

Although there is no political advantage to be gained by insisting that justice be accorded to the Indians, the recent open and infamous outrage which the administration attempted to inflict on the Sioux, has provoked a great deal of indignant comment. There are plenty of people in the country who have never thought of the fate of the Indians before, who have been startled into a consciousness of all that they have suffered by the brutal and the illogical language in which the president and secretary Delano addressed the chiefs.

It is a pleasant thing for a paper which is doing honest work in the public interest to be so fairly and generously sustained as the Sentinel has been by the state press in regard to the investigation of the Deaf and Dumb Institution. Their support more than counterbalances the mean and malignant animosity of rival papers in the capital, for the opposition of the Journal and the News is something which the Sentinel now calculates upon when undertaking any reform. Of course a conscientious journal—like a conscientious man—can go forward in the performance of its work against every sort of influence. It will neither be bullied, nor coerced nor bribed into the neglect of its duty. But the temptation to leave guilt unassailed is very powerful, and often newspapers, aware of evils in public or private that should be redressed, shrink back from the work of reform, discouraged by the amount of opposition which they know they are to encounter if they undertake the task; and they are not to be severely blamed, when, after two or three bitter contests, they adopt the policy of a judicious tolerance of the evils that exist in the community. They are not so easily forgiven, however, when they undertake to thwart those who are less studious of ease and self-interest and enter upon a good fight, and the Sentinel, finding that, in accordance with the cut-throat system practised by the papers of this city, every movement which it makes is sure to be traversed by the Journal and the News, is more ready to appreciate the good opinion of the other papers of the state. It is willing to stand alone in a good cause, but it would much rather have a goodly array of comrades on either hand. Perhaps no better illustrations could be given of the difficulties which an honest newspaper has to encounter, and the triumphs which reward its perseverance, than in those drawn from the experience of the Sentinel during the past year. If anything in the conduct of a journal's friends require criticism, what an amount of courage is required to take up the duty of censor! The clamor of treachery and desertion is instantly raised, and the luckless critic while attacked by his usual party opponents in front is assailed by those who ought to be his allies in the rear. Such a one for the time being is completely girdled with foes, and it is not to be wondered at that so few papers possess the independence necessary for assuming such a stand. The Sentinel looks back with something akin to a sense of the ludicrous at the tempest through which it passed last summer for an account of its repudiation of certain portions of the democratic platform, and yet most of those who assailed its opinions then would probably be willing to accept them now, with the exception of extreme inflationists, even the Journal, which was once the fiercest advocate of controlling the finances of the country by government authority, has now settled down to more sensible views. But if the task of criticising friends is dangerous, the work of criticising opponents is disagreeable. The best intentions are misrepresented as partisan malignity, and the opposition press rushes forward to the defense of the greatest of scoundrels as a mere matter of party discipline. Reform in such a case becomes a mere political issue, and one side gets little credit for the good it undertakes, and the other acquires no bad repute from the evil which it defends. Among the contests of the past year in which the Sentinel has been engaged for the public good and had to overcome this purely partisan resistance, the Southern

be not constitutional, would be a
 execution. It would require not only a
 public tax collector but also a public dog
 officer. As the Sentinel contended in a for-
 mer article, there is but one way
 which promises relief, and that is
 to make the law slow. An effort must
 be made to improve the race of dogs. There
 has lately held in Scotland a dog exhibi-
 tion, not a new thing in Europe by any
 means, in which the greatest interest was
 taken. A couple of weeks since the first
 issue of Moore's Rural was adorned
 with portraits of prize takers at
 a show. Agricultural fairs could
 be as valuable a service to the country by
 encouraging well-bred dogs as well-bred
 horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. The dog is
 a domestic animal so naturally and prop-
 erly esteemed by mankind, that extermina-
 tion is simply impossible if it were ad-
 visable to work in that direction. But
 when the noble qualities of this most
 intelligent of all dumb animals is consid-
 ered, it is as unreasonable to make war upon
 the race because low bred curs kill sheep
 sometimes, as it would be to desire the ex-
 termination of mankind because some bar-
 barians are cannibals. No, the true idea,
 and one that is worthy the most
 earnest attention of all, is to im-
 prove the dog race. It is a
 most noble field of exertion for far more
 practical value than the development of
 speed in horses. The direct effect would be
 to save millions of money to sheep hus-
 bandry, while the real value of fine bred
 dogs becomes as remarkable as that of aris-
 tocratic short horns which some
 owners represent a fortune in a
 single individual. Legislation is needed,
 and that can be done by vigorous taxation
 and by restraining the propagation of vile
 breeds should be done. Public welfare de-
 mands it. But a better thing is the im-
 provement of the animal. Once the
 error is raised in that direction and
 the dogs become fashionable, the

Asquith Miller has been in Philadelphia several days incognito. He stopped at a hotel, and outside of a few personal friends his presence in the city was entirely unknown. With the exception of a letter to his brother poet, Walt Whitman, in London, and a few private calls his time was entirely devoted to driving around the city and visiting park and centennial grounds. Mr. Miller is here as the representative of a London journal to write up Philadelphia and the centennial, but so dark did he keep himself that not even the officers of exhibition knew he was in the city.—Philadelphia Times.

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A VERY HIGH HEAD OF STONE, with a scroll extending the entire length, and a wreath of flowers, was sold to Mr. Murphy for \$25. "There's that Murphy ain," said the auctioneer. "One more with in the Murphy family. Put it down, Mr. Murphy, are any of your friends here?" Mr. Murphy applied in the affirmative by buying the next, a plain white slab, for \$15. "Now we've got a head-stone," said the auctioneer, "and we'll take the monuments. There's some pleasure in selling monuments. Any man could sell a stone; but monuments are different. There's a little beauty. Eight feet high, a wreath, a scroll, a pedestal, tapering toward the top; heavy carved base, levelled base, and a heavy cap," so the catalogue says. How much am I offered? Just right for a boy who was killed at a Sunday school picnic—so innocent and white-soiled—\$10. Mr. Murphy bid \$5, but Mr. Smith bought the stone, one of the prettiest and plainest in the yard, for \$15. A headstone ten feet high, with a double base, and a large cross, under which were the letters "I. S.," was started at \$10. "What, \$10 for such a stone as that?" said the auctioneer. "You can't get such a stone made to order," was made for Mr. Isaac H. Smith. The initials on it. There's no sham about a stone. It's sold all the way through." Mr. Murray bought Mr. Smith's stone