

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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The Virginia Straddle.

The Senate debate is doing the Democratic party great good in exposing what was wittily called by Senator Morgan the Riddlebargain, and putting the just odium of it upon the Republican leaders.

Senator Bayard uncovered a main object of the assistance of that party upon installing Mahone's Virginia brigade in the Senate offices, when he said that it was to fortify him for his contest in the fall election in Virginia, in which a union of the former Mahone and Republican parties is proposed for the purpose of electing a governor and a Legislature that will choose a United States senator.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The bill to prevent Telegraph Consolidation. In the Senate yesterday the special order was the consideration on final passage of the bill to prohibit the consolidation of the telegraph lines and property of telegraph corporations, associations and companies.

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A BARN TO COST \$21,000.

A Description of the Building. L. H. Focht, carpenter and builder, of Birdsboro, has received contract to erect for A. J. Cassatt, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, a large barn and stable near Berwyn station.

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EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS.

A Misunderstood Word costs Allegheny County Clerk Kirkpatrick, of the Allegheny County common pleas, is a great stickler for what he deems correct English, and does not scruple to interrupt an attorney in the midst of his argument to set him right in his pronunciation.

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THALIC FATE.

Of an Old Lancaster Countess. About a month ago the following was published in the INTELLIGENCER, reprinted from correspondence of the New York Sun.

"Henry Pettigrew, a well-known trapper, met with a shocking death on Friday. He usually kept thirty traps along the mountain slope and near the Lackawanna river the year round. On Thursday he placed one of his traps in the crevice of a precipice, one hundred and twelve feet from the ground, where he expected to catch an otter.

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Snow in the West.

We had a fair share of snow in the East, but it seems that the West has had more than its share of a reasonable amount of the beautiful article. A private letter received this morning from H. M. Reigart, esq., informs us that the snow still greets them eight feet deep.

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STATE ITEMS.

Emma Abbott and her opera company are singing through the oil regions. The daily production of crude oil in the Pennsylvania oil fields has fallen off nearly eight thousand barrels within the last three months.

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THE STATE OF TRADE.

Financial statistics gathered by Bradstreet's from seventeen business and industrial centres show that the severe winter has done its work. Trade has fallen off alarmingly, and the anticipations are that the present winter will be a very dry one, and will greatly diminish the resources of the country.

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A PHILADELPHIA STATESMAN.

Who was "Far Him" at the Last Election. The fact that George McGowan, at Monday night's meeting of the Democratic city executive committee, of Philadelphia, tendered his resignation as a member has excited considerable comment.

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THE GREAT FLOODS.

Another Western Town Reported Swept Away. In Yankton, D. T., the water has risen to a point a foot higher than the rise of March 29. Lower Yankton is submerged and the people have been moved to the upper portion of the city.

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Our Deputy Sheriff.

We are led to say a good word for Deputy Sheriff Hippey. We have heard his praises sounded on all sides, and especially by attorneys who are brought into daily intercourse with him. They give him the reputation of being one of the best, if not the best deputy that ever was in office.

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Unmistakable Letters.

In the rack at the postoffice is a letter addressed to "Mary Grothe, York county, Pa." which is held for more implicit direction. Also a letter addressed to "Mrs. Lizzie Buzzard, Ephrata P. O., Lancaster county, Pa.," which is held for want of sufficient post.

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