

Lancaster Intelligencer. FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 5, 1880.

An Unfair Apportionment.

The returns of the last city election will suffice to inform any intelligent and fair-minded person of the inequalities of our existing system of representation for the several wards in common council.

In the first place all the wards are too large and populous now for single voting districts and should be divided into precincts. An average of six hundred votes to each election district is entirely too high, and every ward could easily suffer division into two and some of them into three districts.

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He Would Do.

The New York Sun, which is on the anxious bench on the question of the best man for the Democratic presidential nomination, throws open its columns to the suggestion of its correspondents.

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MINOR TOPICS.

STRAIGHT where she strayed, with stride he strode. Sad sighed he on the soil and said, "Say, see I sign and see you so—she had no more to do with me—Mau's mood the mood of mead made mad—No answer kern she now but 'No'."

In Maine the Wherry investigation called for by Wallace R. White, little Mr. Hale's young man, is going on with a fair prospect that he will get more of it than he wants. The Fusionist members, who were paid a thousand dollars each to desert from their party, stick to their story and bring corroborative evidence besides holding the money subject to Mr. White's order as soon as he confesses that it is his.

What does the INTELLIGENCER think of this? In Juniata county the Democrats thought they should have a voice in the choice of Democratic state convention, but the county committee voted 22 to 7 that they were content to manage the affairs of the county themselves and so they chose John D. Milliken as representative delegate, and endorsed William McConnell as senatorial delegate.

The Duke of Argyll was pleased to hear of robins in the midst of the gardens and villas of towns and cities, and in every little clearing of forest on the outskirts of human habitation. But he felt, in journeying through America, one great want which nothing can replace. The meadows of North America were to his eye thoroughly English in appearance, the same rich luxuriant grass—the same character of wild flowers—and even the same weeds. The skies of America are higher and wider and more full of sunshine. But there is no skylark to enjoy that "glorious privacy of light." "The sweetest singer in the Heavenly Father's choir" is wanting in the new world.

Seeing Her Dying Son Brought Home, a Mother Drops Dead. One of the most distressing accidents that was ever recorded for Pittsburg occurred last night, when a saloon, the settlement of Joseph P. Schooley, a prominent citizen, was shot through the body at the hands of an assassin, who is being diligently searched for. This tragic affair took place in the outskirts of the borough, at a place where there is law and order are little observed, and the victim wandered into the locality at such a time cannot be ascertained.

Count BALZARINO LITTA, first secretary of the Italian legation at Washington has died at St. Vincent's hospital, of exhaustion, the result of a terrible disease under which he had long suffered—cancer of the neck. He was but fifty-five years of age, and had been four years in this country.

DAN REICE the showman did not abandon his temperance professions without an effort. Shortly after his conversion at one of Mr. Moore's meetings in St. Louis he started on a lecturing tour through northern Missouri, but as he was greeted with a beggarly account of empty boxes he gave it up in disgust and is now back in St. Louis making up for lost time.

MR. JAMES BLACK, chairman of the "National Committee Prohibition Reform party," and Mr. John Russell, secretary of the same, have issued a formal call for the national convention of that party to meet at Cleveland on Thursday, the 17th of June, to nominate candidates for president and vice president. The Philadelphia Times says: "There is no restriction in regard to sex or race in the selection of Prohibition representatives. Mr. Black is a highly-respected citizen of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He has made several campaigns as the presidential candidate of his party, without getting his name into the electoral college; but he evidently belongs to that limited school of politicians that 'would rather be right than be president,' and he is undismayed by defeat."

BLAINE is reported to have made over a quarter of a million recently in the Leadville mines. He is largely interested in two of the leading mines, having gone in on "the ground floor" in both. He was associated with Senator Plumb and ex-Delegate S. B. Elkins in stocking the Army mine, and is said to have trebled an investment of \$70,000 in that operation. He was engaged with Hon. John B. Alley, Hon. A. H. Rice, and others in stocking the Dunkin mine, and that, too, has been a very profitable operation. Next to Mr. Blaine, the man who is said to have made the most money is his cousin, TOM EWING, of Ohio, who devotes all his time to his stocks, and is seldom seen in the House. He was a pauper last year, when he was declining in favor of the repeal of the resumption act, and now he is worth over \$200,000.

