

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 2, 1881.

Spurious Civil Service Reform.

It is very hard to believe that Mr. Hayes is actuated by any high considerations of sincere civil service reform in his recent appointments for New York state, wherein he displaces Mr. Conkling's friends of acknowledged fitness and supplies their places with Mr. Conkling's enemies of conspicuous unfitness.

In any event Hayes shows his utter inappreciation of real civil service reform by making it consist in the punishment of political enemies, which is even a lower view of it than the reward of political friends.

The cause of some recent disastrous fires is readily found in the location of the ends of joists too near the heat flues—a dangerous blunder that is quite common with builders and architects.

The Democratic general meetings will be held this evening in the several wards to put into nomination persons from among whom will be selected on Saturday evening the party nominees for school directors, councilmen and ward officers.

Mr. Thomas May Pierce, of Philadelphia, excellent gentleman, sterling Democrat and honest man that he is, is one of the party there who has failed to recognize the irresistible drift of political events.

Mr. William V. McGrath has taken the resolution credited to him by the morning papers, to decline the nomination of part of the Philadelphia Democracy for receiver of taxes.

The Democrats of Luzerne county, like sensible people, have renominated Eckley B. Cox, for state senator, and like a sensible man and patriotic citizen, he will accept the proffering and unanimously call upon him to take a seat, which he only declined to take for reasons of considerations which abundantly proved his eminent fitness for it.

The groundhog sees his shadow. For many years it has been the duty of the INTELLIGENCER to record this sagacious animal's observations and its pleasure to point out the faithful verification of his prognostications.

ALAS! Poor Hooten! The Chester county Republican laid him under the table yesterday.

MINOR TOPICS.

For rheumatism baths frequently, eat fruit and farinaceous food, applies three times a day. You will get over it.

Garfield is not obliged to shovel snow from his sidewalk at Mentor. The office seekers keep a beaten path open during the heaviest snow storms.

The number of miles of railroad built in the United States during the past year amounts to 7,500. This a larger number than we ever constructed before in this or any other country.

The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph says that "for a fortnight the General Assembly has been engaged daily in voting for a senator of the United States; the Democrats having been voting for a senator to represent the intelligence, wealth and dignity of Pennsylvania in the federal Senate; a bare majority of the Republicans have been voting to elect a senator to represent the personal and political interests of the Camerons, father and son, in the Senate; and the remainder of the Republicans, an imposing and most respectable minority, have been voting in opposition to the insolent rule of the caucus and the still more insolent demands of the Clan Cameron.

Under the snow the sweet things out of sight, Cuckoo like birds beneath a downy breast; They cheer the heart the covert warm and snug, And bode the winter-time in hopeful rest.

There lurks a myriad quick and linked knots, Cold for a spring when the ripe time is near; The brave chrysanthemum's pale yellow show, And daffodils, the vanguard of the year.

REPLYING to the statement that Garfield had offered to give a cabinet office to one of three Pennsylvanians named by Dan Cameron, the New Era says: "Now, it is about time that the Republicans of Pennsylvania should know that these and all similar statements, evidently emanating from the same quarters, are absolutely without foundation. We make this statement upon unquestioned authority; and if its accuracy is called in question by Senator Cameron, or any one authorized to speak for him, the proof will be forth coming at the proper time. The gentleman from whom we derive this information thoroughly understands the situation, has been and is now in closer confidential relations with General Garfield than any other man in Pennsylvania—a gentleman whose word is taken by all who love him and which, in this matter, is corroborated by every one of the exhibition of which would resolve any doubt skepticism could create."

PERSONAL. Senator Voorhees lectures in Harrisburg to-night. The will of the late E. A. SOTHERN leaves all the testator's property, including land in New York, to his sister, Mrs. Cowan. Ex-Governor R. K. SCOTT, who shot and killed Warren Drury at Napoleon, Ohio, in December last, has been indicted for murder in the second degree.

News from Samoa reports the death of KING MILAETO on November 8th. The country is in a state of anarchy except in the neutral territory governed by the consuls of the United States, Germany and Great Britain.

During a concert given at Little Falls, N. Y., REMENYI, the violinist who gave such an excellent performance in this city recently, stopped playing to rebuke a late comer who walked through the audience with sneaking boots.

The governor has reappointed C. L. Ehrnfeld state librarian and the following trustees of the state lunatic hospital at Harrisburg: JOHN L. ATLEE, Lancaster, Trull Green, Northampton, and W. W. Jennings and C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg.

Mr. TERRYSON is delighted beyond measure at the success of his new play, "The

JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY.

Thirteen on Jefferson Democratic Associations—Twenty-five in Detroit to the Maintenance of Jeffersonian Principles—Letter to York Daily.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27, 1881. HON. CHANCELLER F. B. LEE: My Dear Sir: I have received your letter notifying me of my unanimous election as the first honorary member of the Jefferson Democratic Association of York.

I accept the distinction thus conferred in order to testify my approval and commendation of the objects of your association. Thomas Jefferson has a title to the esteem and gratitude of the American people even greater than that which he derived from being the author of the Declaration of Independence, and from being the author of the statute of religious freedom by the state of Virginia.

