

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 24, 1881.

The Democratic Party.

The Democracy are not responsible for the failure thus far of the Pennsylvania Legislature to elect a United States senator. The division of the Republicans into two factions, each of sufficient strength to prevent a choice, was not effected by Democratic influences, nor by the inducement of Democratic offers of assistance to either side.

MINOR TOPICS.

DEMOCRATS, "stick."

If the Grow people and the Oliver people have so much "backbone" let the Democrats show theirs.

A VIRGINIA man claims to have read nothing but the Bible for ten years past. He is pious, but poorly posted.

THE Democrat who votes for a Republican is sure to meet with censure from some quarter. He alone keeps off the thin ice who adheres to his party.

THE London Spectator says that "Endymion" belongs to "that odd genus of mankind, the melancholy and thoughtful nincompoop."

WHAT disadvantage to the Democrats would it be for the Republicans to elect "short" one senator from Pennsylvania when they came to organize the next Senate?

THE most humorous bit of "Boycotting" yet heard of is the case of an undertaker in the county of Down, Ireland, who has been "boycotted" every man in the neighborhood having entered into a solemn engagement not to ride in the blackguard's hearse!

PERSONAL.

MR. GLADSTONE is to be created Earl of Hawarden.

EDWARD E. HENKSON, aged 74 years, of Chester's most highly respected citizens, died suddenly Saturday night of paralysis of the stomach.

JUDICE SWARTZ, of the supreme court, will tender his resignation this week, and ex-Senator STANLEY MATTHEWS, of Ohio, will be nominated to succeed him.

MR. RICHARDSON, of Cresson, Mississippi, the largest cotton planter in the world, is reported to have made \$20,000,000 from his fields.

THE Earl of ROSBURY, who is leisurely but surely working his way to high political position, is about to build in London a mansion that will cost \$500,000.

DR. SCHLEIMANN, greatly to the delight of the students of Germany, has presented his collection of Trojan antiquities to the emperor of Germany, to be placed in the museum at Berlin.

THE will of the late JOHN B. BROWN, of Portland, Maine, with one exception the richest man in Maine, bequeaths to his wife the homestead, \$500,000 and \$500,000 in trust. The testator also gives about \$15,000 to various charitable institutions in Maine.

MR. ROBERT McCALMONT, one of the owners of Reading stock, is a generous brother-in-law to Sir Hugh Cairns. When Disraeli offered the Great Seal to Sir Hugh he declined it on the ground that he has not fortune enough to support a peerage. Whereupon Mr. McCalmont lent for Sir Hugh, and saying: "I can't be of any obstacle," settled on him \$100,000 a year.

STATE ITEMS.

Twenty-one Indiana boys and girls arrived at the school at Carlisle on Saturday.

Peter Saylor, aged 17 years, of South Bethlehem, was struck by a train of cars on Saturday and killed.

Ram killed Peter Keller, of Pittsburgh. He was found dead lying in Klein's saloon, where he was employed as a bartender, on Saturday.

Oliver DeHart, of Harrisburg, attempted to leave this world by hanging himself. His wife cut him down, however, and he now lives to regret his foolishness.

It is understood that the Philadelphia Democratic managers have settled down on the following city ticket: Mayor, John Cadwalader; City Solicitor, Furman Sheppard; Receiver of Taxes, William V. McGraw.

About one o'clock yesterday morning, James Stuart slipped and fell under the wheels of No. 63 of Second and Third streets line, Philadelphia, and was so badly injured that he died a few minutes later. He was 39 years old, and leaves a wife and family.

There was a large meeting of Germans in Philadelphia yesterday afternoon who formed an association in opposition to the old law which has recently been enforced by Mayor Stockley, providing for the closing of the taverns on Sunday. It is expected that the association will take part in the movement against the re-election of the present mayor.

Just twelve months from the date of the original given for the construction of the first division, twenty miles of railroad in Yesso, the northern island of Japan, was opened to traffic and trains are now running daily at a profit. This is the first American railroad in Asia and was constructed under the direction of Joseph M. Crawford, a Pennsylvanian, all of whose assistants are Americans.