After reading Judge BLACK's anti third term paper, the Memphis Appeal is moved to say: "We thank God as devoutly for Judge Black as the church does for the saints. He is a great Democratic bulwark. His life is an example of sterling independence, of the highest integrity, and of unyielding devotion to principle. Occupying a position in his profession, which compels a constant and engrossing labor, there has never arisen a crisis in the affairs of his country or the Democratic party when his services have not been freely offered and his great abilities been exerted for the greatest good of the greatest number. No man living yields so trenchant or so powerful a pen. He wastes no words. His sentences are compact and full of meaning. He goes straight to his subject. He neither turns nor veers. He believes that what is worth doing is worth doing well."

STATE ITEMS.

Mrs. Susanna Fohl, A. H. Dill's grand-aunt, died lately in Greencastle, aged 97. Michael Maloy, jr., a resident of Upper Darby, and an inmate of the Delaware county workhouse, died on Monday, the 27th, of the cholera, by the steward hanging to the cell door dead.

Yesterday was a legal holiday in New Orleans and the firemen celebrated the 43d anniversary of the department by a grand procession. In Vicksburg a fire destroyed the residences of Joseph Royall, William V. McCoy, and a number of other persons, estimated at \$10,000.

At Newport, N. Y., four notorious safe blowers—Charles Cole, John Doe, Edward Larkin and William Franklin—were caught by a detective and put in Poughkeepsie jail. Bernard Riess, 22 years of age, while returning to his home, at No. 441 William street, Philadelphia, was set upon by two men who rendered him senseless by a blow on the head with a budgeon, and then robbed him of his money, coat and hat. Having accomplished their end, the villains carried their victim to the Philadelphia and Trenton railroad, near by, and left him lying on the rails, in his delirious state. Some time later, a man named John Daily informed the father of the young man of his perilous position and suddenly disappeared. Young Riess was at once conveyed to his home, still insensible, and placed under the care of a physician, but could not give such a description of the men as would lead to their identity or arrest, though Daily is suspected.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

George Moody shot and killed his brother John, at Kingston, Ky., on Wednesday night, when he was indicted and threatened George with a knife when the latter fired on him. The murderer escaped. The Smithsonian institution has received from Professor Forster, of Berlin, the announcement of the discovery by Palmsa of a new planet, which he designated as 11 hours 22 minutes 40 seconds right ascension, 3 degrees 33 minutes north declination, with a daily motion of four minutes north.

The grist and box mill of H. Mackenzie, at Bar Mills, was burned at Port Haven, on Tuesday night, when the loss was estimated at \$10,000. The Maine turning company occupied the second floor and were burned out. The fire also extended to a covered bridge, 250 feet long, which was destroyed. Loss, \$46,000. Uninsured.

In Nashville, Ind., Edw. Clark and Frank Pool were shot in a saloon, but settled it amicably. While Clark was on his way home he heard Frank and John Pool following him, and believing that they meant mischief, he stepped aside, and as they passed shot Frank in the shoulder, and killed him. Clark was arrested. B. C. Brazido Peichaeo and G. Paichaeo Leas, Brazilian students, each 20 years of age, attended college in Bethlehem, their respective families being among the most distinguished in their native land. They were friends until recently, when a difficulty arose, growing out of an alleged rivalry in a love affair. Accordingly they agreed upon a duel with pistols in a room, but the "mutual friend" prevented this item from being bloodier.

Seconds the Motion.

We second the motion made by the Bellefonte Watchman that if all political newspapers were as frank, outspoken and just as the Lancaster INTELLIGENCER it would be better for political morals everywhere.

So It Was a Sell-out, was it?

The confirmation of United States Marshal Kerns by a Democratic Senate, without division or debate, must indicate that the Democrats don't specially object to Kerns' right to remain in office. The officials of a Philadelphia election, or that Marshal Kerns has repented of such abuse of his powers as Senator Wallace's committee developed, and won't do it again. Whatever may be gotten out of the Senate's purpose in confirming Marshal Kerns, the real solution is doubtless in the facts that any other successor would be as rabidly partisan as Kerns has been, and that in playing the game game of the Senate the party block just happened to drop into its proper place as the puzzle was solved. Both Wallace and Cameron are skimming for position in the great battle soon to be fought in Pennsylvania, and the census bureau's purpose in confirming Marshal Kerns, the real solution is doubtless in the facts that any other successor would be as rabidly partisan as Kerns has been, and that in playing the game game of the Senate the party block just happened to drop into its proper place as the puzzle was solved.

