

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1881.

Spew Them Out. Senators Thurman and Wallace unsuccessfully sought to persuade the Senate to defeat the appropriation bill for rivers and harbors.

To his Democratic colleagues his appeal came with more force than to the Republican senators, only because the Democratic doctrine in regard to internal improvements has always been very conservative.

The warning of Senators Thurman and Wallace comes with as much force to Republicans as to Democrats. The Democratic party will not be more hurt by the dishonest and weak conduct of its representatives than will the Republican, whose congressmen are quite as bad.

It may be necessary for us to say, to avoid misapprehension, that the appropriation which we have suggested, giving the Republicans sixteen available congressmen in Pennsylvania to eleven for the Democrats, was not presented as the fairest division that could be made between the parties, which differed but 37,000 in their vote in a total of about 900,000.

WHEN Garfield's election was to be accomplished and practical politicians were needed at the front it was Simon Cameron, accompanied by his protégé, the jolly comrade of the Examiner, who represented Lancaster county among the pilgrims to Mentor.

An esteemed contributor figures out that the national banks could do business on a one-and-a-half per cent. bond, and yet do better than banks under state laws.

PERSONAL. JAMES TENNANT, F. G. S., professor of geology at King's college, London, is dead.

General MILLER, the new senator from California, has rented the late Fernando Wood's house.

Mr. EDGAR BONAPARTE, son of Colonel Jerome and Madame Bonaparte, will be appointed to fill one of the two vacancies now existing at West Point.

Agent CHARLES H. DAY, of Forepaugh's show, has received nearly 200 photographs in answer to his offer of \$10,000 for the services for the season of the handsomest lady in the land.

General GARFIELD's last Sunday in Mentor has been very quiet and restful. In the morning he and Mrs. Garfield attended worship in the Disciple church.

There was a great popular manifestation in Paris yesterday in honor of the birthday of VICTOR HUGO. A large number of the members of the Chamber of Deputies and other distinguished persons were received by M. Hugo.

Mrs. HAYES will take General Garfield's mother and wife to the capitol in her carriage to witness the ceremonies.

It is estimated by treasury officials that the reduction of the public debt for the month of February will be about \$10,000,000.

A FELLOW who has had nothing else to do has kept the score and says more than a hundred men have been mentioned as being "absolutely certain" of Cabinet places.

CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE never had a case before the United States supreme court and indeed was not even admitted to practice at the court until a year before he was appointed chief justice.

THE live question of hugging, whatever it may be, is before the Michigan Legislature in the shape of a bill to make hugging a girl against her will a penitentiary offense.

GRANT reached the conclusion that the scheme for a world's fair in New York in 1883 is likely to fail unless the Central park is given up to it for a site.

At the Newcastle West petty sessions, county of Limerick, Myles Ambrose, a little boy aged ten years, was prosecuted at the suit of the queen for having "on the 23d of January whistled at Hugh Murray Gunn, J. P., in a tone of derision, and thereby intimidated him."

STATE ITEMS. The express train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road, struck and killed an old woman named Mrs. Piger, at a point about a mile from Scranton.

THE PROFITS OF NATIONAL BANKING. MESSRS EDITORS: In the INTELLIGENCER of Saturday you publish a comparative statement of the profits of national and other banks which seems to me to be unnecessarily bold of the question.

The national banks can use a 1 1/2 per cent. bond as the basis of their circulation and still make a profit of 1/2 per cent. per year on their capital stock more than they could as private bankers, as will be readily seen by the following:

Assume, for easy calculation, that a national bank starts with \$100,000 capital. With this it buys 1 1/2 per cent. bonds, and deposits at the United States treasury, receiving \$90,000 in bank notes to use in its banking business.

It now has all its money back but \$10,000, and at the end of the year it draws \$1,500 from the government, interest on its bond, and pays \$900 tax on its \$90,000 of circulation, leaving a profit of \$600, or exactly 6 per cent. on the \$10,000 invested.

The national bank is not required to keep a single cent of its circulation as a reserve fund and can lend the whole of it as fully as a private bank. Thus far then both are equally profitable, but under the internal revenue laws all banks and bankers must pay 1/2 per cent. per year tax on their capital stock, not invested in United States bonds.

So that a national bank even if compelled to bank on a 1 1/2 per cent. bond would make more by this half per cent. per year tax than a private bank would make.

The bonds of the United States are a debt by the whole people to a very few. The legislation therefore which creates a 3 per cent. bond for the use of national banks in the interest of the whole people or of the very few? H.

A SARCANTIC HORROR. Seventeen children suffocated in a mysterious fire in St. Peter's street, London, on Saturday night.

Seventeen inmates of St. Patrick's orphan asylum, of Hyde Park, comprising fourteen boys and three girls, ranging in age from six to twelve years, were suffocated Sunday night by an unexplained fire that broke out at about midnight.

The children were taken to the third floor by the fire, but the sisters, who assigned them to their respective rooms. On the third floor are two dormitories, separated by a partition—one for the boys and the other for the girls.

The sister again started for the third floor to rescue her sisters, but she went only a short distance when she met a strange man, who told her the boys had all been removed from the dormitory.

The town of Deer Park and Forestburgh, N. Y., are to decide by election tomorrow whether they shall contest the legality of the bonds issued in 1879 in aid of the Port Jervis & Monticello railroad.

THE town of Franklin, on the Seaboard & Roanoke railroad, Southampton county, Va., has been half destroyed by an accidental fire. Nearly all the business houses were burned, including the postoffice and the telegraph office.

COURTING ONE AND MARRYING THE OTHER. A prominent state official has two very beautiful and highly accomplished daughters. Miss K. and Miss L. are both young women who are well and favorably known in society.

William Lowry, living three miles from Bloomington, Ill., was cleaning a revolver, and he was playing with it playfully pointed it at his sister Mary, a young lady of eighteen, who was sitting at a table.

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THE MUMANE FAIR. Large Crowd Present at the Closing. The Humane fair closed on Saturday night and there was a tremendous crowd present.

Butchers' Tools: John Doerr, \$64.45; A. W. Evans, \$17.10. Cigar Maker's Tools: Wm. Howard, \$38.35; John Fienard, \$43.65.

The following articles were changed off and were won as below: Coverlet, M. Kirchner; bouquet, J. Light; glass case of cigars, J. Light; "mumane" doll, Katie Zecher; silver butter set, Mrs. L. H. Schuler.

Impending Display by Knights of Pythias. The funeral of Frederick S. Kahl, whose sad death by being crushed beneath falling earth while he was engaged in excavating a cellar in South Queen street, has been heretofore mentioned.

Market active. Sales reach 800 boxes. Up-town manufacturers report the primary buyers of 200 boxes of 79 Remedios sold at 88 cents; 115 boxes of 79 Veneta Abajo at \$1.09.

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