

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1880.

An Alert Officer.

The city solicitor effectually relieves himself from all reproach because of the continued violation by the Pennsylvania railroad company of the city ordinance forbidding the crossing of the streets by trains running at a greater speed than five miles an hour, under penalty of \$10 for each offence.

A short while ago somebody started out to inflict the penalties of this daily violated railroad ordinance, and for a series of weeks a large number of complaints were made, upon which the city solicitor brought suits that awaited the slow action of the courts for their determination.

The railroad company will interpose every obstacle to postpone a decision for years; then, if it is rendered against it, its officers will be ready to compromise and to give the city its long-delayed watchmen at the crossings. Evidently what has been done has not been sufficient.

The complaints made, we believe, were by volunteer detectives, who expect to receive their compensation from the half of the penalty that the ordinance awards them. This ordinance can only be made efficient by a suit entered for every infraction of it; and councils should instruct the mayor to cause such complaints to be made in every instance, or they should repeal or amend the law.

The Austrian Diet has just done what could not be done, probably, by any other legislative body in Europe, viz., voted \$75,000 to pay the expenses of the visit of the empress to Ireland, whither she went chiefly to enjoy the exciting pleasure of fox hunting.

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plenty of money and political aspirations but certainly without any good newspaper ideas, is its owner. Thus far he has failed to find a satisfactory editor for it. Mr. McPherson succeeded Mr. E. H. Nevin, and, however accomplished a clerk and statistician he is, he has developed no aptness for the charge of a metropolitan journal nor the sharp competition of editorial wit.

The largest amount of life insurance ever effected on the life of any one man was on the late Marquis de ANGLETER, who was insured in various companies to the amount of \$3,750,000.

A Spanish decree has been published fixing the force of the army for the year 1880-'81 at 90,000 men for Spain, 39,000 for Cuba, 10,000 for the Philippine islands, and 3,395 for Porto Rico.

In the City of Mexico, President Diaz gave a banquet in honor of General Grant in the national palace. All the members of the cabinet and diplomatic corps, with many other persons, were present.

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persons. Pinchback was nominated, not so much to perform the duties of a naval officer at New Orleans as to set up a few pins in a party convention at Chicago in the interest of an administration candidate for the presidency, and from this glaring violation of his own civil service pretences the presidential ability and great activity in the compilation and distribution of political documents.

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for Blaine are alike indignant at the choice. Those who are opposed to Mr. McPherson's appointment have protested against this action of the executive committee, but Chairman Hubbell says the appointment will have to stand. The position which he occupies during the progress of a presidential campaign, peculiar ability and great activity in the compilation and distribution of political documents.

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MEETING OF COUNCILS.

The Tax Levy—Message From the Mayor—Estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the Past Year—Reports of Committees, &c., &c.

A stated meeting of select and common councils was held in their respective chambers last evening.

The following members were present: Messrs. Boring, Doerr, Eberly, Evans, Sales, Shenk, Zecher and Franklin, present.

The monthly report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes was read, from which it appeared that the receipts for the past month were \$3,397.36; the payments, \$1,968.48, and the balance in the treasury on the first of March, \$10,298.50.

The monthly report of the finance committee was read. It showed that during the past month the committee had approved bills amounting to \$1,468.33.

The annual report of the superintendent of water works was presented and a portion of it read, after which it was laid on the table.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, presented a resolution laying a tax for the ensuing fiscal year of 7 mills on the dollar, on all real and personal property liable to taxation for city purposes—5 mills thereof to pay interest and principal on city loans and 2 mills for other purposes.

Mr. Boring moved to amend, by making the tax rate 6 mills on the dollar, instead of 7. He said he made the motion out of deference to the wish of taxpayers who insisted on lower taxes.

There were present the following named members when President Skiles rapped to order: Messrs. Barr, Boos, Boring, Burkholder, Davis, Hartley, Hayes, Kahl, Leibley, Metzger, Morrow, Rapp, Rathfon, Reist, Schroyer, Snyder, Sprecher, Stormfeltz, Yackly, Zahn, Skiles, president.

The only business introduced was a petition by Mr. Hayes of the Fourth ward asking for the grading of Andrew street from Strawberry to South Queen, which was referred to the street committee, select council concurring.

After acting on the various matters from the select branch as reported above, common council adjourned.

STATE AND COUNTY. What Lancaster Contains Pay in Draw Out of the State Treasury and Other Matters of Interest.

The following items, taken from Auditor General Shell's last report, for 1879, exhibit the payments into the state treasury from Lancaster county interests, and the drafts upon it in favor of local institutions or individuals.

Bridgeport and Horse Shoe Turnpike... \$ 42 50
Columbia and York Railroad... 29 83
Columbia Water Company... 150 00
Chickley Iron Works... 100 00
Columbia Gas Co... 100 00
Conestoga and Big Spring Turnpike... 62 57
Chestnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike... 62 00
Chestnut Hill Iron and Coal Co... 18 00
Harrisburg, Portsmouth, Mt. Joy and Lancaster Railroad... 4,128 93
Inland Insurance and Deposit Co... 18 55
Lancaster and York Turnpike... 34 64
" " Fruitville... 10 50
" " Squehanna... 10 50
" " Williamsstown... 125 00
Elizabethtown and Middleburg Turnpike... 120 20
" " Gas Light and Fuel Co... 210 00
" " Fire Insurance Co... 80 00
" " Bolt Co... 54 00
Marietta Market Co... 30 50
Marietta and York Turnpike... 37 50
Marietta and York Turnpike... 102 65
Manor Turnpike... 129 81
Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike... 25 70
Reading and Columbia R. R... 1,162 79
W. H. Straub Turnpike... 112 50

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