

HARRISBURG.

THE PARDONING POWER—ITS EXERCISE BY GOVERNOR GEARY—RELEASE OF A HEADING ROBBER—NO NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION—THE CARE OF DR. S. M. LANDIS, OF PHILADELPHIA—NO FORMAL PETITION FOR THE PARDON—SINGULAR CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE EXECUTIVE—HE REFUSES AN INSPECTION OF THE RECORDS—WHO RECOMMENDED LANDIS' PARDON—AN IMPORTANT PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE MECHANICS' LIEN LAW.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 10, 1871.

When Governor Geary assumed the executive office he obliterated nearly all the rules which had governed his predecessors, and in no one instance did he make so clean a sweep as he did with the precedent which had governed previous executives with reference to the pardon business. While intimating that great fraud had been heretofore practised in the procurement of pardons, he announced a new series of rules, which he had published in every newspaper in the State. In these he prescribed that no pardons were to be granted or petitions for pardons entertained unless publication of the application had been made in the county where the offense had taken place, and the judges and District Attorney, counsel and prosecutors, and a majority of the jury had signed the application. Prior to his coming into office it had been the custom of the Governors to solicit information from the courts and District Attorney. He not only ignored this precedent, but he has also deviated materially from the course adopted for himself. As far as Philadelphia is concerned, he leaves the District Attorney out of the question, and merely notifies the court that an application has been made for a pardon. This compels the judges to volunteer all information, and no case has yet been known since the induction of the present Executive in which the judges of Philadelphia have taken cognizance of the simple notification furnished them. His number of pardons has been greatly diminished from those granted in years gone by; but while that is so, it must be borne in mind that some of the criminals whose sentences he has remitted are among the worst who could be thrown upon society. A case in point has come to the knowledge of those who frequent the Hill. It is that of John Miller, who was sentenced at Reading, in November last, to an imprisonment of six years for two offenses, both of which consisted of his having broken into the rooms of two hotel boarders at that place, and robbing the inmates of their valuables. After serving for one month, this fellow was pardoned, for the reason that he had respectable connections, and the punishment already suffered was sufficient in the eyes of the law.

No publication had been made of the application for pardon, and no information had been solicited of the court or District Attorney. Indeed, the most surprised man in Berks county was the felon himself when the pardon was handed him. This action of Governor Geary has so exasperated the citizens of Berks county, who know nothing of the matter until the release of Miller, that they are condemning the Governor in language anything but complimentary. The papers are hotly charging that the respectable connections of Miller are the rights of Philadelphia, who have managed by means of money to procure his release, and they do not hesitate to proclaim that the cash was used on the Hill.

THE CASE OF DR. SIMON M. LANDIS.

In looking over the pardon report for 1870, which the Governor conceived of such vital importance as to attach it to the early editions of his annual message sent all over the State, it will be noticed that in all cases save one the names of those applying for the pardon are mentioned. The one exception is that of Dr. Landis, who was sentenced to an imprisonment by Judge Peirce of one year, for the publication of an obscene work. The peculiarly remarkable exclusion of names in this, above all cases, naturally excited the curiosity of the correspondent of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH. That gentleman repaired to the State Department, where the papers in support of the applications for pardon are kept, as it has been since ascertained, in consequence of a want of room for them in the Executive Department. On inquiry, the papers in this case were produced, and it was then discovered that there was not on file, as is usual, the formal petition.

But few papers were there in support of the pardon, which had been granted without the knowledge of any one concerned in the case except the counsel and family of the prisoner. They comprised a very small package, and consisted of an affidavit of the Doctor himself, and letters from Drs. Joseph S. Longshore and James McClintock, of Philadelphia, and Owen G. Chase, a member of the Legislature of West Virginia. Dr. Longshore certifies that the work was one of the purest character. Dr. McClintock could not discover anything in it obscene or demoralizing, and Mr. Chase considered it a reformatory work, and not an obscene one, and he further conceived that Dr. Landis had been condemned by his professional opponents. These were all the documents which could be found.

