

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 1880.

The Children's Home.

The agitation of the question of admitting colored children to the "Home" in this city has afforded some local political interests an opportunity for a display of cheap demagogism which thinly veils their real purpose.

When the law was passed providing for the support of the Home so largely by the county it provided also that the managers should receive all the children turned into it from the almshouse or committed to it by township boards.

All this time the management have been fully considering the question of admitting colored children; they have only been duly appreciative of the feelings of some of their most valuable members, who have done most for the Home, and have been content to wait until there was a real necessity to decide the troublesome question.

By its sneer at "the narrow prejudice of one person connected with its management against the color of a black skin," the Examiner intends to hold up to public ridicule that excellent Christian woman, Mrs. S. M. Kramph, whom everybody concedes to be the good genius of the Home, and to whose deep-rooted aversion to the commingling of the two races, much deference has been paid.

Those who know her know that from the outset the Home has been the object of her unselfish devotion, of all her time and anxiety and labor; to it she has given her love, her affection and her money; and it is no wonder that the sensible men and women who have co-operated with her should in some measure share her "prejudices" in all things relating to its management.

We have no doubt that if left to their own good judgment—which they have plenty—the Home trustees and managers will find an easy solution of the present problem, that will do violence to nobody's feelings whose feelings are to be respected, and which will commend itself to the common sense of the whole community.

The Lancaster county delegates to the Philadelphia Convention of the Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania, and claim the vote of the state under the unit rule at Cincinnati with equal certainty.

QUERY—Does \$580.40 worth of auditing "audit"?

Quite Mistaken.

The Harrisburg Patriot declares that the INTELLIGENCER, along with other Democratic papers in Pennsylvania that it mentions, proposes to carry the state this fall "without any assistance from Senator Wallace, and that we are doing our 'level best' to destroy what influence he possesses in the politics of the state.

We are innocent of any such intention. We hope that the Democratic party will have the active assistance of Senator Wallace this fall.

The acts we especially referred to were the confirmation of James N. Kerns, Republican marshal of the Eastern district, and the rejection of Mr. Clark, Democrat, nominated as supervisor in the Columbia district.

We have had no answer from Senator Wallace as to the Clark matter. In the Kerns affair a circular was issued from Washington a week ago, which contained the correspondence of Senator Wallace with the judiciary sub-committee that had Kerns's appointment in charge.

If the Patriot, which speaks especially for Mr. Wallace, will give us the assurance we seek by his authority, and will kindly enable us to comprehend the Democratic wisdom of his conduct in the two matters we have referred to, it will perceive that it will take away from us all excuse for the exhibition of the malvolence towards Senator Wallace which it accuses us of, but which we are sure we do not have.

TO DEMOCRATS.

The Democratic senator from Pennsylvania is always made the target of newspaper abuse just before a Democratic state convention. Falsely and slanders are regularly revolved to weaken his influence with the Democracy whom he serves so faithfully and so ably in the Senate.

PERSONAL.

General GRANT telegraphs that he will be in New Orleans next Wednesday.

Mrs. MAY AGNES FLEMING, a popular story writer, formerly known as "Cousin May Carleton," has died recently in New York.

A complimentary banquet was given yesterday by the medical profession of New Orleans to Dr. SAMUEL D. GROSS, of Philadelphia, at Spanish Fort.

By the will of the late General WILLIAM BADER TIMBBS, of Troy, N. Y., \$10,000 is bequeathed with which to build a soldiers' home in Troy, conditioned upon \$50,000 additional being secured within five years.

Mr. JAMES BUCHANAN wrote in 1844 a characteristic letter, which has just been published. He speaks of "generous character which belongs to the Democracy of the country. If a public servant," he adds, "will be but true to them and their principles, their kindness will supply all his other deficiencies and even magnify into meritorious actions those which are but the simple performance of duty."

Chief Engineer HARMAN NEWELL, U. S. N., died at his residence in the navy yard at Portsmouth, Va., Tuesday night.

of the present Earl of Perth, has not gone back to Scotland, but is engaged in business in New York city. He is not and never was a porter. He feels hurt at the imputation that he had gone to Scotland and left his wife, to whom he is indebted for affectionate care in long sickness. He declares he would not part with her for an earldom.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. HOAR quotes from "The Pirates of Penzance" in his senatorial harangues. Alas, and has it so soon come to these base uses!

In the Kentucky Senate yesterday the famous whipping post bill, which passed the House some time ago, was laid on the table and virtually defeated.

