

# LANCASTER DAILY INTELLIGENCER. SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1880.

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We believe that there has been an encampment or review, or something of that kind in the vicinity of Philadelphia, of the so-called National Guard of Pennsylvania, under the command of General Hartman. We believe that it was not a very imposing assemblage in numbers. Some newspaper complaints of Lancaster county that it had but one small company present. We hear the complaint calmly. We are not sure that we do not hear it with satisfaction. On mature consideration we think it likely that we will come to the conclusion that is a high compliment to the good sense of our citizens that they do not care to go a-soldiering in the "National Guard." The state militia of Pennsylvania has never been a very imposing body by whatever name it has been called. National Guard is a more high sounding title than the simple one of militia, which was born by our forefathers when they carried broom-sticks for arms on their annual parade in which they were called out to be counted and when they were supposed to be drilled and instructed in military art. There has always been a great deal of supposition about our state forces. The most elegant scheme or paper never produced the troops. And the fact is that the citizen of the state won't turn himself into a holiday soldier to suit the notion of the gentlemen of the one military idea, who are convinced that the salvation of the state depends upon the organization of its people into bodies of soldiers. The common sense of the citizen tells him otherwise, and his experience sustains his sense. Why, he asks himself, does Pennsylvania need soldiers? She has passed to the national government all concerns with foreign nations. For insurrections within our own borders the law supplies the authority of the sheriff and the police. There only remains the contingency of a dispute with the national government to summon the people of the state to arms in defense of their rights. Such a contingency is not contemplated, by men of the military idea and is not feared by others. Against its possibility we may well say that sufficient unto the day be the evil thereof. While the United States has so small a standing army it is not needful for the states to provide an armed force against a national aggression against their sovereignty.

The real use the state has for soldiers is to supply them to the national government in time of war. But this is the concern of the nation and there is no good reason why the state should shoulder the expense of preparing soldiers for national use. Nor is there the likelihood to need a great army on short notice. No foreign enemy, able to cope with us, is upon the continent, and nobody wants to contemplate the possibility of another domestic rebellion. The state troops in fact become mere policemen to be abused, as they were a year or two ago, in the railroad riots. Called out by the railroad company's president, they were thrust into a service which no citizen would even voluntarily enter, and which therefore, a volunteer soldier is not fitted to perform. Does the record of the Pennsylvania troops in that emergency invite the people of Pennsylvania to enter the "National Guard"? Will they willingly incur the danger of being ordered out by a railroad president to reduce to subjection their unjustly treated fellow citizens? There is no occasion for any surprise that the men of Lancaster county do not affect the "National Guard."

### MINOR TOPICS.

and finished a piece of political oratory as this campaign has yet produced and it loses nothing in vigor because of the pathos and beauty of its diction.

A CUSTOM House clerk in New York, who gets \$100 a month, has received notice from Edward McPherson's committee, that Edward McPherson's committee "is organized for protection of the interests of the Republican party in each of the Congressional districts of the Union." In order that Edward McPherson's committee may "prepare, print and circulate suitable documents illustrating the issues which distinguish the Republican party from every other," and may meet all proper expenses incident to the campaign, Edward McPherson's committee "feels authorized to apply to all citizens whose interests or principles are involved in the struggle;" and "under the peculiar circumstances in which the country finds itself placed," this tide waiter is asked to make a "voluntary" contribution of not less than \$75 to enable Edward McPherson's committee to inform the community wherein the Republican party is distinguished from every other. The black-mailed Custom House seems to think that the best way to perform that service is to publish the letter, showing that in raising a corruption fund by abuse of the civil service, the Republican party is distinguished high above any other that has ever reigned or reigned or fell in this republic.

THE Bellefonte Watchman gives some very sensible advice to the Democrats who are inclined to let their enthusiasm run away with all their energies and in their hurrahing forget the more essential work or organization for victory. Under the election laws of Pennsylvania, framed to prevent irregular and illegal voting, certain prerequisites are necessary to a legal vote and he who attends to these faithfully and promptly renders much more efficient service to the party than those who get up clubs, meetings or poles. For example, plenty of voters who would "turn out" might after night will never think of looking at the assessor's book to see if their names are properly registered and the loudest shout at the meeting will utterly ignore his payment of state or county tax, and trust to the "committee" to save him from disfranchisement. Enthusiasm is a good thing. We have it and we are glad of it. But we want solid work and that work just now consists in looking after the registry of every Democratic voter. If this is not done by Sept. 2 it cannot be done at all, and he who does it for himself can only be certain that it is done for him. Attend to the registry, Democrats!

### PERSONAL.

Ex. United States Senator THOMAS M. NORWELL will enter the open-for-all race for governor in Georgia.

THE Ithaca Journal mentions among the possibilities the early resignation of Minister ANDREW D. WHITE as president of Cornell university.

DAN RICE has already retired from the religious field, and is fitting up a floating circus for the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

On the day the Cincinnati convention nominated Hancock, Mrs. MARGARET PERRY, of New Orleans, gave birth to triplets, two boys and a girl who have been named Hancock, English and America.

