

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 29, 1880.

The Judiciary's Low Estate. It was a bold declaration and a damaging charge that Mr. Gowen made in Washington yesterday concerning the supreme court of Pennsylvania...

There is one circumstance that gives color to this charge. The Pennsylvania railroad company is known to be a frequent suitor in the courts of the commonwealth...

A Stubborn Man.

The Erie and Bucks county Republicans follow those of Chester and other counties of the state in declaring with great unanimity for Blaine and against Grant...

The unchallenged and undisputed nomination of Mr. MacGonigle for mayor in all the wards last evening means more than that the Democrats of the city consider him their most available candidate...

STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. C. H. Greene, a married woman aged 45 years, committed suicide with laudanum at Rexford, twelve miles from Bradford. The cause was her inability to support an invalid husband and four small children.

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THE JUDICIARY, POLITICS AND CONVENTIONS.

What President Gowen Boldly Charges. Philadelphia Record's Washington Despatch. In the course of the hearing regarding inter state commerce before the House committee on commerce yesterday, F. B. Gowen, president of the Reading railroad company, suggested that there would be difficulty in enforcing in Pennsylvania any law against discriminating corporations, and said: 'There is to-day no remedy certain and effective enough for the removal of the evil.'

Mr. McLane—Under the statutes of Pennsylvania? Mr. Gowen—Yes, sir. Another difficulty—one of which we should speak with great hesitancy for I do not assent about washing the dirty linen of Pennsylvania in public at all—is that the parties interested in this monopoly have such a control over the politics of Pennsylvania that you must change the heart of the people; you must send some message among them and endeavor to extirpate the evil at its root.

Mr. O'Neill—You do not mean to say that there are certain parties in Pennsylvania who are controlling the judges of the supreme court of Pennsylvania—judges selected and elected by the people—of a permanent character, composed of sterling men? That men such as those can be controlled improperly or induced to prejudice any proceedings before them by delay or other means?

Mr. Gowen—Do you know, Mr. O'Neill, what the fox told the lion when he asked him if his breath smelled badly? Mr. O'Neill—No, sir. Mr. Gowen—He said he had a bad cold and could not smell.

Mr. O'Neill—Very well. All that I want to say is, that I have an imputation upon the character of the state of Pennsylvania or of its judicial officers.

Mr. Gowen—The imputation comes from my friends, not me. My dear sir, you are insinuating improper things in regard to the judiciary—in connection with the proceedings of which you have spoken—and you have been speaking slightly of them in intimating that those proceedings cannot be carried into operation.

Mr. O'Neill—I do not intend to say that I have heard the counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad stand in the supreme court and threaten that court with the displeasure of the Pennsylvania railroad company if it decided against it; and I can tell you that the blood in my body tingled with shame. And I can tell you—I was a member of the constitutional convention of Pennsylvania—that if that convention did anything effective, it was when it declared that the supreme court should not have jurisdiction in a criminal case, and notwithstanding that declaration, I have seen the judges of the supreme court lay their hands upon an indictment in a county court and hang it up—for what? That is all I know of the case.

Threatening Rebellion. New Era. It is now in order for the Republicans of Lancaster county to do what this journal urged from the beginning of this controversy—to elect their delegates to the national convention under the rules of the party and in accordance with the settled principle of that convention, which recognizes district representation, at the same time voting instructions to the delegates when elected. If the chairman persists in refusing to call the committee together in time to do this, which is evidently the program, other legitimate means can be found to order an election. With both local law and national usage, as well as precedent, on their side, the Republicans of this county will deserve to wear the collar, now attempted to be forced upon their necks, for the rest of the lives, if they tamely submit. It is for them to say whether 'things at the worst' shall now cease.