An effort to obtain a copy of them was at first granted, and on going prepared to do the work, it was discovered that the Governor had issued an order prohibiting any further inspection of the records which were the evidence on which he had remitted the sentence of a criminal in whose trial all Philadelphia had manifested the deepest interest. In addition to this injunction, a portion of the letters which were there on the first call made by your correspondent had been removed, and in all probability destroyed. This conduct looks exceedingly singular, and it is fair to infer that in no one respect were the rigid rules established by the Governor observed—District Attorney Sheppard at least having had no official notice served upon him. If the application were advertised, it appeared in some newspaper where it never was seen, and that the public had no idea of the intention upon the part of the Governor was evident from the surprise which was manifested when the announcement was made that Landis had been released from his prison cell.

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE MECHANICS' LIEN LAW.

The following important measure will be introduced in the House in a few days:—An act supplementary to an act entitled an act relating to the lien of mechanics and others upon buildings, approved June 16, 1856.

Section 1. When any building or buildings shall be erected in whole or in part by contract in writing, such building or buildings and the land or lands whereon or they stand shall be liable to the contractor alone for work done or materials furnished in pursuance of such contract. Provided, such contract be acknowledged before a proper officer of this Commonwealth, authorized by the laws thereof to take acknowledgments of deeds, etc., and duly recorded in the office for recording of deeds, etc., within ten days after the execution thereof; and

provided further, that the provisions of this act shall be confined to the city and county of Philadelphia, and provided further, that this act shall take effect and be in full force sixty days after it shall have been approved by the Governor. Several letters have been forwarded with the above act requesting its early passage. One of the writers says:—"I see so much to find fault with in the Mechanics' Lien law that I would be glad if it did not exist; it clogs and hampers property so much. The proposed change is just one. It is an exceedingly hard case where a man contracts with a builder to put him up a building for a certain price that he should be bound to the mechanics and material men. The owner of the property in nearly all such cases knows not who are the mechanics or who furnish the material. If these people trust the contractor who gets the money, they should be required to look to him for their pay, and not to the owner of the building. The proposed law gives the contractor his rights and protects him in case the owner fails to fulfil his contract. This change is now in full force in the State of New Jersey." Another argument in favor of this proposed change is that the property of the city of Philadelphia is exempt from the operation of the Mechanics' Lien law.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" by the German Troupe. Nicolaï's opera of The Merry Wives of Windsor, which is not heard as often as it deserves to be, was sung last night by the German troupe to an appreciative audience, who were liberal in the bestowal of their applause. The music is not so exacting as that of Fidelio, and is fully within the range of a fairly good company, so that the performance last evening was on the whole smoother and less open to criticism than that of Monday. The fine, hearty humor of Shakespeare's comedy has been thoroughly appreciated by the composer, and the music, which, from the overture to the finale, most admirably interprets the theme, is full of graceful melody, and is distinguished by a lightness and freshness that are somewhat surprising in such an essentially German work. Of course the chief interest of the opera of The Merry Wives of Windsor, as of the play, turns upon "Sir John Falstaff," and this former role was rendered last evening by Mr. Carl Formes in a manner that fully sustained his high reputation. His voice certainly shows signs of wear, but his singing last night was up to a high standard of excellence, while as a piece of acting his "Sir John Falstaff" was in every respect admirable, and was entitled to rank with the best representations of the part upon the dramatic boards. Madame Lichtmay as "Mrs. Ford" more than confirmed the favorable impression made by her "Leonora," and as a dramatic singer she is undoubtedly entitled to take a very high rank. Miss Clara Pearl, who personated "Mrs. Page," is a contralto of fair power and culture, who does not always manage her voice with the best skill, and her performance last evening, although meritorious, was uneven. She acted her part with much vivacity and intelligence, and made a very favorable impression. The other characters were creditably represented, and the performance altogether was up to a high standard of excellence.

