

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 30, 1881.

A Remarkable Report.

The committee which has been so long laboring over the attorney general's opinion on the salary question has made its report to the House and received the thanks and nearly unanimous approval of the members for its conclusions; which ought not perhaps to be surprising, seeing that the report declares that the attorney general was all wrong in his law, and that it was a very mean and unworthy thing in him to stop the growth of the members' salary after the hundred days. Legislators are human, and they are not generally supposed to be an extraordinarily virtuous and unselfish type of humanity; so that they could hardly have been expected not to be gratified at the declaration of their committee that they had a solid right to all the money they had voted themselves. But it does seem odd to see the members so unanimous. It is a state which is entirely new to them. All the session through they have exhibited themselves as of the most discordant minds; and even those who came together close friends are now wide apart as the poles. Notably, for instance, Messrs. Wolfe and Hewit have parted company, to come together only on this salary matter, when they stand side by side we believe; though Wolfe calls Hewit the abettor of ringsters and won't take it back, while Hewit considers Wolfe to be a bad fellow who always wants to have things his own way.

MINOR TOPICS.

The 322,930 Congregationalists in the United States gave, last year, for their religious work, \$4,966,923.24, or an average of nearly \$10 per member.

The Jews of Hungary form less than 3 per cent. of the population; but they furnish 18 per cent. of the university students, and two-thirds of the Jewish students study jurisprudence.

In Trinity church, Pawtucket, R. I., at the recent Easter Monday election, three women were made members of the vestry. Likely the case is without precedent in the history of the church in this country.

In locating the Mr. Wigwam automatic gate and bull story in Drummer township the Examiner shows a fertility of imagination only equalled by the author of the romance which is probably not over ten years old.

In a certain Western conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church a presiding elder was suspended from the ministry one day, expelled the next, restored to the ministry on the third day, and made presiding elder again on the fourth day.

The entire debt of \$40,000 assumed by Chaplain McCabe to save the church at Salt Lake City has been paid, principal and interest. The total amount is \$43,027.23. It might have been paid long ago, but not a dollar has been diverted from the regular work to pay this debt. The league of a thousand ladies with their punch cards have paid the most of it.

MONTE WASHINGTON, president of Robert college, Constantinople, conveys to the world, which does not seem to have thought of it, the welcome fact that Beane's school, "so far as his private character was concerned, a good man, a Christian man. He had not the intense moral earnestness of Mr. Gladstone; but he was a sincere member of the church of England and a firm believer in the truths of religion."

It is estimated that the careless omission of the word "and" in the appropriation providing for a new pension building and site will cost the government \$24,000 in additional rent, thus rendering necessary. It will be remembered that the appropriation as enacted provides for the purchase of land simply, while the intent was to include both land and building. As a consequence the work will be delayed for a year.

OUR neighbor, the daily New Era, has entered upon its fifth volume, giving evidence of unabated prosperity and justifying its effort to fill the apparent vacancy in Republican local journalism which its editor felt was created when the Express was merged in the Examiner. Our young and vigorous contemporary also announces that henceforth it is divorced from wicked political partners who have so often put it into an equivocal position.

THE Lancaster weekly Inquirer is again informed that the INTELLIGENCER republished nothing from the Examiner about itself which had not been sent to the Examiner office distinctly marked "local" and with no other instructions. But as the Inquirer in its present issue informs its readers that the junior editor of the INTELLIGENCER is "Peter Funk" "a renegade," "a scoundrel," has the political "jim jams," and an "utter lack of common sense," and is a "blather-skite," that of course "settles it."

THE spring course of lectures at Crozier theological seminary this year to be delivered not only by a Presbyterian, but by a layman, Principal John W. Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S. of McGill college, Montreal. Mr. Dawson is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and is a scholar of very high repute, especially in the field of geology, in which he has been a most diligent worker and has become a most distinguished authority. Agnosticism in its relation to Natural Science; Metempsychosis; Evolution; and the Origin and Antiquity of Man; Mind in Nature, and Nature and Revelation are the subjects that take up the large field mapped out by this distinguished lecturer.

