

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 27, 1880.

These "Good Fellows."

In the current number of his Progress, in commending the present efficiency of the postal service, Col. John W. Forney says: "You can overlook Gen. Brady's scandalous favoritism in the star system when you remember the promptness and security so characteristic of the American mail."

There is much of the current popular idea in this expression, though a more perfect non sequitur or a more illogical sentiment can hardly be imagined. It is the expression of a creed that has not only wrecked Forney but many like him as public men, and it has bred every manner of political demoralization.

In Washington, in Harrisburg, in New York and Philadelphia, in every capital in the country and in all the great centres of political influence this type of men have been holding sway for many years. They spend the public money like lords, they lavish favors thoughtfully which they are able to command by the abuse of their opportunities; they steal like freebooters, and with the generosity of the brigand scatter their ill-gotten gains among their beneficiaries.

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It is a most ridiculous and illogical position assumed by a grand jury and district attorney in New York that bigamy is not a punishable crime in that state, when the celebration of the bigamous marriage had taken place in a foreign state; and that a New York man, having a wife, may go to Canada, Mexico, England, Germany and as many other countries as he pleases, marry women in each one of them, bring them all to New York and live with them in open violation of all the laws of morality and not be amenable to the criminal law. Bigamy is a continuing crime and the bigamous relation is the punishable offense, to be answered for wherever the parties continue in it.

CHAIRMAN MILLER calls the Democratic state committee together at Pittsburgh, on March 18th. We have no objection to the time, for, as we have said, a little while earlier or later for the meeting of the convention makes no difference. But we do seriously object to the place, because it is important that when the committee meets the members should be present, and most of them cannot go to Pittsburgh without a degree of inconvenience which it is not right to subject them to, and which will keep many of them away.

PERSONAL.

Prince JEROME NAPOLEON has congratulated M. Roule on a recent free-trade speech in the Chamber of Deputies, and M. Roule replied that the prince's approval was very precious to him.

The late John Rice, of Philadelphia, after his business embarrassments, became unable to pay the premiums on his life insurance policies. Mr. J. B. LIPPINCOTT, without having a dollar of interest in the matter, promptly paid the annual amounts, and through his kindness Mr. Rice's family will have fifty thousand dollars.

At a special meeting of the American society of civil engineers, held last night at the Union League theatre, New York, Count DE LESSERS spoke to a large audience of practical engineers and prominent citizens about the Panama canal. He afterward answered many questions that were asked by members of the society. A reception followed in the parlour of the Union League club.

General GRANT left Cuba February 13 and reached Mexico on the 18th. There were frequent stoppages en route, during one of which General Sheridan and Clarence Dinsmore tried to catch a few sharks, but only succeeded in sacrificing a vast amount of bacon. At one place, a lively anti-eater was brought on board, and much interest was excited by a sight of the live bugs which ladies have lately been wearing as ornaments. The reception in Mexico was formal but hearty.

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A FAMILY OF BUZZARDS IN JAIL.

An Eagle Scree Among the inmates of Lancaster Jail, near the water, and just beyond it is the almshouse. The prison's gray stone tower reminds one somewhat of the Berks county prison, but in many respects it has a different appearance.

The outer gate is a huge grate of iron extending clear across the range, wide enough to drive a wagon through, while plainly visible to the outer world are the register, with a desk and prison vestibule, and the doors opening into various departments. When admitted, the visitor, at the right, by the door of the office, turns to the left, and after passing through a rather confusing array of doors finds himself in the long corridor, with a double row of cells each side an iron gallery along the doors of the upper row.

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STUDY OF THE STARS.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God, and the Firmament Showeth His Handiwork." Dr. Warren's Lecture on Astronomy.

A large audience, representing in great measure the best culture of the city, assembled at Fulton opera house last evening to listen to the lecture on "Recreations in Astronomy" by Rev. H. W. Warren, D. D., of Philadelphia, who occupies a leading position as a practical inquirer into and an eloquent and effective lecturer upon the subject to which a large portion of his best years has been devoted.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Hebrew Ball Last Night. As stated in our issue of last evening, yesterday was observed among Hebrews the world over as the feast of Purim, commemorative of the deliverance of Israel from the destruction decreed against that people by Ahasuerus, king of Persia.

Disasters Fires. The residence of Mr. J. Hartshorn Hyde, the handsome villa in Egypt, N. J., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, Loss \$20,000.

Losses by the Pearl street fire, New York, were reported yesterday as follows: Augustus Caplan, and three children, damage to stock, \$20,000; Sigmund Cohen, \$3,000; N. Con, picture frames, \$2,000 and to the building \$3,500. All covered by insurance.

While one of the employees of the Madison Square theatre, New York, was lighting the gas jets at the front of the stage before the theatre was thrown open to the public last evening, he set fire to two curtains, and they were completely destroyed. The loss will be about \$3,000. The performance was carried on without curtains.

Great excitement was caused on Elizabeth street, New York yesterday, by a fire, which destroyed the foundry building at Nos. 87 and 89 and threatened to extend to the surrounding tenements. A hundred or more human beings in the tenements were rescued and there were no fatalities. The building was the property of William A. Boit, and was leased by Johnson Brothers. The loss on the building is \$6,000, which is fully covered by insurance, and Johnson Brothers' loss on machinery is not at \$13,000, which is partly insured. The other losses to the occupants of the building aggregate \$85,000.

Hanging Her Infant Brother. Bridget McGee, the eight-year-old daughter of a coal miner in Bear Gap, near Pottsville, Pa., enticed her infant brother into an outbuilding last Monday, and, under the pretence that she was about to give him a swing, fastened around his neck a noose depending from a rude gallows that she had constructed there, and pulled him up several inches from the

floor. She copied the noose and manner of its arrangement from descriptions of similar apparatus that she had read. The little child's screams brought his mother to his rescue. When he was taken down his face was black and his eyes and tongue protruded. It was several days before his recovery was effected. Bridget McGee threatened her father when he attempted to chastise her. "You foul fool," she said, "I will kill you if you touch me."