The House of Representatives of Rhode Island yesterday adopted resolutions, 48 to 11, submitting to the electors the proposition of an amendment to the constitution giving women school suffrage.

The New Era understands that Quay "can afford" to make a martyr of himself "in order to save his friends, the roosters and lobbyists, who have been convicted of a grave crime against the state and public policy. He has had his 'reward,' and can afford to hold his senatorial ambition in abeyance."

An old yarn in new shape is going the rounds of the Western press to the effect that a Miss Elizabeth Smith, who died recently in Indiana, aged 94, was once betrothed to James Buchanan and "had fortune favored, would have been the lady of the White House. The wedding clothes were prepared, the day set and preparations made, when by some cause, never revealed, the match was broken by a solemn pledge that neither would ever marry, a pledge that was sacredly kept."

The Pittsburgh Post and the Chambersburg Valley Spirit allege that in some districts certain Democrats have been offered positions under Republican census supervisors, conditioned upon the appointees allowing the Republican census supervisors to dictate their course in the Democratic state convention.

The Philadelphia North American thus dismisses him: "Mr. George Augustus Sala has gone home. He sailed from New York yesterday, carrying with him, as we judge from his published correspondence, many pleasant memories of the excellence and variety of American living. We believe Mr. Sala came over with a political mission. He was going to answer the Southern question, or solve the Indian problem, or something of the kind; but our hotel bill of fare beguiled him and he did eat and was content with his experience. He has not so far cared to extend his investigations. Perhaps it may be admitted, without discourtesy, that in one sense Mr. Sala has been a disappointment. He enjoys the reputation at home of being a brilliant journalist and the prince of correspondents; but a man on the American press who could not do better work of the kind than he has accomplished would not be able to earn his salt. Mr. Sala has simply shown himself to be a kindly gentleman, fond of the good things of life, and, like other Englishmen, disposed to patronize us in a friendly, paternal manner."

STATE ITEMS.

W. C. Meyer's store, in Shippensburg has been plundered of \$1,000 worth of dry goods.

Adam Dotter was instantly killed at Stony creek, while attempting to jump on a coal train. He is from Monroe county.

Mary Keith, aged nearly three years, was fatally burnt yesterday at her home in De Gray Place, Philadelphia. Mary lay full of fire in her kitchen, and Mary Powers fell dead at her washing.

Dr. Cable, a prominent physician of Pittsburgh, administered his ten year old boy a teaspoonful of morphia in mistake for a cramp medicine. The dose will prove fatal.

George Moore, a lad aged thirteen years, attempted to jump from a moving freight train near the German refinery, below East Brady, and was thrown under the wheels. His leg was cut off just below the knee.

Robert Abel, of Titusville, died from the effects of inhaling the fumes of nitric acid. While Robert and William Abel were drawing the acid from a carboxy the carboxy broke, which filled the room full of smoke, both catching the fumes. William will recover.

There are now nine hundred and ninety building and loan associations in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia having the largest number, ninety-nine of them. Each of them has an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, and an average paid up fund of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 each.

The chairman of the Beaver Democratic county committee, Mr. Hirst, has the Pittsburgh Post is informed, called the committee for Saturday next, and announces that he is a candidate for delegate to the state convention. Short notice and looks like a snap.

Captain Anderson, of the Red Star line steamship Switzerland, which arrived at Philadelphia, yesterday, after a voyage of twenty-five days, states that she encountered a succession of heavy westerly gales, during which one man had his leg broken, two children died and several passengers were more or less injured by the shaking up they received. The ship sustained no damage.

The Messrs. Collins—Phillip and Thomas of Philadelphia, the well-known railroad contractors, who entered with so much courage on the building of the Madeira and Mamore railroad, in Brazil, have lost their case in London, the House of Lords having sustained a decision of the court of appeals by which the money which they were to have received for their work is diverted to other persons. The court's ruling stopped the construction, substantially, a year or more ago, and this no doubt ends the undertaking.

Principal Wm. Davis, of the Edinburg school, Charleston, dismissed the pupils the other day because the desks were not dusted and laid all the blame on the janitress, whom he pronounced "one of the most indolent specimens of humanity on the face of the earth."

THE CONGRESSIONAL Muddle.

