

Lancaster Intelligencer

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, 1881.

The Philadelphia Folly.

We hardly think that there can be two opinions among Democrats of good judgment about the exceeding folly of the majority of the delegates to the Receiver of Taxes convention in Philadelphia, in refusing to nominate John Hunter.

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A CHICAGO paper tells of a man who was complaining that he had invented a rather large sum of money in Wall street and lost it all.

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permit himself to be its monkey unless he is induced to be its well rewarded tool. That we do not believe of him, we have every reason to believe in his integrity and sound Democracy and good sense; and these can guide him but one way.

WE do not share the apprehension of our esteemed contemporary, the Chambersburg Valley Spirit, that unless the Democrats at Harrisburg make terms with the Cameron faction they will be utterly crushed out in the apportionment, which the Valley Spirit assumes, is entirely within the control of that element of the Republican party.

The Democrats have been left to the tender mercies of the Cameron faction before now in the apportionment and have been gerrymandered out of their just representation.

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Mrs. LUCY H. HOOPER writes that the streets of Paris are becoming more and more insecure for women, and a pretty American girl is liable to be kissed at every street corner in broad daylight.

TO make shoe pegs enough for American use consumes annually 193,000 cords of timber, and to make lucifer matches 300,000 cubic feet of the best pine are required every year.

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THE recent sale in the Jersey Isles of four fine cows to America, at about \$1000 each, has startled the Chamel Island world. The farmers were just beginning to get used to some of the high prices at the recent sale of Mr. Kent at Harkersness.

A fire in the six story brick building, No. 365 and 367 Broadway, New York, last night, caused a total loss estimated at \$50,000. The upper stories were burned out.

BENCH AND BAR.

THE OATH OF A LAWYER.

"FIDELITY" TO THE COURT.

THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BAR TO JUDGES AND THE PEOPLE. FOR THE INTELLIGENCER.

In the Examiner's issue of the 17th inst. appeared a communication from "Member of the Bar," which discussed the vexed question of the responsibility of the bar for the acts of its individual members in violation of the law and their oath of office.

We have waited some time with the hope that an abler pen would come to the defense of our profession against its domestic enemies, for of the bar it may be truthfully said: "Our worst enemies are those of our own household."

The law touching the subject will be found in the act of Assembly of April 14, 1834, sections 69, 73 and 74, as follows:

Sec. 69. Before any attorney, admitted as aforesaid, shall make any plea at the bar, except in his own cause, he shall take an oath or affirmation, as follows, viz: "You do swear or affirm that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of this Commonwealth, and that you will believe yourself in the office of attorney within this court, according to the best of your learning and ability, and with all good fidelity, as well to the court as to the client, that you will use no falsehood, nor delay any person's cause for idle or malicious purposes, and that you will not be guilty of any act of unbecoming conduct as a lawyer, or of any act which would reflect dishonor on the profession of the bar."

From the foregoing sections of the act of 1834 it is easily deducible the obligation, which we affirm rests upon the bar, to supervise the professional conduct of its individual members. With one eye resting upon sections 73 and 74, read with the other section 69, which contains the official oath by which an attorney is constituted an officer of the court, and it becomes too obvious to need argument, that the lawyer's oath makes it his duty to aid the court in executing the requirements of sections 73 and 74.

We refer to these cases to show the sense of the profession of the obligation imposed by their oath of office, and how promptly the bar elsewhere move in the fulfillment of that obligation.

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affirming that the word fidelity, as used in the attorney's oath, has not the extended meaning we ascribe to it.

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Self protection ought to be a sufficient, active motive to impel the bar to guard well the gateways to the profession, and to provide when necessary a means of exit.

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It is too apparent to need to be mentioned that the bar will cease to be a learned and honorable body the moment it ceases to care what quality of men assume the character, and exercise the privileges of the profession.

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Popular Vote of the States for President, 1860.

Table with columns: State, Garfield, Hancock, Weaver. Lists states from Alabama to Wisconsin with their respective vote counts.

IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

Fair Treatment Demanded for Indians. In the United States Senate, yesterday, a petition was presented signed by Hon. John Welsh, Bishop Simpson, Wendell Phillips, Rev. Jos. Cook and over 50,000 others, asking Congress to observe the treaties heretofore made with the Indians.

In the House the post route bill was reported, ordered to be printed and committed to the committee on Commerce.

Before the House committee on foreign affairs yesterday, ex-Secretary Thompson finished his argument in opposition to the suggestion that the construction of the Panama canal would be prejudicial to American interests.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Then a man by the name of Cobb, of the Twenty-eighth ward, took the head of the line and shouted: "Let us go up to select council chamber and see Hunter."

PERSONAL. The widow of General JEFFERSON C. DAVIS is said to possess a valuable sapphire, once owned by the Emperor Maximilian, it having been purchased by General Davis at a low price from a jeweler in the city of Mexico.

Singular Death on the Rail. An unknown tramp was killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad near Laurel, Md., Wednesday, under the most tragic circumstances.

DOG supposed to be hydrophobic, was killed on Thirteenth street, New York, yesterday afternoon, after it had bitten four men in a terrible manner.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

James Gaddis, aged 21 years, killed his mother in a drunken quarrel at Chattanooga, on Tuesday night. He is in jail.

The driver of the omnibus which plies between the village of St. Rembert and Lyons, France, saw a large bundle floating down the Saone. With the aid of a peasant he fished out the bundle, and the contents were found to be a portion of the remains of a young woman who had been cut into pieces.

Belletta, a village in Tessin, has suffered considerable damage from an avalanche. Three persons were killed and several injured. In 1863 the same village was almost swept away and thirty lives were lost by a similar calamity.

The score of the New York walking match at 12 o'clock last night stood as follows: Hughes, 417 miles; Cox, 392; Albert, 350; Vint 390; Howard, 384; Kolbert, 353; Phillips, 354; Curran, 330; Cananea, 323. When the night of the rest, after which he had beaten Rowell's record by 1 mile and 165 yards.

The bodies of two recently buried females were exhumed by "body snatches" in a cemetery at Alexandria, Virginia, on Wednesday night. The sexton supposed the coffins before they could take off the bodies of the miserably emaciated. Two negroes were arrested yesterday on suspicion.

At Paterson, New Jersey, the trial of the first of fifteen indictments against the Morris canal company for neglecting the condition of its bridges in Passaic county, resulted in a verdict of guilty on two specifications. The remaining fourteen indictments are to be tried in succession.

The state authorities of Florida have entered into a contract with J. Corryell, of Jacksonville, and A. B. Lindeman, representing the Philadelphia, St. Petersburg and San Francisco, to drain Lake Okechobee, in Southern Florida. The scheme, if successfully carried out, will reclaim 12,000,000 acres of excellent sugar lands, a territory about as large as the state of New Jersey.

A pistol duel at fifteen paces has been fought in the neighborhood of Frankfurt between two German noblemen, Herr von Frankenberg-Froschütz, Knight of the Royal Hanoverian Order of Gerolesheim, at Wiesbaden, and Freiherr von Froelich, Gumbelien of the Chamber at Berlin, resulting in the instantaneous death of the former, who received his antagonist's ball in his throat, his own pistol missing fire.

STATE ITEMS. In Pittsburgh thirty dollars is the amount asked for a good first-class "stiff," old men and children at reduced rates. President Cattell, of Lafayette college, at Easton, announced in the chapel last evening, that Hon. John P. Blair, of Blairtown, Md., would deliver a course of lectures for the enjoyment of a presidential chair. The Republicans have sheriffs in the Democratic counties of Cambria, Clinton, Cumberland, Juniata, Schuylkill, while the Democrats have sheriffs in the Republican counties of Adams, Berks, Dauphin, Franklin, McKean, Mifflin, Union and Washington.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. The last variety show of the season. Last evening Snubbecker's Majestic Consolidation drew an immense audience to the opera house, which was packed in every part, many people being obliged to stand during the entire evening.