A BELLE'S VICISSITUDES.

The Daughter of the "Arkansas Traveler." The once most beautiful woman of Arkansas is now a beggar. She is the daughter of Sandy Faulkner, the original "Traveler." She has been married several times and is now known as Mrs. Trappell. In the old days of Arkansas aristocracy, when the rich planters and men of note gathered at the Ashley mansion, Miss Faulkner was the belle, petted, flattered and admired by every one. Her wardrobe came from Paris and her hair was done by the best of society. She married, but her husband did not prove to be wealthy. From this husband she was divorced. She was still beautiful and, though divorced from her husband, she was still inseparably wedded to society. But the bright star of her life had begun to grow dim. Her father died and left her with comparatively nothing. She claimed that she was financially ruined. She was still beautiful and, though divorced from her husband, she was still inseparably wedded to society. But the bright star of her life had begun to grow dim. Her father died and left her with comparatively nothing. She claimed that she was financially ruined.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

This benevolent institution closed its seventh session last evening. About eight years ago Mr. S. S. Spencer, superintendent of No. 2 and 3 Cotton Mills, concluded to start a night school for a few dozen of his employees. He made preparations by fitting up the old one-story building formerly used as No. 3 mill as an office, and employing a teacher. The firm, John Farnum & Co., hearing of Mr. Spencer's idea, took him at once to make ample room for as many of the employees as he could possibly accommodate. He immediately prepared the room spoken of, and employed ample talent to take charge of the institution. After the first session Mr. Spencer concluded to raise the No. 3 office to two stories in height. After doing that he had seating capacity for 100 students. The study room is a large, commodious room, well lighted by gas and heated by steam. The lower part of the building is occupied as two class rooms. The attendance and recitations of school have been very satisfactory for the last few years.

At the early part of the present session Mr. Spencer announced that there would be no less than \$50 awarded in prizes during the session; that the boys having the best general per cent. of attendance, conduct and recitations would be awarded prizes according to their percentage. According to Mr. Spencer's promise the boys belonging to the school assembled last night to hear the reports of the school read, each hoping to win a prize. At about 7:30 p. m., Mr. Spencer, superintendent of the school, accompanied by Rev. Dr. E. Greenwald, A. J. Dunlap, principal, and Geo. A. Lane, esp., and Prof. Geo. A. Glover, assistants, entered the building, which was pretty well crowded, no less than about ninety boys being present. The exercises commenced by the principal reading the report of attendance and per cent. of attendance, conduct and recitation during the term, after which the prizes were awarded in the following manner:

Table with columns: Name, Per Cent., Prize. Lists names like Geo. Gruber, Andrew Kautz, Geo. Drande, etc.

The watches were bought at Aug. Rhoads's jewelry store, and are of good workmanship and guaranteed accurate time keepers. At the conclusion of the prize-distribution Rev. Dr. Greenwald delivered an address to the boys, the following being the substance of it: "I was requested to be here to-night to reply to Mr. S. S. Spencer, superintendent, in behalf of the boys connected with this school. I understand the firm of John Farnum & Co. have kept this school in operation for the period of seven years. It is generally stated that corporations have no soul, but this corporation certainly has a very large soul, a large heart, not only in giving its employees employment and paying them wages, but in providing for themselves and families, but by affording them advantages for a good education. In order to do this they have created a school, furnished it with desks, have provided two recitation rooms, have paid for all the books and necessary paraphernalia, employed teachers and paid their salaries. In addition to all this we have met here to-night to distribute valuable and costly prizes. I am here to express, not only my own gratitude but to express the thanks of the boys. All that feel grateful and thankful for the advantages offered by this generous firm, I request to hold up their right hands."

