

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1880.

What Must Be Done. The court having decided how the law of Maine is to be applied to irregular election returns, the Legislature and the governor will undoubtedly govern themselves accordingly.

In publishing a flattering biography of Washburne the New York Times is suspected of a purpose to enter a dark horse in the presidential race.

Senator J. DONALD CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, has bought a lot on Vermont avenue, near the intersection of Massachusetts avenue, and fronting the statue of General Thomas, which was recently unveiled with so much ceremony by the Army of the Cumberland, and will erect on it during the present year a fifty thousand dollar house.

A Boston paper is responsible for the following alarming intelligence. Mr. P. S. Gilmore says: "I mean that 'Columbia' shall become a national hymn.

Archbishop Wood recommends an Irish relief movement by the Catholics.

A Kansas City dispatch announces positively that the notorious outlaw Jesse James, in the person of George Shepard's son having done the work.

August Heffter, the German jurist-consult, Charles Heurde Bieville, the French dramatist, and Ferdinand Henaux, the Belgian historian, are dead.

It is understood that Mr. John S. Mosby, consul at Hong Kong, will be removed, and the post of his successor will be made to the Senate in a few days.

N. C. Talarfero, retiring general agent and store-keeper of the Virginia penitentiary, is short from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in his accounts. He says it will be made good by his securities.

The boiler in the rolling mill of Coates Bros., Locust Point, Md., exploded yesterday. George M. Pitt, Joseph Vickers and Charles Thomas were severely injured and eight others were scalded, but none fatally.

D. T. Porter, president of the "Taxing District" of Memphis, Tenn., has resigned owing to the passage, by the council of that district, yesterday, of an amendment granting a license to the ordinance requiring the establishment of earth-closets by the 1st of April next.

Chief Justice Waite announced yesterday that the supreme court would not advance the legal-tender or any other important political cases on the calendar, but would wait until there should be a full bench before going on with those suits.

Two hundred laborers on the extension of the Midland railroad, from Orange Court House to Charlottesville, in Virginia, struck yesterday for an increase of their wages to \$1 per day. The road is under contract to be finished by the 1st of July.

Mr. Root, of Illinois, has addressed a letter to Mr. Don Cameron, the chairman of the national committee, complaining of the action of the latter in turning over all the arrangements of the convention to a sub-committee. Who can pack it with Grant lawbreakers.

The prisoners confined in the Franklin county, Ohio, jail made a break for liberty at 5 o'clock last evening, just after the new sheriff had assumed charge, and nine escaped through the entrance door.

The Cairo and Vincennes railroad was sold by a master in chancery in the United States court at Springfield, Ill., yesterday, in pursuance of a decree in favor of the bondholders. It was purchased by Joseph W. Drexel and C. E. Tracy, of New York, trustees for the bondholders, for \$2,000,000.

The extensive forgeries affecting the Grocer's bank, New York, resulted yesterday in the arrest of J. Lloyd Haigh, who was indicted for forgery in the third degree at noon, and a few hours later was arrested and taken to the Tombs. He had previously confessed that he had forged acceptances to the amount of nearly \$100,000. It is now said that he committed other forgeries some years ago.

MINOR TOPICS. The Methodist preachers of Pittsburgh, having had some bitter experience of marrying immature couples, ask for a law requiring licenses to be taken out by the civil courts by persons contemplating matrimony, to the end that persons may be relieved of responsibility.

THE Pittsburgh Leader publishes, as a recent dispatch from Chicago, the confession of a dying sailor at Battle Creek, Mich., that he had seen Theodore Burr Alston, captured by pirates, walk from a plank into the sea. "Dying sailors" have been telling that yarn for years.

PHILADELPHIA Evening Telegraph: "Senator Cameron and his docile committee may be able to make a candidate, but they cannot make a president. The stone that the people rejected in 1876 they will not make the head of the corner in 1880.

THE contest for the succession to Judge Ketchum grows warm between Mark Acheson, of Pittsburgh, H. A. Williams, of Tioga, and J. P. Vincent, of Erie. Acheson has the Pittsburgh bar at his back, but unfortunately he has the half promise of the administration, which is generally fatal Cameron is suspected of favoring Williams.

THE Altona Tribune is a good live paper, and displays its enterprise by putting on a new dress of type. In selection it is almost the same as the INTELLIGENCER's, and the poem on "The Old Type and the New," written for our last new volume opening, is republished by the Tribune, as a compliment to its author, E. H. Munday, who furnished the INTELLIGENCER's outfit.

