supper fifty-eight dollars to apply on pastor's salary.
Mrs. Utter and baby, of Binghamton, visited her mother, Mrs. John Doney, during the week.
Alice Ward spent Saturday in Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gammell returned from their trip Saturday.
The funeral of William Pethick on Sunday from the Methodist church was largely attended, the church being crowded. Rev. Bierly officiated and several selections were sung by the choir. The pallbearers were: Charles Faatz, Mortimore Lavo, James Johns, Irving I. Many, Thomas Hoar and Charles Wood.
Miss Blanche Manning left Tuesday for New York to spend Christmas with her sisters there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hauser spent Sunday in Aldenville with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fitze.

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If your food doesn't digest, but lays heavily on your stomach, it has started to ferment.

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