Exciting Times in the Lower House. The filibustering in the House continued yesterday over the resolution offered by Mr. McLane, to discharge the committee on revision of the laws from further consideration of the Townsend bill, and refer it to the committee of ways and means. As the journal of Monday's proceedings had not been approved, the speaker, instead of ruling himself that the journal of Tuesday's proceedings could not therefore be read, indicated that he believed such to be the proper construction of the law, and left the question to the House. It decided that the journal should not be read. About two hours' time was consumed in discussion of this point. Mr. McLane then rose as a question of privilege, and moved the adoption of his resolution. Another hour was consumed in discussing the question of privilege, and the House finally decided it to be one. Then the filibustering began in earnest. Short speeches were made by Mr. Oscar Turner, who appealed to the House to cease its foolishness. He said that the tariff men were in an evident majority, and when the bill introduced by Mr. Townsend had been reported back to the House it could easily be referred to the committee of ways and means. Mr. Mills spoke for a few moments about the high tariff, which he said was enriching the rich and making poorer the poor.

Judge Kelley of Pennsylvania charged that Mr. Townsend had evaded and violated the rules of the House and the law, in smuggling his little bill to revise the tariff into the bosom of the committee on revision of the laws under a deceptive title.

Mr. Townsend wanted to know whether the member from Pennsylvania intended to insinuate anything. But when the Illinois representative had got thus far he was dragged into his seat, and a bloody scene was thus possibly averted.

At the conclusion of the speech-making, after Mr. Townsend had explained the reasons which induced him to move his resolution, Mr. McLane moved the previous question. Dilatory and filibustering motions followed until nearly 7 p. m., when the House found itself without a quorum. The speaker then called the sergeant-at-arms and his deputies were sent in quest of absent members. The scene enacted while the House was waiting for a quorum was of the most ridiculous and, in some instances, of a disgraceful character. A member of the House appeared as General Bingham, and his excuse was that he had gone home to dine. The House refused to excuse him, and he stood in imminent danger of having the penalty imposed. Mr. Steele, of North Carolina, disdained the dignity of the speaker's call, and "Tam O'Shanter" when arraigned at the bar, amid jeers and cat calls. Mr. Frost, of Missouri, created a sensation by appearing in the custody of the sergeant-at-arms arrayed in full evening dress, he having been engaged in supper party.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE DRAMA.

Lawrence Barrett as Hamlet. The appearance of the eminent actor Lawrence Barrett at Fulton opera house last evening was the occasion for the assembling of a large audience. The somber old tragedy of "Hamlet," with all its harrowing incidents and unattractive situations, the dark and dismal story it enacts of treachery and deceit, adultery and murder, despair and insanity, retains in a remarkable degree its power as a "drawing card," wherever the drama exists as a popular institution. The insight it gives into many of the occult attributes of the human understanding constitutes the key to its enduring favor with play-goers the world over. There can be no real entertainment nor enjoyment in watching the soul-harrowing occurrences that make up this play as they pass one after the other before the vision of the spectator, further than they serve to excite his admiration of the wonderful knowledge of character and the masterful creative genius of the author which are delineated in the actions and words of the people of the mimic world in whom, for the time being, the beholder's intensest interest is enlisted. The text of the piece constitutes an almost complete epitome of the thoughts and feelings that animate the arena of man's innermost being, and the well-spring of all human action is drawn from with lavish freedom in the scintillating utterances of the melancholy Dane. She liked the play, but "there were so many quotations in it," it was a young woman is reported as declaring on witnessing for the first time the production of this work of almost supernatural genius. And there is a whole world of reflection in that remark, which some people would be disposed to regard as artless and more as very stupid. The aphorisms and sophisms that make up the soliloquies and declamations of the mad prince have taken complete possession of the popular mind, impregnated it with its philosophy and cynicism, and there is not a school-boy, nor anyone he never so slightly acquainted in the world of letters, but has a sentence from "Hamlet" at his tongue's end which he is sure to find applicable to some new turn in the kaleidoscope of everyday life. Wherefore it is that this gloomy old play that centuries ago made people's blood run cold, is to-day the strong "attraction" that it is, and its performance even in this alleged age of degeneracy and decay in morality and understanding and classic lore is nightly witnessed by large audiences following with absorbed interest events that are repulsive in their horridness, related in a text as limp as the untroubled waters, whose rhythm falls on the ear like the music of the spheres.

