

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 17, 1880.

Clearing the Way.

Mr. Randall's letter in disapprobation of the unit rule will go far toward straightening out things for harmony in the approaching state convention.

PERSONAL.

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The wildest dream never surpassed the romance of the widow of the third Napoleon sailing from England to touch at St. Helena on her way to look upon the spot in Zululand where fell fourth and last Napoleon.

She had a pretty diploma, tied with pink ribbon from one of our best young ladies' colleges.

Judge Logan E. Bleckley, the eccentric Georgian, who resigned his seat on the bench some weeks ago, has built for himself a log cabin and retired from the public gaze.

The Robert Raikes centennial will be celebrated in Great Britain and the United States in June in commemoration of the founding of the Sunday-school system.

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Neighborhood News.

Some farmers have already commenced planting corn. Mrs. Mary A. Woodward, mother of the late Judge Warren J. Woodward, of Reading, died yesterday, at Dundaff, Susquehanna county, aged 82 years.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

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A. J. Leibley vs. Julius Levy. Case stated. The plaintiff in this case is the scaler of weights and measures for Lancaster county. Some time ago he called at the store of Mr. Levy and examined his scales. After so doing he asked for \$1.42 as his fees. This Levy refused to pay and the case went to court to receive the opinion of the judges. The court held that the plaintiff had a right to examine the scales once during his term of office and judgment was entered in his favor for \$1.42, the amount claimed.

OBITUARY.

Death of Philip S. Baker.

Philip S. Baker, who for twenty-five years was constable of the Northeast ward and of the Second ward, which was subsequently carved out of it, and who for several years past has been constable of Lancaster twp., by appointment of the court, died at his residence on West Orange street this morning at 11 o'clock, after a illness of considerable duration.

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