She quitted her home and remained away two days. In the village school she was at the head of her class, among children much older than herself. A passion for sensational story reading is said to have brought about the attempt on her brother's life.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

January Adjournd Term. Thursday Afternoon.—Comth vs. James Fite, assault and battery. The defendant lives on the farm of Thomas J. Bailey, in Sadsbury township, which he farms on the thirds, Mr. Bailey owning the greater portion of the stock. On the 21st of last December Bailey, as he alleged, went to the barn occupied by Fite; he walked into the entry and was about throwing a bundle of corn fodder into the cattle, when defendant seized him rudely and struck him several times; Bailey then drew an old pistol, which frightened the defendant, off, he threatening to shoot if he was hit again.

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SOME EXTENSIVE HOOTING BY THE HOG KING.

A Movement to Smash the Machine.—Local Republican leaders aiming to undo the Harrisburg Work.—Who is to Eat Crow?

Within the present week, at Washington, Senator J. Donald Cameron warningly said to a number of visiting newspaper editors of this state, whom he encountered on Pennsylvania avenue, and all of whom had, in the journals they control, vigorously opposed the third-term conspiracy: "You have been preparing a nice feast of crow for yourselves. After the 12th of June you shall eat it!" There was in this speech the fine imperial insolence of a man who either wields unlimited authority or who believes he does. It is yet to be seen who is to "eat crow" and news has just reached the Cameron folks in this city of a very general movement set on foot throughout Lancaster county to force the feast of crow down the throats of the Cameron clan, here at least.

For a few weeks the *Not Era* has been busy endeavoring to show that the recent action of the Republican county committee, in selecting the delegates to the state convention and thereby controlling the choice of national delegates, is a violation of the precedents and entitled to no respect. Last evening it had another article on the same subject, declaring Esbleman's committee "usurpers," and concluding with this threat: "But the Republicans of Lancaster county are aroused to an intensity of feeling greater than was manifested in any of the 'precedents' we have quoted against the usurpation of which he has made the obedient instrument, and before the June roses bloom he and those who still cling to his waning fortunes will be buried so deep beneath popular indignation as to be forever beyond political resurrection."

These editorials have been only ploughing and harrowing the ground for the seed time, which has now come, and during the past three days the anti-Cameron wing of the party in this county, composed largely of the so-called "Hog Ring," have been busy working at a project which has for its purpose an election of two delegates to Chicago by popular vote, and their instruction against Grant and for Blaine. It is proposed by getting up a monster protest, signed by ten thousand Republican voters, and possibly by a mass meeting, to arouse such a storm that the Hog Ring will either be driven from their position, or that the anti-Cameron delegates will go to Chicago with a backing that will command their admission to the national convention instead of Kauffman and Seltzer.

In the furtherance of this purpose the anti-Cameron politicians in every school district of Lancaster County have been instructed to secure signers to a protest of which copies have been provided them and which reads as follows: "To the Members of the Republican County Committee of Lancaster County, Pa. We, the undersigned, Republicans of Lancaster county, hereby record their protest against the action of a majority of your body in selecting delegates to the late state convention, that privilege being clearly and exclusively reserved to the people, acting in their primary capacity, guaranteed both by the letter and spirit of the rules of our party, as conclusively settled by the contest and precedents of 1868 and 1872."

We protest against the arbitrary action of the late Republican state convention, in selecting delegates to represent this congressional district in the national convention to be held at Chicago, on the 21st of June next, under our rules as interpreted by the precedents of 1868 and 1872, and the decision of the national convention of 1876 against the "Unit" rule, and the terms of the call itself—recognizing only representation by districts—we claim and shall insist upon our right to elect delegates to said convention, and to express our preferences for the candidates for whom they shall vote.

As it is understood that the chairman does not intend to call your committee together in time to arrange for the usual ordinary meeting, we, the undersigned delegates, we hereby instruct you, or as many of you as are willing to fairly represent a majority of your constituents, to issue the call for the annual primary meeting to be held under the rules, on Saturday, the 22nd of May, 1880, for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention and nominating candidates for the several legislative and county offices to be voted for at the general election in November.

Accompanying nearly a thousand of these blanks, sent out to "workers," was a letter of instructions urging: "The importance of organizing your township or district, by getting a committee of at least one reliable person to make a thorough canvass of each school district, calling upon every Republican voter and, if possible, obtain his signature, and, whenever practicable, have him write his name legibly in ink." The canvass is to be completed in a week or ten days when "it is probable that arrangements will be made for a county mass meeting in this city, to give further expression to the views of Republican voters; and it is submitted as a matter for the judgment of our friends in the country whether district meetings, when practicable, might not be advisable."

Our informant reports that in his district, one of the most populous and most largely Republican in the county, the anti-Cameron politicians are hard at work and meet with great success. They expect to get in all 10,000 signers, a clear majority of the Republican vote, including nearly two-thirds of the Republican county committee; and they declare that if the county committee is not duly called together, in case it fails to provide for the election of national delegates at the usual time for the primaries, they will go on, issue a call hold the primary and elect delegates to Chicago. They say that "Esbleman's gang have now only one alternative; either to back down and provide for a popular election of delegates or submit to a unanimous defeat at the primaries." They say "if Esbleman and his committee order a new election of delegates they surrender without a shot and will get no further; if they stand by the work at Harrisburg they will be cut to pieces by the onset of the people; and in either case Don Cameron's cause will go down in Lancaster county."