THE CITY AMUSEMENTS.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC this evening Gonou's opera of Faust will be represented, with Madlle A. Rosati as Marguerite. AT THE CHESTNUT the drama of Al Last will be given this evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Florence in the leading roles. AT THE WALNUT the drama of The Great City will be performed this evening. AT THE ARCH the comedy of Coquette is announced for this evening. AT DUPREZ & BENEDICT'S OPERA HOUSE the dramas of Rip Van Winkle and The Irish Outlaw will be performed this evening. AT THE NEW AMERICAN THEATRE a variety of entertainments will be given this evening. AT THE CIRCUS, Tenth and Callowhill streets, performances will be given this afternoon and evening. AT THE AMERICAN MUSSEY, Ninth and Arch streets, dramatic performances are announced for this afternoon and evening. AT THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE an attractive programme of minstrelsy will be presented this evening. A Concert will be given to-morrow evening at Horticultural Hall, which will be well worthy of the attention of the music-loving public. An unusually varied and interesting programme will be presented, which will contain, among other attractions, Haydn's Symphony No. 5; Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer"; Schubert's "Erl King"; Vogt's "Cradle Song," for muted strings, and the "Sleigh bell Polka." ROTHEMEL'S picture of "The Battle of Gettysburg" is now on exhibition at No. 1093 Chestnut street. BIENSTADT'S picture of "The Emerald Pool" may be seen at Earle's Galleries, No. 816 Chestnut street, where it is on exhibition for the benefit of the Lincoln Institute. MR. CARL WOLFFSON announces his third matinee for next Friday, at the Foyer of the Academy of Music.

CITY ITEMS.

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DIED.

COMMUNES.—On the morning of the 6th instant, Mrs. HANNAH CUMMINGS, widow of the late David Cummings, in the 73rd year hereof, died at her residence, No. 880 Marshall street, on Thursday afternoon, at 1 o'clock. To proceed to Woodland Cemetery.

CHAPIN.—On the 10th instant, EMMA C., widow of the late Joseph H. Chapin, died at her residence, No. 412 Spring Garden street, at 10 o'clock, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 412 Spring Garden street.

DICKERSON.—Full asleep in Jesus, on the 9th inst., Miss ELIZABETH P., eldest daughter of David and Cornelia Dickerson, and granddaughter of Francis and Harriet Warnick, in the 17th year of her age.

HEACOCK.—On January 7th, 1871, ELIZABETH H., daughter of Captain James M. and Mary Serrill Heacock, widow of the late Joseph H. Heacock, aged 37 years.

KILGORE.—Tuesday, January 10th, instant, JOHN P. KILGORE, aged 48 years. Interment at Laurel Hill, at 10 A. M., of 12th inst., from residence, 1117 Locust street, in law, James A. E. Holt, No. 1608 Master street.

SAMPSON.—On the 11th instant, WILLIAM SAMPSON, aged 40 years. The relatives and friends of the family, also Washington Lodge, No. 29, A. Y. M., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 230 Catharine street, on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

WALLACE.—On the 6th instant, THOMAS WALLACE, in the 40th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, A. Y. M., Girard Park Lodge, No. 214, A. Y. M., Friendship Lodge, No. 23, L. O. G. F., also the members of the Good Will Home Company, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, Twenty-third street, above Wood, on Thursday afternoon, at 9 o'clock. To proceed to Mount Moriah Cemetery.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

For additional Special Notices see Inside Pages. BEAUTY, ACCURACY, TASTE, AT HILFENSTEIN & LEWIS' Railroad and Commercial Printing House, 117th and CHESTNUT.

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.—LECTURE BY Professor LEEDS, on "THE HISTORY OF THE BROAD AND SPRING GARDEN STREETS, THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock, by ZEKIAH C. WILPPIE, of Mystic, Connecticut. Subject—"Self Help." Both sexes invited. 10

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7, 1871. In accordance with the Rules of the Club, the Annual Election for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the NATIONAL UNION CLUB HOUSE, No. 1106 CHESTNUT street, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1871, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 9 o'clock P. M.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Assets of the Company, January 1, 1871. Includes State of Pennsylvania 6 per cent. Bonds, City of Philadelphia 6 per cent. Bonds, and various other securities.

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RICHARD S. SMITH, Pres't. JOHN MOSS, Secretary.

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