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The Pennsylvania Libel Law.

The libel law passed by the Pennsylvania legislature and now awaiting Governor Pennypacker's signature, allows damages to be recovered against newspapers for publications affecting the character, reputation or business of citizens, where the owners or managing editors have been in any way negligent. The damages are to be based on the "physical and mental sufferings endured by the injured parties," and if cartoons have made the publication more prominent punitive damages may be awarded.

It is said that a convicted thief may recover damages under this bill if his feelings are hurt by any inaccuracy in the account of his crime.

Newspapers inevitably make mistakes from day to day, but they spend time and money freely to attain as great accuracy as is possible. If a law should be enforced against them inflicting penalties every time an error hurt somebody's feelings they would have to go out of business. If a similar rule were enforced as to every day conversation the race would become dumb long before the newspapers ceased publication.

The value, under a legal construction, to be placed on campaign pledges is involved in the proceeding of former Recorder Luelling against the county. This is an action for about \$1900 for the wages and accrued interest of the deputies employed in that department during Mr. Luelling's term of office, 1896-1898. It will be remembered that one of the main issues in the county campaign in the Spring of 1896 was the adequacy of the salaries being paid the officers of the county. The opposing candidates of the different political parties agreed in making the canvass that if elected they would accept the office and pay all deputy hire out of their salary allowance which was considered ample. This Mr. Luelling did for a time but he afterwards sought to have the county meet this expense and presented bills covering the service rendered by his deputies. These were not audited by the court and now the ex-Recorder seeks to enforce the payment by the county of his claim. It is understood that in urging his claim, Mr. Luelling will now contend that personally he did not agree to accept the office under the conditions that were verbally subscribed to on the stump by the candidates. With the general understanding that existed with reference to the salary question, it does not seem that Mr. Luelling is justified in attempting to enforce the payment of his claim. The attorneys for Mr. Luelling attempted to get snap judgment against the county for the entire amount sued for, claiming that the county was in default in not making answer to the complaint within the time required by law, but Judge McBride promptly sat down on this short-cut proceeding and ordered the case opened on its merits. The action is now at issue and will be tried in some other county before a disinterested judge and jury.

Every section of the country is clamoring for good roads. There is room for work along this line in Clackamas county, although our highways will bear a favorable comparison with the roads of any other valley county. Since good roads do not build themselves, it becomes necessary for those who want them to expend a certain amount of labor, and now is the season of the year that the work should be done. If farmers want good roads, over which to haul their products to market next fall, they should see to it that supervisors have forces of men at work now. In accomplishing good results along this line the people of Marion county have found it helpful to organize local good roads associations. The membership of these associations includes all the farmers of any locality. The plan of operation is for the members of the association to donate in money or labor towards the work to be undertaken. When this has been done the matter is submitted to the county commissioners' court, which generally duplicates in a cash appropriation the amount of the labor appropriated, and this enables the good roads enthusiasts to complete the work for which the aid was solicited. In this way several miles of good substantial and permanent roads were constructed last season. With the organization in almost every locality of good roads leagues in Marion county during the winter months, this good work will be extended this summer and many additional miles of durable highways will be made before the winter rains set in again. There is no reason why the same good results cannot be obtained in this county. Now is the time to agitate the question and "make hay while the sun shines."

ATTORNEY GENERAL CRAWFORD has advised the Secretary of State that by the passage of House Bill 280 the Legislature repealed House Bill 80, passed at the same session. By repealing House bill 80 the Legislature provided that Road Supervisors shall be elected by County Courts instead of by the people of the several road districts. It is further held that the present Road Supervisors will continue in office until January, 1904, when the County Court will make the first appointments under the authority of House bill 280. The question considered by the opinion has been in doubt because of apparent inconsistencies in the acts referred to. There is a difference of opinion as to which method will give the better satisfaction—election of supervisors by direct vote of the people of the district to be served, or the appointment of these subordinate officials by the county court. There is a feeling among many that the selecting of road supervisors belongs primarily with the people and more or less dissatisfaction will exist so long as any other method is employed in their selection. On the other hand it is claimed that better results can be obtained by having all supervisors appointed by the court and their tenure of office measured by the quality of service rendered. By having these road builders appointed by the county court, they are responsible directly to the court for their work and any gross negligence or unsatisfactory work can be corrected by immediate removal from office. At any rate the people of this county will have tried both plans and an opportunity will be presented for comparing the results.

THE attending physician at the state prison reports that Mrs. Carlisle, the woman arsonist at that institution, is not in a delicate state of health as she has claimed to be. It was on the representation of this woman that Governor Chamberlain caused the removal of certain officials at the penitentiary. The woman's condition is reported to be that of great culpability. In causing the dismissal of Deputy Warden A. C. Dilley, on the woman's statement, which had no corroboration, an injustice has been done that individual, whose belated vindication is now disclosed. The evident object of the woman in preferring the charges against her keeper, was to gain her discharge from the penitentiary, since her supposed delicate state of health would be an excuse for her further incarceration on the charge of which she was convicted. The incident is regrettable as impugning the character of the former assistant warden.

THE practice of forcibly placing men aboard ocean steamers as members of the crew has received a check that will tend to discourage this illegal work in this state. Paddy Lynch who was convicted of shanghaiing a stranger in Astoria, was sentenced last Saturday by Judge McBride of this district, to serve eight years in the state penitentiary at Salem. The sentence may appear severe but it is only commensurate with the crime. Conditions in shipping circles and in cities where sailor boarding houses are maintained, have become such of recent years that it is hardly safe for a stranger to visit such places.

PETITIONS are being circulated in Marion county asking that the act by which the \$300 exemption clause of the statute was abrogated by the late legislature, be submitted to the popular vote through the referendum. By the repeal of this section of the law, there has been added to the assessable valuation of the property of the state about \$8,000,000. The result is that the amount of money derived from taxation is materially increased while the burden of this extra assessment is equitably distributed and does not work a hardship on any class of people.

It is certain that Oregon is now receiving more attention from Eastern people than at any time hitherto in its history. There is good reason to believe that within ten years the population of the state will be doubled. The forces pointing to such a result are getting fairly into operation. Clackamas county is prepared to extend a cordial welcome to her quota of new-comers. There is ample room for many more industrious people in this section, and the opportunities that prevail here are second to those of no other section in the state.

THE announcement that Ex-Governor Wm. P. Lord, United States Minister to Argentine Republic, has been obliged because of ill health to return to Oregon, is received with sorrow and regret by the people of the entire state. It is the hope of the commonwealth he formerly served, that Minister Lord's indisposition may be of short duration, and that he may soon be restored to health and permitted to return to Buenos Ayres and resume his ministerial duties.

ALL active members of militia companies in this state are exempt from road and poll taxes. Because of an apparent conflict in the statutes, there has existed a question as to whether or not militiamen were exempt under the law from these assessments. In order to settle the controversy, the matter was referred to Attorney-General Crawford, who has rendered an opinion sustaining the law which exempts guardsmen from the payment of these taxes.

THE only daily newspaper in the world publishing sure-enough dispatches transmitted by wireless telegraph has been issued at Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. The event is a unique one in the history of journalism and marks the beginning of an epoch in the dissemination of news in isolated places.

FOR the information of any voters who may not be advised in the matter, it can be stated that legal voters are not required to register again for the coming special congressional election in this district in June.

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