THE Cameron boom is spreading. The Republican, printed at Jewell City, Kansas, puts up the name of Senator Don Cameron for president and insists that Pennsylvania shall urge his nomination.

YESTERDAY was an "opening day" among the state legislatures. The House at Albany organized with a victory for the machine in the election of Conkling's man, Geo. A. Sharpe, as speaker.

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POSTAL CLERK ARRESTED. Charged with Robbing the Mail. W. C. Keller, clerk in the Harrisburg postoffice, has been arrested for abstracting a decoy letter from one of the lock boxes. For some time money sent from him to the city failed to reach its destination, and several weeks ago government detectives came to Harrisburg to investigate the matter. A room over the postoffice was hired and a hole bored through the floor and ceiling. Detectives Camp (of Pittsburgh) and Troy instituted a watch early yesterday morning, and in the afternoon, as Camp alleges, he saw Keller take three decoy letters from a box, one of which contained two one dollar notes and a twenty-five cent coin, which he appropriated.

Lynchings in Virginia. A bright mulatto negro, Columbus Christian, twenty-five years old, was lynched about ten miles from Amherst Court-house, Va., by a party of men from the community, for committing an outrage on Miss Miller, a beautiful and respectable young lady. The circumstances are as follows: There was a party in the neighborhood. This negro came to her house, and introduced himself to her in the kitchen. She was in the neighborhood, and he was to escort her to the party. She, after hesitating, agreed to go, and accompanied by her young brother went with him. Discovering, after proceeding a short distance, that he was a negro, she fled back to her home, pursued by the negro, who, after threatening her aged parents with a pistol, again carried her off and outraged her. He fled to Lexington, was pursued and brought back by a guard of five men, and while on the road was lynched by about forty persons. Some of them were supposed to be negroes. Shots were exchanged with the guards and several were thrown from their horses. No one was seriously hurt. The sympathy of the community is with the lynchers.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Drumore Correspondence. The following tobacco sales were made last week to Jos. Shirk: Jas. Pennington, 21, 8 and 4; Jos. Pyle & Bros., 21, 20 and 4; Ceston Cain, 18 and 8; N. N. Hensel, 18, 10 and 3; Lea P. Brown, 18, 8 and 4. Mr. Shirk has bought some fine lots of tobacco in the neighborhood of Fairfield, and there are many fine lots yet unpurchased.

STATE ITEMS. Dem Bennett, a brakeman, fell from the cars at Corry, in the oil region, and was run over and killed.

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PLEASANT BIRTHDAY DINNER. Yesterday was the twenty-fourth birthday of S. Milton Hess, son of D. D. Hess, of Quarryville, and he celebrated the event by giving a dinner to his friends at the father's residence. By noon there were fifteen or twenty young men present and dinner was announced at about half past 12 o'clock. The table was filled with good things, and all present enjoyed themselves heartily. The time was pleasantly spent after dinner and when the party adjourned they did so wishing their most happy returns of the day.

FOOT INJURED. This morning at the Penn iron company's works, Taylor Huddleston, shipping clerk, was severely injured by having a draw-bar, a piece of iron about 4 feet long, 4 inches wide, and 1 1/2 inches thick, thrown on his foot accidentally by one of the employees. His injuries were attended to by Dr. J. L. Atlee, and he was removed to his boarding house on East Orange street. He is a resident of Delaware county.

DOCTOR'S OFFICE ENTERED. The office of Dr. Geo. P. King, No. 38 South Duke street, was entered last evening between 8 and 12 o'clock. The drawers were ransacked and a number of small articles carried away. This is the third time this has occurred, and the articles taken were of no use to any one except the doctor. It has evidently been the work of some young person—probably children.

PARNELL'S PILGRIMAGE. Mr. Parnell yesterday received a deputation from the Irish societies of Albany. They asked him to name a day for an early visit to that city, and presented him with an address. A delegation from Wilmington, Del., invited him and Mr. Dillon to visit that city. Letters were received inviting them to visit other places, among them Atlanta and Des Moines. A telegram from Pittsburg, Pa., informed Mr. Parnell that several hundred dollars had been collected there for the Irish Land League, and the money was subject to his order. Mr. Parnell will speak in Newark to-night.