There was a full response, every hand being lifted. He took occasion to give earnest words of advice to the boys, and spoke to them of the following points: Improve your souls, a large heart, not only in giving its employees employment and paying them wages, but in providing for themselves and families, but by affording them advantages for a good education. In order to do this they have created a school, furnished it with desks, have provided two recitation rooms, have paid for all the books and necessary paraphernalia, employed teachers and paid their salaries. In addition to all this we have met here to-night to distribute valuable and costly prizes. I am here to express, not only my own gratitude but to express the thanks of the boys. All that feel grateful and thankful for the advantages offered by this generous firm, I request to hold up their right hands."

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THE COUNTY PRISON.

Taking an Account of Stock—"Things Are Seldom What They Seem." When the old members of the board of prison inspectors retired in January and the new members, Messrs. Horting and Ruter, were sworn in, a large amount of goods, consisting of tobacco, cigars, carpet, carpet-chain, baskets and other prison manufactures, was turned over to them at a certain appraised valuation. When the new inspectors found time to examine the property they found that Little Buttercup told the truth when she said that "all that gitters is not gold," &c. Many of the articles transferred to them were not what they were supposed to be, and others supposed to have been transferred could not be found. They insisted on having an inventory taken and a new appraisement of the goods made. The work was commenced yesterday, the old and new directors, and the old and new clerks being present. The nature and extent of the discrepancies in the old and new appraisements cannot be ascertained until the work shall be completed.

Contract for Trenching.

Last evening the proposals for digging trenches for water-pipes and filling them in after the pipes shall have been laid, were opened at the mayor's office. Those of Madden was awarded the contract for 450 feet on North Prince street at 18 cents per yard for earth and 50 cents for rock. He was also awarded contract for 100 feet of trench on Lafayette street at the same figures. George Smith was awarded the contract for 200 feet of trench on North Queen street near the city limits at 18 cents for earth and 40 for rock.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Reports on School Attendance and New School Building—Revision of the Rules—Teachers' Conferences—Personal Explanation, &c., &c. The board of directors of Lancaster school districts met in common council chamber last evening. The following members were present: Messrs. D. G. Baker, P. D. Baker, Brosius, Cochran, Eberly, Eberman, J. I. Johnston, Levergood, Marshall, McCoskey, McConomy, Horton, Reimensnyder, Rhoads, Richards, Schmitz, Schwebel, Samson, Smeych, Slaymaker, Westhaeffer, Wilson, Christian Zecher, Geo. W. Zecher, Warfel, president.

The reading of the reports of the visiting committees was dispensed with. Following is an abstract of them showing the attendance of pupils at the several schools:

Table with columns: School Name, Number on Roll, Average Attendance. Lists schools like Mr. McCoskey's boys' high school, Mr. Heron's boys' secondary school, etc.

Mr. Evans, from the finance committee, presented the following bills, having been approved by the committee, were ordered to be paid: INTEREST ON BOND for advertising, \$11.25; Henry Smith, kindling wood, \$1; New Era, advertising, \$9.75; Lancaster gas company for Chestnut street schools, \$12.96; A. J. Eyer, brooms, \$2.50.

Mr. Evans also presented a bill from Mrs. Paifer for \$— for overpaid school tax. On motion the amount was ordered to be refunded. Mr. John I. Hartman, of the school property committee, reported adversely on the proposition to erect a fire escape connecting with the second story window of the Prince street secondary school, but recommended instead the remodeling and widening of the stairway, the work to be done during the summer vacation.

Mr. Hartman also reported that the committee had advertised for plans and specifications for the proposed new school building to be erected on the lot at Lane and Lemon streets; but that as architects had objected that the time allowed for the presentation of their plans was too short, the committee had extended the time for receiving them to the 1st of April.

Mr. Samson, of the night school committee, reported that the girls' night school had been closed and that there was only 20 pupils in attendance at the boys' night school, in which two teachers were employed. On motion the committee was directed to close the school forthwith.

Dr. Levergood, from the special committee on rules, reported a series of resolutions for the government of the board and the schools. The only material amendments proposed to the rules now in force are as follows: A member's seat shall not be declared vacant unless he be absent from four consecutive stated meetings. New standing committees to be named the "committee on school buildings and grounds" and "committee on school furniture and apparatus" will replace the present school property committee. The rule requiring the treasurer to deposit the school funds in such place as the finance committee shall direct is to be rescinded. Additional duties are to be imposed on the book committee and the superintending committee, the latter to have power to appoint teachers pro tem.