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The St. Louis Republican approves it and says: "Gen. HANCOCK says he will make no speeches during the campaign, but will remain on Governor's Island all the summer and fall. The wisdom of this course is apparent. In the first place as long as General Hancock commands a military department of the government it will be eminently proper for him to attend faithfully to his official duties. In the second place, no presidential candidate, to use the words of the Springfield Republican, which is supporting Garfield, ever went about the country exhibiting himself without losing by it, and Gen. Hancock will not follow Mr. Garfield's foolish example."

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The third Sabbath of August (15th) has been selected by the railroad men's Christian association of Mauch Chunk, Pa., for the second observance of a day of prayer for the railroad men of the Lehigh Valley.

WHILE Henry Kilpatrick, a Philadelphia merchant, stood for a moment at a New York ferry house last evening, his five-year-old boy got away from him and until midnight the police worked ineffectually to find the supposed abductors.

The Austrian born artist who has made

Pack famous, JOSEPH KEPPLER, is a man

in the prime of life. He has black hair in profusion, a heavy black mustache, a square, handsome, open face and full eyes, like a woman. He wears a slouch hat, dresses always in black, carries sometimes a portfolio, and is always thinking—generally of something pleasant. The ideas displayed in his cartoons are sometimes his own and sometimes suggested. He draws a crayon on stone, elaborates the minutest details, and aims always to make the likelessness striking and correct. The artistic qualities of his work are breadth and compactness, and his portraits are better than the photographs of their originals.

THE HAYES family is on the verge of a law suit. When Mrs. Hayes determined to have a set of china for the white house she was particularly anxious the set should have something national about it. Accordingly she entrusted Theodore R. Davis, one of the artists of Harper Brothers, with the work of painting the costly ware. The fish, fowl and vegetables, which are peculiar to the American continent, were to be painted upon appropriate dishes. This was done, and with much satisfaction to the occupants of the white house. But not as regards the bill for said artistic workmanship. The Hayes people thought Mr. Davis and his brother artists in France who gave their time and skill to the task, were doing so with only the desire of recompense in the thought of having done something patriotic or, on the part of the French artists, complimentary. Hence a misunderstanding and a dispute that is now in the direct line of a lawsuit.

A REVIEWER in Appleton's Journal contrasts the late Rev. Dr. Bushnell and Rev. Dr. W. A. Muhlenberg, and finds a sharp contrast to nearly every point of temperament and destiny between the most eminent practical philanthropist that the Episcopal communion has nurtured and the bold and turbulent New England theologian who had doubts, differences and questions that never disturbed the serene temper and settled convictions of the genial Muhlenberg.

THE population of our whole country may now be set down as 45,000,000. The church edifices are estimated to be sufficient to seat 25,000,000; but on an average Sunday probably less than 15,000,000 are found in these places of worship. Allowing 12,000,000 to be detained at their homes, we yet have 18,000,000, or more than one-third of the nation, and these of sufficient age and ability, who do not habitually meet for worship, but quite devote themselves to something quite alien from

THE editor of the Christian Recorder who is a colored man, complains of the "industrial ostracism" against his race, North, South, East and West—more in the North than in the South. As Fred Douglass used to say the negro lad can more easily get into a lawyer's office than a carpenter shop. A Republican religious editor admits that the "Solid North" cherishes deep prejudice against the colored man and

Nimmo, jr., chief of the bureau of statistics, who generously places the resources of the clerical force under his orders at the disposal of Mr. McPherson. It is to be presumed that the secretary of the congressional committee gets liberally paid for the "exclusive" use of such wares, and as he, of course, turns in the money to the Republican campaign fund, the necessity of giving liberal contributions to the congressional committee is thereby proportionately lessened. That consideration may serve to console our dissatisfied contemporaries who do not enjoy the acquaintance of Mr. McPherson."

### PERILS OF TRAVEL.

#### Danger on the Rail.

A smash-up yesterday occurred on the Northern Central railroad, near Millersburg. Five freight cars were wrecked, but no one was injured.

At noon yesterday the second section of a fast passenger train coming east on the Pennsylvania railroad, ran off the track while rounding a curve within a short distance of Duncannon. The engine and two cars were turned completely around and the trucks under these were badly damaged, but fortunately the box portion of the cars resisted the shock and no person was hurt. The accident was caused by the breaking of the flange of a wheel.

By the explosion and sinking of the steamboat Bonnie Lee on Monday, in addition to the casualties already reported, six roustabouts and one cabin boy were drowned.

Two extra freight trains collided one mile east of Cooperstown Junction on the Susquehanna division of the Delaware and Hudson canal company's railroad. Paul Simpson, fireman on one of the engines, was instantly killed. John Reilly, fireman on the other locomotive was fatally injured. One of the engineers named Learned, was injured by jumping from his engine. The engineer on the other train escaped unharmed. A brakeman named Muller received internal injuries. Sixty-five freight cars were demolished and the freight strewn on the ground in all directions.

The coroner's jury at M'Land's Landing, after hearing a number of witnesses, returned a verdict that, in their opinion, the collision which caused the death of James Sweeney was accidental. The coroner of Camden began an inquest on the bodies of Mrs. and Miss Wright, who died in that city. The inquest on the bodies of those who died in Philadelphia will be held on Tuesday next.

Michael Dolan, an employee of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, was on a caboose attached to a train which was being shifted at Port Richmond, and in putting down brakes the brake chain snapped and Dolan was thrown to the track and a portion of the car passed over him, inflicting fatal injuries.

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