Of last night's performance it can only be said that it approached as near perfection as human art could bring it, so far at least as the central figure was concerned. Mr. Barrett's Hamlet has become a model after which aspiring actors seek to fashion their interpretation of the part. His genius is not seen in the irregular flashes that light up an occasional passage, but shines with a steady glow that illuminates his entire performance with a flame brilliant but of lambent transparency. In facial expression, gesture, tone of voice, word and action, we see the intelligent art of the great actor. His whole manner, betokening intellectual force and a reason unclouded by the madness that was come upon it, conveyed to the spectator with startling vividness the ideal of the melancholy Dane which the most intelligent Shakespearean students and commentators have agreed upon, and there was a harmonious union throughout his entire performance that took away the unpleasant impression of forced art which many actors leave with their audiences during what they evidently are pleased to regard as the most powerful passages. Mr. Barrett finds no occasion to resort to the common deception of so many actors in entrapping their audiences into enthusiastic admiration by violent declamation. He himself most admirably follows the injunction which as the methodical madman he addresses to the players, and in the very whirlwind of his passion has acquired and begotten a temperance wherewith to give it smoothness. Discretion hath been his tutor, and, overstepping not the modesty of nature, he holds the mirror up to nature whose image is reflected with startling vividness. Mr. Barrett's recitation of the famous soliloquy beginning "To be, or not to be, that is the question," was superb, and in the frenzied scene with Ophelia his powers, subjected to the severest test, responded fully to the call made upon them. Mr. Barrett was twice called before the curtain by the plaudits of the audience.

Mr. Barrett's support was of fair average ability, but the distinguished heir of the cast was in no danger of having the honors shared by any other member. Mr. J. R. Grismer, as Laertes, performed his part acceptably, while in the role of Polonius Mr. J. B. Curran did fairly, albeit he failed to develop the full capacity of the role. Miss Ellen Cummins (who, it may be remembered, was the heroine of the Porter tragedy in Texas) played the part of Ophelia in a manner that wrought her audience up to a high degree of sympathy, and Mrs. J. R. Carhart was quite good as the Queen. Of the remainder of the cast it may be said that, while for the most part they were staid, they did not materially detract from the merit of the performance.

A Disastrous Fire. The entire business portion of Samana, San Domingo, was burned on Tuesday, the 9th inst., entailing an estimated loss of \$150,000. The fire covered a space of about six acres. As there was not a dollar of insurance, nearly all the merchants are ruined, and the poor would be on the verge of starvation, were it not that the country around Samana abounds in fruit, upon which all are subsisting. The most disgraceful scenes of pillage followed the fire. The custom house was damaged by the conflagration. The fire is said to have originated in the neglect of a servant to extinguish the kitchen fire before going to bed at night.

A Fatal Accident. While a construction train on the Western North Carolina railroad was proceeding to cut in the road (which had been reeled impassable by slides), having on board a number of convicts, who were to have been put to work to remove the obstructions, one of the flat cars jumped the track, dicking all those on it. Two of the convicts, both colored, and one of the guards, a white man, were drawn under the train and crushed to death. Others of the squad were more or less injured, but the greatest loss was that of an accident near the foot of the Blue Ridge mountains.

Argued in Court. In court Judge Livingston delivered an opinion in the case of Emma L. Smith vs. Anna E. Snyder, rule to show cause why sheriff's sale should not be set aside, discharging the rule.

The license of Henry Brackbill, of Landisville, Manheim township, was transferred to Levi H. Longenecker.

This morning, after hearing the argument in a case in quarter sessions court, court adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

College Closed. Franklin and Marshall college closed this morning, in order to give the students a short Easter vacation. It will re-open on Tuesday next. About half the students are going home.

Filed Affidavits. Dr. Campbell and Doctress Sweeney, of this city, have filed affidavits in the probatory office, stating how long they have been practicing medicine, showing five years medical experience and claiming the privileges of the late law to regulate practitioners.

Charles Wilmer, the negro who was recently arrested on the charge of indecent assault on Mrs. Taylor at the Octoraro parsonage and released on \$1,500 bail, had a hearing yesterday before Squire Baughman at Georgetown. He was fined \$500 charges, and was committed in default of \$3,500 bail. Wilmer is a man of notorious bad repute, a terror to the white women of his neighborhood, and it is a relief to them that he is so securely caged as to protect them at present from any further immediate danger.

George Goodhart and George Carr, of this city, left for Philadelphia this morning, where they will join Cooper & Bailey's circus, with which the former will travel as lithographer and the latter as bill-poster. Goodhart traveled with Van Amburgh's show last season, and both he and Carr have been bill-posters in this city for years.

In the list of officers and employees of Van Amburgh's show, published in the New York Clipper of this week, the name of Thomas Daily, of this city, appears as boss of the bill posters of that show. Mr. Daily traveled with the same show last season.

THE LATE JACOB STAUFFER.

Minute of the Session of Lancaster Presbyterian Church.

