

The Columbian.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1886.

Congressman Michael Hahn, of Louisiana, was found dead in his room at Willard's hotel, Washington, Monday morning.

The greatest middle weight fight on record was fought last Sunday morning at Larchmont, on Long Island Sound.

George Pearson, Secretary of the Republican State Committee, is a member of the syndicate that has been robbing the orphan schools of the State.

The third section of the Act of the 15th of May, 1841, Sec. 1, Part 1, Sec. 1, declares that "If any Assessor or Assistant Assessor shall knowingly and intentionally omit, neglect or refuse to assess and return any property, person or thing made taxable by law, or shall knowingly and intentionally assess, rate or value the same, at more or less than he shall know and believe to be the just cash value or rate thereof, or neglect or refuse to assess any tax required by law, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and on conviction thereof, be subject to imprisonment not less than three nor more than twelve months, and in a sum not less than one hundred, nor more than two hundred dollars."

It has been decided to do away with the annual State encampment of the National Guard, and as the programme stands it is possible that the act of 1878 will be literally obeyed. It requires that the National Guard must be inspected once a year in each year with at least a day's pay for each officer and soldier. The First, Second, Third and Sixth Regiments, the Gray Invidibles, the City Troop and Battery A will be assembled in brigade in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, for inspection by the Adjutant-General, after he has completed his tour of duty through the State.

The Mercer School Visited. THE SAME STORY OF INDEPENDENT CLOTHING AND DIRTY SURROUNDINGS. PITTSBURGH, March 15.—The investigation of the Soldiers' Orphan's School at Mercer today was conducted by Attorney General Patterson, Attorney General Cassady and Dr. Lee, secretary of the State Board of Health.

Women in Washington. AN ASTONISHING LACK OF THE RESERVE AND FEMINE DELICACY BEING ELAID. WHERE. Washington Letter in the You Times.

The utter recklessness of the female portion of Washington society is often remarked by persons of experience. There is a freedom among strangers that is never shown by the well-mannered young women of other cities. Society is fully as kaleidoscopic as politics. You do not always know who is who in either sphere, and a great deal is taken for granted. The modes of flirting which are known in Washington are not to be met with in any other place, and are so much more innocent, though to some extent mischievous, are altogether too slow for Washington. A great many cheeky young society men here are in the habit of introducing themselves to ladies, and they are not often snubbed.

Before leaving for Mercer today Governor Pattison gave expression to some very vigorous language regarding the orphan school syndicate. "What do you think of the revelations that you have already visited?" he asked. "I have been horrified and disgusted and I hardly know whether I am yet calm enough to speak of the revolting disclosures which our probing has brought to the light of day. It is certain that this state of things is going to be thoroughly remedied. I cannot speak now of what my action in the matter will be, but when I have completed my investigation I shall act."

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature, making the first Monday of September a legal holiday for that State, to be known as laborer's day. It is for the purpose of giving all laborers a day of recreation.

WASHINGTON LETTER. (From our Washington Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15, 1886. The week which began with a bombardment of the Administration in the Senate end of the Capitol, ended there with funeral services for the deceased California Senator, Mr. Miller. The proceedings were attended by the President and Cabinet, the Supreme Court, and both Houses of Congress.

Public office is a trust, not a bounty bestowed upon the holder; no incompetent or dishonest person should be intrusted with it. Free institutions, while they are essential to the prosperity and happiness of the people, always furnish the strongest inducements to peace and order.

Woe to us when it shall come to pass that the power of the magistrate—civil or military—is permitted to deal with the mere opinions or feelings of the people. All classes of our citizens must share alike in the blessings of a Union, and we are equally concerned in its perpetuity and in the proper administration of public affairs.

The right of trial by jury, the habeas corpus, the liberty of the press, the freedom of speech, the natural rights of persons and the rights of property must be preserved. The commanding general, in the discharge of the trust reposed in him, will maintain the just power of the judiciary and is unwilling to permit the civil authorities to be embarrassed by military interference.

It is of evil example and full of danger to the cause of freedom and good government that the exercise of the military power through military tribunals created for trial of offences against the civil law should be permitted when the ordinary power of existing State governments are ample for the punishment of offenders.

These sentiments fully explain why General Hancock was a staunch Democrat. Pennsylvania News. Luzerne Prohibitionists are now organizing into clubs by election districts.

The maple sap now runs freely, and there is great activity in the sugar camps. Large colonies of Pennsylvanians leave daily for various points in the West. All the mines in the Wyoming anthracite region are now running on full time.

The bituminous coal miners' strike is extending throughout the entire region. Another importation of the cheap labor element has just arrived at Hazleton.

The General McClellan Memorial Fund in Philadelphia now amounts to \$648.30. Abuzzard now professes conversion to Christianity, and wants to be pardoned.

Williamsport is a trifling monotonous, and its newspaper reporters want a sensation. Reading is in lock once more. The river toll bridge at that city is to be made free.

All the issues of the Lehigh Valley railroad company command large premiums. The iron trade is gaining ground. Iron of all kinds is firm in price and well sold up.

Unwonted lawyers spent an entire day in the trial of two cases, and discovered they had been trying the wrong man in each case, at the expense of the county.

The hanging of a murderer in Delaware County occurred six-five years ago. The execution being public, there was a large crowd of men, women and children.

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