During all the bloody conflicts of the American Revolution, and the civil struggle out of which our system of government emerged, and the controversies through which was impressed upon it the character of a government "by the people, for the people, and in the greatest degree for the benefit of the people" which was embodied in our institutions.

At a time when powerful tendencies are at work to subvert the original character of our constitution—to find a device for the limitation of power established by the limitation of power—established by the influence of official authorities—to create a governing class, using the machinery of government as a corrupt balance of power against the people.

With assurances of sympathy and esteem from the members of your association, and to yourself, I have the honor to be, Your fellow citizen, SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

A YOUNG WIFE LED ASTRAY.

The unhappy result of taking a European tour, the firm of Sontheim, cotton brokers, at No. 101 Pearl street, New York, was married about a year ago to a young and beautiful widow with one child. He bought a handsome residence at Yonkers, furnished it with the latest and most fashionable and dressed his wife handsomely, and lived in good style. They went much in society, to balls, parties, the opera and the watering places.

Colomb Potter, who was about thirty years of age, studied at Brown university. He was a member of Governor Van Zandt's personal staff during his three terms as governor. He was a young man of more than ordinary ability, and was respected by all his acquaintances.

How Many Useful Articles Have Obtained Their Names? The London Globe in a recent issue says: Everybody knows the tram. How few, however, are aware that the street railroads are so named from the inventor, Augustus M. Tripp, of New York.

THE CARLISLE TRAINING SCHOOL. The January number of the Eagle, published at Carlisle, says: "John Gun, a Ponce boy, is one of the best carpenters at the school. He has made some small articles as specimens of his work, one of which the Ponce agent took home with him.

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ALL ABOUT A PENNY.

A Church Vase Knocked Down by an Incontinent Passenger.

At the early mass in St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, at Warren and Hicks streets, Brooklyn, on Sunday morning, Father Francis told his congregation that for some time he had been receiving a large amount of money collected at the collections, and that it had been decided to have two collections at each mass—one for poor rents at which no pennies would be received, and one for the general needs of the church, when pennies would be accepted.

Mrs. Dalton was much confused by the incident. The return of the penny had been made in the presence of her acquaintance, who she returned to her home she told her husband all about it. He became very angry and kicking off his slippers and pulling on his boots, he said that he was going to mass. He stepped off with an air of business that made his wife all about it, and he heard fairly reeled as she thought of her six-foot husband meeting the medium sized usher.

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Justice Ferry said that the offense was aggravated by the fact that the trouble occurred in the church, and he accordingly fined Mr. Dalton \$25, with the alternative of going to Raymond street jail for twenty days. Mr. Dalton paid the fine cheerfully and went away.

BETH EDEN'S HISTORY.

The Beth-Eden Baptist church, burned in Philadelphia on Monday morning, was one of the most beautiful churches in America. Its architect was E. P. Potter, son of Bishop Potter, of New York, who designed many handsome buildings, such as Lehigh university, the Church of the Heavenly Rest, and, above all, the Old Dutch Church at Albany. It was erected at a cost of \$175,000, exclusive of the land, which cost \$37,500. It was built by the people of whom Rev. Dr. J. Wheaton Smith had been the pastor for seventeen years. They entered the new edifice on April 20, 1870.

On the night of his wife's disappearance Mr. Sontheim had an engagement to go with her to a family dinner party, which was broken up by her disappearance.

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DRIFT ON LAKE MICHIGAN.

Sufferings of Escaped Crew of the St. Alban—Twenty-four Hours in Ice Fields in Open Boats.

A special dispatch from Milwaukee says: The propeller St. Alban, of the Northern Transit line, left Milwaukee for Leighton yesterday morning, with a cargo of 3,800 barrels of flour, consigned to different parties in the East, five passengers, of whom four were women, and a crew of twenty men.

The vessel was driven by a heavy gale, and the pumps were set to work, but the water gained so rapidly that the captain saw that his vessel must go down, and ordered the lifeboats to be put in readiness. Two lifeboats and two yaws were lowered and placed in the water. The captain, first mate, second mate and the engineer. The steward then filled them with blankets, provisions and life preservers and the twenty-seven persons left the sinking propeller at 12 1/2 miles yesterday, with the exception of their lives by rowing to the shore.

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THE LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. The Senate committee on commerce voted \$150,000 for the purchase of the Sigsbee's below Havre de Grace. In Chicago Assistant United States Marshal Silwell seized small illicit distilleries on South Side, and captured five men who were operating them.

A large silk warehouse at Hamburg was burned yesterday. The premises were insured for 1,500,000 marks, most in English insurance companies. Three children of Rev. Manning Hunter, colored, in Sumner county, Ga., were burned to death on Sunday night, caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The father was away preaching and the mother was absent.

Another Surprise Party. Last Thursday evening a sleighing party consisting of forty couples assembled at the Washington house, Strasburg, and went to the residence of Mr. Isaac Fritz, a short distance south of that village. Miller's orchestra accompanied the party and dancing was the leading amusement of the evening.

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