AGRICULTURE. Annual Meeting of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies. The Main Question—Trees for Fencing—Electric Fences, &c., &c. The Lancaster county agricultural and horticultural societies met in their room in city hall yesterday afternoon. The following members were present: Calvin Cooper, president, Bird-in-Hand; Joseph F. Witmer, recording secretary, Paradise; Johnson Miller, corresponding secretary, Warwick; Henry M. Engle, Marietta; Casper Hiller, Conestoga; Dr. S. S. Rathvon, city; John H. Landis, Manor; F. R. Diefendeller, city; M. D. Kendig, Cresswell; Levi S. Reist, Manheim; Wash L. Hershey, West Hempfield; Wm. L. Brumby, Brumby; Peter Hershey, city; John C. Linville, Salisbury; Eph. S. Hoover, East Hempfield; S. P. Eby, city; C. L. Hunsicker, Manheim; A. F. Hostetter, city; Israel L. Landis, Marietta; A. B. Groff, West Earl; John H. Buckwater, Salisbury; Enos B. Engle, Marietta.

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gent farmers. The bulk being much less than that of barnyard manures, makes them more easily applied, with comparatively little hauling or other labor. Mr. Hoover replied that while there was more trouble in manufacturing and applying stall-fed manure the increase in the crops over those produced by commercial manures would be so great that the increased labor would be well paid for. He had never seen a farm on which stall-fed manure was freely used that did not yield good crops of every kind, while the use of commercial fertilizers had been attended with frequent failure.

W. H. Brosius said that while the use of commercial fertilizers was sound in theory the abandonment of the use of stall-fed manure would place the whole matter of fertilizers in the hands of strangers, and no matter how many legal safeguards might be enacted, the manufacturers would cheat the farmers. The first object of the farmer should be to keep up the fertility of the farm. Feed as many cattle as possible; use for this purpose all the feed grown on the farm, and if need be buy from the neighbors. Even after this has been done there will be some parts of the farm in which commercial manures may be profitably used.

M. D. Kendig advocated the liberal use of stable manure. It is acknowledged that tobacco grown on rich land, supplied with stable manure, is not only larger, but is of better quality and brings better prices than that grown with commercial fertilizers. He advised that but few cattle be kept during the summer, but that during the winter as many as possible be kept and stall-fed for the purpose of securing as much manure as possible. It would be generally found that the sale of the fat cattle would pay for the feed and the manure would be clear profit.

Johnson Miller said Mr. Kendig had expressed his views exactly; he did not believe good farming could be done without the free use of stable manure, and was astonished to hear any other opinion expressed in a Lancaster county agricultural society.

H. M. Engle had no doubt that Mr. Miller expressed the sense of a large majority of Lancaster county farmers in advocating the use of barnyard manure; and yet perhaps Mr. Miller was not so far wrong after all. If the farmer only knows the nature of his soil and can tell what particular ingredients of plant food he lacks, he can at comparatively small expense purchase a fertilizer that will largely increase his crops without the use of any barnyard manure. Mr. Engle instanced some cases where he knew this to have been done for years in succession without any diminution of the crops. Provided the proper kind of plant food is applied, it matters not whether it be found in barnyard or commercial fertilizers. He would not, however, for a moment discourage the making of barnyard manures.

J. C. Linville advised the making of all the barnyard manure that can be made, proving it don't cost more than it is worth. As long as it can be made cheaper than a fertilizer equally good can be bought, make it and apply it to the land; and when it costs more than it comes to, apply commercial fertilizers. Mr. Linville instanced a case in which a prosperous farmer sold everything he raised on his farms and for years had kept his farm in first rate condition by the use of artificial fertilizers. The enormous export of grain and cattle must have a tendency to impoverish our soil, which in a measure, be replenished and kept up with commercial fertilizers.

Does it pay to raise trees for fencing purposes? a question referred to M. D. Kendig, was answered, that gentleman giving his opinion that in Lancaster county where land was high priced it would only pay in unutilized hillsides, wastes, rocky places and along the public roadsides. In such places he advised the planting of locust, chestnut and other suitable trees.

John H. Landis, S. P. Eby, Eph. S. Hoover, Levi S. Reist, and others, spoke in favor of planting and protecting trees and forests, and the question being regarded as an important one its further and more general discussion was postponed until next meeting, when more time could be given the matter.

State Board of Agriculture. Henry M. Engle was unanimously re-elected to represent the society in the state board of agriculture.

Officers Elected. After many nominations and declinations the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President—Joseph F. Witmer. Vice Presidents—Calvin Cooper and Henry M. Engle. Recording Secretary—M. D. Kendig. Corresponding Secretary—J. H. Landis. Treasurer—M. D. Kendig.

Managers—E. S. Hoover, John C. Linville, Casper Hiller, W. H. Brosius, Israel L. Landis. The thanks of the society were tendered the retiring president, Calvin Cooper, who positively declined a re-election.

The question of fixing the recording secretary's salary was referred to the board of managers to report at next meeting.

