

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 28, 1881.

A Question of Taste and Law. Some of the lawyers in the Legislature take exception to the action of the state treasurer and auditor general...

but by the manipulation of the appointment in committee, he may delay it long enough to inaugurate the war on the administration after the administration is well prepared to meet it.

MINOR TOPICS. WHEN the great Mr. Conkling inquires after "the man milliner" of Harper's Weekly he asks: "How is Georgiana?"

STEELE MACKAY is about to organize a theatre in New York with \$1,000,000 capital, in which players and playwrights will have a share of the profits...

Now Greek meets Greek. A paper by Mr. Emerson on his personal impressions of Carlyle, made up from his unpublished letters written at the time of his first visit to England, will appear in Scribner for May.

CARLYLE rated Dickens's "essential faculty" as that of an actor and said: "Had he been born twenty or forty years sooner we would most probably have had a second and greater Matthews, Ince, or the like, and no writing Dickens."

"PA, what is the difference between civilization and barbarism?" "Civilization, my son, is blowing your enemy to pieces with a bombshell at a range of four miles, barbarism is knocking his brains out at arm's length with a brutal club."

The young gentleman who now bears the name of Mr. Ashmead-Burdett County has determined to take to politics, the baroness being an intense admirer of Lord Beaconsfield, he will be brought out under the patronage of the Carlton club...

Mr. HITT, the new assistant secretary of state, has been in Paris as secretary of legation for eight years, and previous to that he lived in Washington. He is both a French and German scholar, of independent means, easy of access, quick and firm to decide a question, very quick and able with the pen, and familiar with public business.

BEFORE THE SPRING. The wind has blown the last year's leaves from off the primrose head; The blue-bird has his prison cleaves; The elm-tree tips are red, And all about, though trees are bare, And crows are on the wing, The blackbird heralds every where.

Unquestionably the supreme court is the final arbiter of the question of a law's constitutionality. But that in no way relieves an officer of the state from the duty of deciding upon his primary action according to the best light he can get.

The Philadelphia Press justified the announcement of its publishers and the expectations of its patrons yesterday by the publication of the first number of its future regular Sunday edition. It has purchased the franchises of and consolidated with this enterprise the Sunday Press, lately published by Dennis F. Dealy, who now takes and continues the Sunday Mercury.

When there is a good deal of hurry the old adage says that there is apt to be little speed; and so it has been with the effort to relieve Philadelphia from the cost of the delinquent tax office.

THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM WALTER PHELPS to Austria was made, it is said, at the request of Whitelaw Reid.

Governor HARRIS M. FLAISTED, of Maine, together with several friends, is about to pay a visit to his old army comrade, General W. H. Davis, of Doylestown.

Mrs. Lucy Ann, wife of CHARLES A. STETSON, for nearly forty years the proprietor of the Astor house, New York, died of pneumonia at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. Harry Ford, at nine o'clock on Saturday night.

D. B. BAILEY, a rising member of the York bar, died at his residence on Saturday afternoon from abscesses of the lungs.

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It is announced to-day, with a positiveness that indicates authority, that Mr. Conkling will oppose the confirmation of Robertson for collector of New York. In an open fight on the floor of the Senate he could not likely prevent it.

General Grant's administration his views were few and generally of a formal character. Grant frequently called upon the senator at his rooms and their relations were most cordial, but Mr. Conkling does not think it to be the province of a senator to dangle at the heels of the executive.

High Life in the West. Jack Roberts, the murderer of Tom Greator, was lynched at Durango, Col., last night.

Lipman's sawmill, Jackson county, Arkansas, Chris Carroll and Lem Johnson, left in charge of the mill while the other men went to dinner, got into a quarrel, and drawing knives, began a desperate duel with these weapons.

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While George Bullock was visiting the eastern penitentiary two felons, engaged in whitewashing the walls of the corridor of the second tier, immediately above Mr. Bullock, upset the pail containing the diluted lime, and its contents went streaming down over the party from Mr. Bullock, completely covering his clothing and running in his eyes.

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