A new standing committee for the examination of teachers, and a judiciary committee, are recommended. The time of meetings of the board are fixed at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m., from April to September inclusive, and at 7 o'clock p. m. for the balance of the year. Diphtheria is added to the list of contagious diseases provided against by the present rules. The consideration of the report of the committee was laid over until next stated meeting.

Dr. Levergood called the attention of the board to the fact that some of the teachers had closed their schools on Monday, 23d of February, without being authorized to do so. He thought the board ought to take some action in the matter and let the teachers know that they cannot close their schools whenever they choose to do so. Mr. D. G. Baker, from the superintending committee, said that he and one of his colleagues had been called on by teachers who wanted to know whether they should close or open their schools on the 23d (the 23d having fallen on Sunday), and they told the teachers to keep the schools open unless they were otherwise directed.

whom were poor and could not afford to contribute, and if they did not do so they would be looked down on by the other pupils.

Mr. Marshall's motion was agreed to. Mr. Cochran rose to a personal explanation. He read part of a communication from Dr. Wickersham, published in the New Era of February 10, in which Dr. Wickersham denies that Mr. Cochran's account of his interview with Mr. Wickersham's clerk is correctly reported, and charges Mr. Cochran with endeavoring to create an impression that Lancaster school district was being unfairly treated by the department of public instruction. Mr. Cochran declared that the report of his interview with Mr. Wickersham's clerk was substantially correct, and that he had no thought of attempting to create the impression that Lancaster school district was being unfairly treated. Dr. Wickersham had probably been misled by a misstatement of his clerk.

Mr. Slaymaker moved that when the board adjourn it be to meet on Friday evening, April 2, instead of Thursday, April 1. Agreed to. Adjourned.

The following is the grade by classes of the pupils in attendance at the boys' secondary school, North Mulberry street, for the month ending February 29, 1880, the first column of figures indicating progress in the several branches of study, and the second column the conduct of the pupils:

Table with columns: Name, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Conduct. Lists names like Albrecht A. K., Baker W. H., Brady Charles, etc.

Amwake Charles, 26; Metcalf N. N., 29; Ernst Wm., 29; Nauman Chas., 29; Good Geo., 30; Rose Wm., 30; Daniel Harper, 30; Henry H. H., 30; Hartman F. G., 30; Randolph F., 30; Hoover W. J., 30; Maloney James, 30; Lichty G. R., 30; Schmitz J., 30; Lutz Fred., 30; Schmitz Frank, 30; Cocher R. E., 30; Schmitz Wm., 30; Locher W. R., 30; Miller H., 30; Hartman Chas., 30; Zook K., 30; Kirkpatrick Wm., 30; Weidner Wm., 30; Kaufman Edw., 30; Zook K., 30; Longenecker C., 30.

The following is the percentage of pupils in the advanced classes of the colored school, Strawberry street, for the month of February:

Table with columns: Name, Percentage. Lists names like Samuel Hill, Wm. Mellon, Carrie Foreman, etc.

The basement of St. Paul's M. E. church has, under the auspices of the Sunday school, been improved and beautified. The room has been handsomely papered; the partitions between the class rooms have been torn away and replaced by glass windows; a new altar has taken the place of the old one; there has been a portion divided off in the two eastern corners of the room by a railing; one of the corners is to be occupied by the librarian, the other by a female Bible class; the windows have been stained in beautiful colors, the benches taken away and chairs have put in their place; the floor has been carpeted throughout and other improvements made which are of less importance.

The opening services will be held upon next Sunday. The afternoon services will be held especially for the children, upon which occasion there will be addresses delivered by several persons.

We have been shown a sample of a two-acre lot of tobacco grown by John Anderson on Chas. Acheson's farm at Mehanis Grove, in Drumore township, which for size and quality equals anything we have seen this season; the whole crop is very long and landed in the very best manner. It was sold and delivered to L. T. Hensel, Quarryville on Saturday. On the same day Jas. Creswell, delivered the products of two and a-half acres, 5,076 pounds, of almost equal quality; and Squire J. H. Gilbert, one and three-quarter acres, 3,358 pounds, of fine long-stalked goods. These three crops of tobacco will compare with any raised in the county, both in quality and texture.