Why They Laugh. Harrisburg Patriot. A resolution slipped through the Lancaster county Republican convention to instruct the delegates to the national convention at Chicago at the primary election in May, the voters to indicate their choice for the presidency for the guidance of the delegates. This was a Blaine move, but it will prove unavailing, as it is in the power of the chairman of the county committee to postpone the primary election until too late to have any influence at Chicago.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. A Packed House and a Good Play. Last evening the great spectacular play entitled 'A Tale of Enchantment' was produced in the opera house by a troupe under the management of the Kralfys. The play was first produced at Niblo's Garden, in New York, where it ran for several months to the largest business ever known there. It was then taken to Boston and Philadelphia, and it is now in its third week at the Walnut street theatre, Philadelphia. The company which was here last night has been made up for the smaller towns and it includes nearly all of the members of John T. Ford's opera troupe. It is managed by one of Kralfys Brothers, and for the last two weeks has been in Washington and Baltimore.

The play is similar to 'Black Crook' and others of the kind, and depends for its popularity upon its dazzling effects, &c. It is a piece to amuse as well as excite the interest of an audience. The leading characters, with the exception of one, were taken by Mr. Ford's company. Robert L. Downing personated *Paul Loring*, the hero of the piece, a highly artistic manner, being a singing actor. F. Peter played *Dr. Tortanias*, the alchemist, to perfection, and in the first act he signs an agreement on the top of the mountain with Pluto, using to do so a pen of fire. Geo. Denham, who is a capital comedian, was admirably suited to the character of *Gaspard*, the servant of the alchemist. Miss Belle Mackenzie looked charming, and acted well the character of *Marguerite*. The remaining members of the company were first-class.

Long before 7 o'clock last evening a crowd of men and boys gathered in front of the opera house and when the doors were opened they poured in and filled up the gallery in a short time. Nearly all of the seats down stairs had been sold, and those that were not occupied by the crowd in an incredibly short time. Before the performance began the house was packed from the footlights to the top of the gallery, and standing room could scarcely be obtained.

The ballet was led by Mlle De Rosa, who is acknowledged to be one of the best dancers in the world, and her graceful step was one of the features of the evening. The ballet troupe was composed of about twenty graceful girls, their drilling, marching and dancing were remarkably fine. There was a grand of all kinds, it closed with a dancing Amazonian march, in which the ladies appeared in glittering armor. Miss Marie Bookel looked beautiful as *Aurora*, the queen of the fairies.

In the third act the specialties of the variety people were introduced, the three Uim sisters appearing first and staging a number of German songs in fine style. They were followed by the three Ronaldos,

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who perform acts similar to the Majlions. They are wonderful men, and are capable of twisting their bodies into almost every conceivable shape. Their high kicking was surprising, as indeed, was their whole act. Following these came Master Carling, who drew with remarkable rapidity several pictures, ending with a very correct likeness of Grant. A puppet introduced was very life-like, the deception of the living head being perfect.

The fourth and last act, representing the 'Enchanted Home of the Fairies,' was beautiful, as was all the scenery. The play was well put upon the stage, and everything worked well. The large audience was delighted and surprised and they unanimously voted it an excellent show.

THE CITY DEMOCRACY. General Municipal Nominations Last Night. The Democratic general nominating meetings were held at the several ward houses last evening and the following nominations were made, from which the tickets for the approaching municipal elections will be selected on Saturday evening next:

Mayor. John T. MacGonigle. School Directors. Dr. John Leverage, 6th ward. Col. E. McGovern, 6th ward. George W. Zecher, 6th ward. A. Z. Ringwald, 1st ward. Prof. F. W. Haas, 3rd ward. Henry Z. Rhoads, 8th ward. Prof. William B. Hall, 4th ward. Peter McCoomy, 3d ward. Adam Oblander, 3d ward. John Ochs, 4th ward. O. B. Shterzer, 5th ward. Frederick Hartmyer, 5th ward. George Yiesler, 4th ward. James McCoomy, 2d ward. Dr. S. H. Metzger, 2d ward. Amos Ringwald, 2d ward.