A special meeting of the session of Lancaster Presbyterian church was held last evening at the house of Elder A. McKim immediately after the regular weekly lecture. The pastor, Rev. James Y. Mitchell, formally announced the death of Elder Jacob Stauffer, which occurred on Monday evening, March 22, at a quarter past eight o'clock. After remarks by the elders present it was resolved to attend the funeral on the following day in a body, and, on invitation of the family of the deceased, to assist as pall bearers. The following additional minute was ordered to be entered on the records of the session and a copy to be presented to the bereaved family.

The session of Lancaster Presbyterian church, in entering upon its records a minute touching the death of Elder Jacob Stauffer, will not be unmindful of the goodness of our covenant-keeping God, who, though slow to anger and darkened around about His throne, still reth in righteousness, and doeth all things well.

To His praise, and for our comfort in the midst of present sorrowing, we recall the Divine words, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we make mention of the fact that our deceased brother was enabled, for well-nigh half a century, to witness a good profession of his faith in Christ. With the vigor of early manhood he gave his heart to Jesus, and by Divine grace was enabled to continue steadfast even unto the end. From the Presbyterian church of Mount Joy, Lancaster county, which was his spiritual birth-place, and in which he labored as a member, teacher and superintendent in the Sabbath school, for some twenty years, and, as an elder, for eighteen years, he left, on coming to Lancaster, to cast in his lot with us.

In the providence of God, his life was spared, and his connection with our church was unbroken and undisturbed through a score of years, during which he was a sharer in all the efforts of the people, and was enabled to give his counsel, his labors and his gifts to further their interests.

Generously by nature, graciously enlarged in spirit, and cheerfully and liberally did he give to the Lord prospered him.

The Holy Spirit made him a working Christian; so that from the commencement of his Christian life, he was found in the vineyard, laboring not only as an officer in the church, but as a teacher in the Sabbath school, until prevented by impaired health.

As a co-worker with us in our sessional labors, we bear testimony to his genial, warm and cheerful disposition, and the fervor of his piety and his constant desire to promote the interests of this Zion.

We shall miss him greatly; but we shall ever remember him as one who often encouraged but never discouraged us; one whose cheerful and unselfish interest in our meetings and who heartily joined with us in seeking to do the will of Him who has called him hence to receive the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

With such an inheritance, as we are enabled to know the better how to sympathize with the family of the deceased, who mourn the loss of an affectionate father.

His was the center around which children and grandchildren loved to gather. His companionship and counsel were gladly sought. He loved them, but not more than they loved him.

The session of Lancaster church extends its warmest sympathies to the sorrowing family, glad to assure them, however, that they are not as mourners without hope, for their loved and Christian father has gone, as he himself often expressed it, "to one of the many mansions which Christ has prepared for those who love Him."

We mingle no sorrow with your sorrow; but let us also rejoice together; for there is still left to us your father's God—your father's Christ—your father's Comforter—together with the rich promises and the sweet communications, by means of which we may find joy in this world, even as that last be brought together with the world beyond the river, where no night comes, and where sorrowing, sighing, and separation are eternally unknown.

WOODEN BUILDINGS. The limits within which they are prohibited. In quoting the city ordinance, prohibiting the construction of wooden buildings within certain limits, our reporter copied from a volume of the city digest which did not contain an amendment to the ordinance extending said limits. Said amendment prohibits the erection of wooden buildings within the following boundaries: Commencing at the corner of West King and Charlotte streets; thence up Charlotte to Walnut, down Walnut to Mulberry, up Mulberry to James, thence along James street eastward to Duke street, thence along Duke street southward to Lemon street, down Lemon street to Lancaster cemetery, along Lancaster cemetery to New Holland pike and Shippen street, up Shippen to Chestnut, along Chestnut to Plum, up Plum to East King, thence along East King westward to Middle street, down Middle to South Queen, up South Queen to Conestoga, down Conestoga to Filbert alley, along Filbert alley to Poplar street, along Poplar street to Strawberry, up Strawberry to West King street at place of beginning.

A Serton Watched. There is a series of meetings being held in St. Paul's Reformed church of Quarryville during the present week, preparatory to the Easter communion service. Last evening, immediately after service, Mr. Henry H. Aument, the worthy sexton of the church, was made the recipient of a very handsome silver watch as a testimonial of his services, upon the part of the members of the congregation and his friends in the neighborhood. The presentation was made by the Rev. D. B. Shuey, the pastor, in a few well chosen remarks, which were fittingly responded to by Geo. W. Hensel. Mr. Aument was taken completely by surprise which was very much enjoyed by all present.

The watch was an American hunting case. On the inside of the case was beautifully engraved, "H. H. Aument, from St. Paul's Reformed church, 1880."

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