A farmer in the lower end of Clarion county before going to church took a roll of money containing \$140 and placed it inside the fold of his pocketbook, intending, when he returned, to place it in a drawer in the parlor. He looked for it but found it missing. As a last attempt to find it he went to the sled in which he had ridden to the church the day previous. The cows had eaten the straw out and in one corner he found his money, chewed to a pulp.

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OLDEST IN AMERICA.

A colored woman, aged 126 years, who nursed a Congressman's Grandfather. Bolla (No.) Herald.

On Sunday evening, January 10, 1881, she died in this city undoubtedly the oldest woman in America, and as in nearly all previous instances she was a colored person. Her name was Sarah Clark, and rumor had it that she froze to death, but upon investigation made by friends of the old woman the rumor proved unfounded, and no doubt her death resulted from sheer old age. She was the great-grandmother of Henry Williams, the driver of a dray team in this city, and from him we glean the following particulars of this remarkable old woman. Mr. Williams is quite an old man—fifty, we believe—and when a small boy Mrs. Clark appeared as old to him then as he is now. She never could be seen without her spectacles, but often stated that before the Revolutionary war she was the mother of two children. She did not know where she resided at that time, but a long while after she was taken in Kent's lane, and there she lived for a number of years, feeling then as though she had seen enough of this world and battled with its troubles sufficiently to deserve a different life, but that was not her fate. In 1840, or thereabouts, she was upon investigation made by friends of the old woman she settled down to die near Booneville, Missouri. In 1872 she came to Rolla on a visit to her great-grandchild, Mr. Williams. As to her exact age nobody knows, but she told us in truth she must have been 126 years old. She also stated that she at one time belonged to the Clark family of Howard county, this state, and distinctly remembers nursing the grandfather of General Clark, who died in the Revolutionary war, and who was afterwards an officer in the war of 1812. After living to this old age she passed away without an attendant at her side.

Dead at 111.

Daniel O'Brien, familiarly known as "Uncle Dan," who settled in the Laekawanna valley when Scranton was but a hamlet, died yesterday at the poorhouse. By well authenticated data it was learned that he was 111 years of age. Forty years ago he was a resident of this city, and that locality up to 1870 was a drayman. On account of his age he was then obliged to give up all work and a few years ago was admitted to the poorhouse. He was a well-to-do man, and had received occasional visits to Scranton to meet his acquaintances. He had a remarkable memory and never tired of relating incidents of the revolution in Ireland in 1795 and was anxious to live long enough to participate in a fight for her freedom. Always attired in a blue coat, he created considerable interest whenever he came to the city by reason of his old appearance and sprightly step.

A Discovery.

That there is one state in the Union where the telegraph consolidation cannot take place, is a declaration which the Pennsylvania telegraph companies have made. The constitution of Pennsylvania says that "no telegraph company shall consolidate with or hold a controlling interest in the stocks or bonds of any other telegraph company, or any coming line, or acquire, by purchase or otherwise, any other competing line of telegraph."

The American Union came into existence since this constitution was adopted, and so far as its consolidation, neither it or its successor corporation can put in the threadbare and exploded plea of vested rights, as against the commonwealth. The Patriot insists that both the governor and the Legislature have an immediate duty to perform in the premises, and since the telegraph companies have no such political power as the railroad companies, it is possible that something may be done to check their operations in violation of the fundamental law.

But it would be strange, indeed, if Mr. Gould and Mr. Vanderbilt should not discover the means of protection in a state where the Pennsylvania railroad, with its charter at the mercy of the foreigner, and its interests in the hands of a few individuals, as a dead letter, and persistently refused to be restrained or controlled by it. If the millions which it has exacted from the people of that state by unlawful discriminations, and the millions which it has exacted from the people of this state by the same means, were meant by allowing the ring governor to recommend to the Legislature the enactment of laws to enforce these provisions of the constitution, is as yet a mystery. But the opinion and public sentiment imperatively demand a compliance with the governor's recommendation; that the Democrats, while not desiring to make it a party issue, have it in their power to do so, and with little interest the development of Republican views in the Legislature, when it will be seen whether that part of the governor's message was a sham and a mockery, or really meant a tardy submission to the law and the popular