WARD TICKETS. First Ward. Select Council—Jacob Reese. Common Council—Samuel K. Lichty, John F. Keith, George W. Brown, Assessor—Joseph Pyle. Constable—Geo. Gause. Judge—J. W. F. Swift. Inspector—Theodore Trout. City Executive Committee—John A. Schaum.

Second Ward. Select Council—Simon W. Raub, Abram Hirsch. Common Council—David McMullen, Dr. F. G. Albright, Wm. H. Garrecht, Conrad Gasser, John A. Snyder, H. E. Slaymaker, M. Westhafer, Theo. Wenditz, Henry Rausing, Chas. M. Howell. Assessor—J. B. Lichty. Constable—Harry N. Howell. Judge—Harry N. Howell. Inspector—John B. McGinnis. City Executive Committee—John K. Metzger.

Third Ward. Select Council—Henry Wolf. Common Council—Peter Landau, George Wall, Jacob Klein. Assessor—Franz Neudorff. Constable—John F. Deichler. Judge—B. F. Davis. Inspector—Harry L. Hartmyer. City Executive Committee—E. Frank Leaman.

Fourth Ward. Select Council—Eli Shterzer. Common Council—Charles G. Rhoads, R. E. Bruce, Jacob Norbeck, George Wolf, William Wisner, H. W. Harberger. Assessor—Frank Brinkman. Constable—James Corley. Judge—James A. McElhone. Inspectors—Emmanuel Wilhelm, Charles C. Biggs. City Executive Committee—George W. Harris.

Fifth Ward. Common Council—Abraham Erisman, George Hacker. Assessor—A. Brosey. Constable—James Kautz. Judge—William Veisser. Inspector—O. B. Shterzer, Harry L. Simons. City Executive Committee—William B. Strine.

Sixth Ward. Select Council—George W. Zecher. Common Council—Dr. John Leverage, H. B. Springer, J. Henry Widmyer, William Johnson. Assessor—Jacob Herzog. Constable—Geo. Lentz, Martin Daily. Judge—Byron J. Brown, John M. McCully. Inspector—Henry Leonard. City Executive Committee—Charles Green.

Seventh Ward. Common Council—Henry Yackly, Geo. M. Berger, Henry Smecher, Wm. Huber. Assessor—Jas. E. Gann. Constable—John Merringer. Judge—Henry T. Yackly. Inspector—Wm. McLaughlin. City Executive Committee—William McLaughlin.

Eighth Ward. Select Council—Fred. Judith, Jacob Adams, Henry E. Decker. Common Council—Benjamin Phillips, Joseph A. Albert, J. J. Hartley, A. J. Snyder, Louis Dickel, Edward Kreckel, Benj. Huber. Assessor—C. A. Oblander. Constable—John Harman, Geo. Shay. Judge—Peter Diehl, Jacob F. Kautz. Inspector—John St. Clair. City Executive Committee—Peter Rohrich, Frank Myers.

Ninth Ward. Common Council—J. H. Ostermyer, Elam G. Snyder, Philip Zecher, Uriah Bitzer. Alderman—H. A. Miley, Wm. V. Conner, David Zecher. Assessor—Peter Lutz, Frederick Nixdorf. Constable—Adam Ditlow. Judge—John N. Nixdorf. Inspector—Chas. F. Smith. City Executive Committee—Jacob Metzger.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. Events Across the County Line. An unfortunate boy named Shindler, residing at Highspire, had his right foot smashed while attempting to board a freight train at that place about half-past five o'clock last evening.

This is Harrisburg's local sensation: 'Ripping up rails, war among furnace men and railroads, an exciting scene at Canal and North streets last evening, symptoms of a riot, the war cloud dispersed, the forces retire in good order, nobody hurt, &c.'