Business for Next Meeting. The managers reported the following business for next meeting: "Why means and in what way can the growth of forest trees be encouraged and the timber lands of the state protected?" Referred to Levi S. Reist.

"Does the stock have any influence on the grain?" Referred to Jacob Stauffer.

"Why does the second crop of clover produce more seed than the first?" Referred to Calvin Cooper.

Notice was given that the Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' society, which had its birth in Lancaster county, would meet in Bethlehem, on the third Wednesday in January.

Adjourned.

THE DRAMA. Miss Claxton in "The Double Marriage." There have been during the present season few such large and elegant audiences gathered in Fulton hall as that which assembled there last evening to see Miss Kate Claxton play "The Double Marriage." The artistic life of this actress has so completely merged into the character of the blind girl of the "Two Orphans" that she all unconsciously invests the part of Josephine, the heroine of last night's performance, with many of the attributes that have given the former creation much of the strength and power that it possesses in her hands. She does not succeed in burying her identity in this lately assumed role, though her efforts do so frequently result in a mannerism and voice and style of speaking that are commonplace, unnatural and exasperating, while at other times the spectator requires no vivid imagination to fancy he is looking at and listening to the blind heroine of D'Emery's touching tale in whom a transformation has been wrought, and the scene of action been shifted to a sphere more attractive in its surroundings though of scarcely less misery. In the passages calling for a play of the passions and reaching down into the deeper emotions and sensibilities, Miss Claxton rises to the demands of the situation and affords us a spectacle of fine acting, marked by the intensity of feeling that is the prominent characteristic of her art and in which for the sake of anything else outside of the immediate business on hand is banished from the mind of the spectator, though indeed he is not long permitted to rest in this security from the apparition of the blind Louise, who, like Barney, will not down at the bidding but forces her way upon the attention of the audience with a pertinacity that seems to indicate she is not aware how unwelcome an intruder she is. It is a common fault among good actors and one that is apparently very difficult to overcome. Miss Claxton has given over her own individuality to the character in which she achieved her first and greatest triumph, and it will require patient work on her part to regain it sufficiently to concentrate upon any other role the fine dramatic power which she undoubtedly possesses.

The play of "The Double Marriage" is so completely modeled on the French school of modern drama that even the familiar name of Charles Reade, who stands sponsor for the work, is scarcely sufficient to Anglicize it, and it runs more like a close translation from some French author than the dramatization of an Englishman. The first act is rather slow, until the final scene gives a good characterization of the self-made soldier of Napoleon's army and unfolds the plot with a dramatic climax. The second act is quicker in movement, and the third is quite thrilling and works freely upon the sympathies of the audience, perhaps the most conspicuous figure in this phase of the play, and certainly the one who receives the greatest share of attention on the stage and off of it as well, being the five baby introduced in the closing scene, which terminates in an effective tableau, in which the devoted sister assumes the shame to save the honor of her lover. The audience gave way to a burst of applause as the curtain fell, which was responded to by the appearance of the baby before the curtain dangled in the nurse's arms. The fourth act is characterized by military dash and brilliancy, and in the fifth and last act culminates the interest that has been growing since the first, and the play terminates in the most approved and satisfactory fashion.

The real hero of the play is Captain Reynolds, but, unfortunately for the perfect development of the character, Mr. Fyffe, the gentleman who assumed, it was evidently new to the part, and not being up in his lines, the audience was kept on the ragged edge of uncertainty and fear lest he was going to break down altogether; he is, however, a good actor, and with a little study will be able to give a very satisfactory representation of the role. Mr. Steenson gave a capital representation of the character of Emily Deverill; his acting is marked by easy grace and perfect self-possession. A large share of the honors fell to Miss Margaret Cone, who, as Rose, was afforded ample opportunity for the display of her charming vivacity, and the exercise of the histrionic ability which have won extended recognition. The minor characters were well sustained, the acting of Misses Batchelder and Pike being deserving of special mention.

Election of Turnpike Directors. The stockholders of the Lancaster, Elizabethtown and Middletown turnpike road company met at Mount Joy yesterday and elected the following officers and managers to serve for the ensuing year: President—H. G. Long. Managers—John F. Long, R. A. Bear, Wm. F. Brinton, Henry Hoffman, S. Braker, E. H. Reist, James Lynch, Henry Mayer, James Young, A. J. Steinman.

Treasurer—J. M. Long. The stockholders of the Lancaster and Susquehanna turnpike road met in this city yesterday and elected the following named managers and officers: President—Henry G. Long. Managers—Heuben A. Baer, James L. Reynolds,