Yesterday afternoon Modoc engine No. 361 passed up the Pennsylvania railroad track with 175 cars attached, 80 of which were loaded. The engine tugged this train from Red Hill, below Middletown, from which point it was necessary to haul it, on account of a freight wreck occurred there.

The state board of agriculture met in Harrisburg yesterday, H. M. Engle representing Lancaster county. Dr. J. P. Wickersham was elected one of the vice presidents and H. M. Engle a member of the executive committee. The board resolved that until millers are willing to give quality a greater preference in price, our farmers are justified in raising such kinds of wheat as their experience demonstrates will yield the greatest number of bushels.

JUDGE PATTERSON.

The Drift of Public Opinion—Expressed by the Press.

The Office and its Incumbent. Carlisle Herald. Judge Patterson is said, in the Press of Jan. 23d, to have remarked to these gentlemen, that 'they surely would not want to practice before a court for which they had no respect.'

If Judge Patterson said this, he should simply be ashamed of himself. Can he not distinguish between the court and the person who may happen more or less worthily to occupy it? Does he not know that the greatest respect for an office, as an organ of the state, is compatible with an extreme and most just contempt for the man who, for the time being, sits in it? He should know that the only public station, in the kingdom whence we have derived our laws, whose incumbents can not be fairly accused of improper conduct, is the august throne. 'The king can do no wrong,' but kings' justices and ministers, lords and commons, all can do wrong, and can be punished for it. Let Judge Patterson beware of striving to set up in this country the doctrine of the sanctity of the incumbent of the office of which he happens to enjoy the honors and the emoluments. If he has been guilty of a malversation, he should not be permitted to screen his official sin, under the palladium of the office which his sin and not the exposure of it tends to discredit.

It is too late in the century to suggest in America that any of the officers of the commonwealth shall be exempt from criticism. The highest executive officer in the country or nation is not exempt from judgment in perplexing and delicate situations. Has any American argued that it should be a penal offense to criticize the mode of his discharge of duties, lest the office should be brought into contempt, or the incumbent should be swayed from the independent exercise of his discretion? Yet how much waver are the interests affected by his determinations that court which usually come before a county court? The functions of a legislator desiderate the nicely poised judgment, and the largest courage. Within the scope of his duties are brought subjects of almost measureless moment to the commonwealth or nation. And who has been bold enough to suggest penalties for the free expression of opinion in criticism of such a functionary? Such a discharge of them, by those who undertake the task of instructing and informing the public judgment? Is the work of the judge more arduous? Is he made of less firm and honest timber, that his integrity is more likely to be straggled by such a criticism? Is the decision of a private cause, directly affecting the litigant parties, more important than the executive and legislative decision of questions which affect whole populations?

But the aggression in the case of Messrs. Steinman and Hensel is, that for a sentiment expressed in a paper, of which they are editors, the judge, who believes himself insulted, undertakes, without a jury, to punish with a fine, whose magnitude is in his own discretion, and with a deprivation of rights to practice their profession, an offense directed against himself. He will make himself judge in his own cause. He will visit penalties of immeasurable gravity at the instigation of his own prejudice and iniquity. Such an arbitrary and tyrannous affront should be hushed down by the whole state. If we are to preserve our liberties, there is no room for such a judge upon any of the benches of the commonwealth. He brings with him the autocrat of a world, and now two centuries dead and reprobated.

If a word, written by an attorney out of court, may be pursued with judicial vengeance, why may not spoken words also? What will prevent the institution of a base system of espionage, by which whispers in the offices of attorneys may be carried to the purview ear of the judge, and then punished as he may think the enormity of the disapprobation of his acts, expressed in speech, more or less clear and strong, may merit? But upon such an outrageous doctrine!

Until we devise a way of getting judges who cannot do wrong, who are above selfish aims, who do not feel disposed to reward friends and punish enemies, who cannot be swayed from steady impartiality between friend and foe, by the prompters and opposers of their nomination or election, it is the right and the duty of every good citizen to be ready to criticize them, on proper occasion, and to see to it that no oppressive intimidation shall not be put into their hands by winking in a solitary case at the arrogant assumption of a right to punish with fine and imprisonment, an attorney who is outraged and disgraced by an unwelcome conviction, but the conviction of a large portion of the community. The people are masters. Governors, senators, judges, are but servants, whose proper discharge of momentous functions can be guaranteed only by such freedom of animadversion and discussion. We hope Messrs. Steinman and Hensel will stand firm against the pitiful and unblushing tyranny of Judge Patterson.

Clearfield Quaker. It is evident, from what has transpired at Lancaster during the past week, that judges are no better than other people. The editor of the Philadelphia Record, in alluding to the conduct of Judge Patterson, gives our views better than we can do it. Hear him.

He won't Condone It. Chester County Democrat. The Lancaster county bench, has committed a blunder that will not soon be forgotten or forgiven by sensible people in his district. The district attorney was accused, and doubtless properly, of procuring the discharge by a writ of freedom of an annidvertiser, and discussion. We hope Messrs. Steinman and Hensel will stand firm against the pitiful and unblushing tyranny of Judge Patterson.

Playing with Fire. Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald. No matter what may come of the controversy between Judge Patterson, of Lancaster, and the editors of the Lancaster Intelligencer, Judge Patterson has shown himself unfit to be on the bench. His retaliatory measures are proof that he has been hit in a vulnerable part. Of course he cannot strike the editors of the INTELLIGENCER from the roll of attorneys; the law does not act to forfeit their standing as officers of the court, and little law as Judge Patterson appears to know, he must know that such.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

A number of slight shocks of earthquake were felt in the Yucita Abajo district of Cuba on Tuesday.

Henry Hays, a coal digger, shot and killed Wm. McDaniel, yesterday, at Carrollton, O., in a row about a woman. Hays was arrested.

Jacob Mills, colored, yesterday, at Wilmington, Del., fell from his cart, laden with bricks, and the wheels passed over his chest, causing his death in an hour afterward.

Five new lamps have been erected on the way from Mr. Edison's laboratory to the depot at Menlo Park, the wires connecting with which are laid in the ground, incased in boxes.

William Crum, aged 21, was hauling a mine cart, and was killed by a runaway horse near Youngstown, Ohio, when it fell from its feet by the rough roads, and it fell, striking him and killing him.

Foreign budget: In Berlin, a leading journal admits that the proposed increase in the army results from distrust of Russia. The weights and measures, and military horses will have to carry at the Epsom spring meetings is announced. A French steamer has arrived at Havre with the carcasses of 10,000 sheep preserved by a new process.

William Harris, colored, living near Middletown, was killed with a brickbat, and she gave birth to a child about a week ago which was followed by puerperal fever and she became delirious and attempted to get out of bed, to which Harris remonstrated under threats, and in the next act she jumped from the bed, plunging into her head and body three times, causing death almost instantly.

On the 15th inst., five persons, convicted by court martial of incendiarism and robbery, were shot at Santiago de Cuba, in accordance with the decree of Dec. 21, 1878, which provides that all persons guilty to death. Efforts were made to obtain a pardon for the culprits, but it was considered necessary to fulfill the sentence, as too many had already been pardoned for similar crimes, without any impression having been made upon the offenders.

A Lucky Lot.

Philadelphia Times. The Republicans of Lancaster county are a lucky lot. If the rules of the party had been carried out they would have been put to the trouble of voting on the election of delegates to the state convention, but the county committee, how much trouble that actually is, did away with all of it and named the delegates itself. Of course no member of the party will be envious enough to ask why the rules were not carried out.

An Ungallant Act.

Philadelphia Record. The Lancaster Examiner has been guilty of an ungallant act. In its Sunday edition the names of forty-eight ladies of that city, whose ages range from 80 to 93 years, were printed among the names of six whose names begin with 'Miss.'