"That doctrine is true which makes a man true, and that church is right that most develops true manhood," says Mr. Beecher. "The value of a doctrine is to be measured by its power to develop Christ in human nature. Whether orthodox or infidelity, one church or another, that is best by which Christ is born in the souls of men. For most things I think men have a better chance in our church than in the Church of Rome; but if a man can find Christ best developed in the Roman Catholic church I bid him God-speed and say, 'Go in!' And this not because it is best, but because it may better form Christlikeness in him. The object of the church is not to display graces, but to serve as a school to train men."

Fatal Debouches. Christopher Mallady, aged 15, of Altoona, left home early on Wednesday morning in company with several companions. They met a number of tramps, who were well supplied with whisky, and Mallady drank repeatedly from a quart bottle. Afterwards he lay down under a tree where his lifeless body was found the next morning. The boy went from his home in the morning without anything to eat and did not procure any food the entire day.

T. C. Tolson, a farmer and horse dealer, located near Baltimore, Md., was found drowned in the Delaware, at the Kensington water works wharf, yesterday morning. He had come to Philadelphia to buy horses, "made a night of it," and fell into the water while drunk.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. JOHN WANAMAKER has returned from Florida restored in health, and will at once resume the active management of his great business.

Secretary BLAINE returned to Washington on Thursday evening. He was accompanied by William Walter Phelps, recently nominated as minister to Austria, who will be his guest for a few days.

HARRY MAYR, the Austrian minister at Washington, having received six months leave of absence, yesterday called at the state department and presented Count Lippe, secretary of the legation, who will act as chargé d'affaires during the baron's absence.

The Maryland press just now is exercised over the truth or falsity of a statement that has been started on the rounds to the effect that Governor HAMILTON, of that state, went to Boston to purchase the furniture for the executive mansion. The able remarks upon the subject that have found their way into the papers are worthy of being preserved as an unique literary collection.

The Independent used cold steel to make the announcement that the wife of GEORGE ELLIOT's "husband" is still living, and that the great authoress "lived in open concubinage with Lewes, was his mistress (or, rather one of his mistresses), and the Elliot-worshipping set accepted the statement and objected mainly to having the fact stated in plain English. The nonsense about 'Elliot' considering herself married to Lewes, etc., etc., imposed on those who wished to be imposed on, and on nobody else."

The price of beer in Philadelphia has been fixed at \$5.50 per barrel by the Brewery association.

There are thirty Mutual Life insurance companies in Dauphin county, all chartered within eighteen months.

Major West Funk, for some time superintendent of the Jefferson medical college, has been dismissed in consequence of the directors having discovered discrepancies in his accounts. A bond secures them from loss.

Mrs. E. H. Haldeman of Harrisburg, so much given to good works, has been entertaining the managers of the Home of the Friendless, with a number of her old friends at a supper, and with music, herself at the piano.

Messrs. A. M. Tate and H. W. Kahler have started a daily newspaper in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, called the Sun. It is bright and newsy as it naturally would be under the editorial direction of that veteran journalist, Mr. Tate. The Sun is the first daily paper ever published in Columbia county, and will no doubt receive the cordial support that it deserves.

JOHN Frank, a saloon keeper, about 30 years of age, has committed suicide in Baltimore.

The greater portion of the village of Mount Morris, Pa., was destroyed yesterday morning by fire.

Andrew Partee, Adam Urichs and John Martin were killed by a fall of rock in a tunnel of the Susquehanna coal company, at Nanticoke.

A movement among the Jews has broken out at Argentan, West Prussia. A rabbi, led by a school teacher, has attacked the houses of some Jews and maltreated the inmates.

The nominations sent to the Senate, which have not yet been acted upon, number 217, of which 4 are judicial, 17 consular and diplomatic, 6 of U. S. district attorneys, 7 of U. S. marshals and 17 of collectors of customs.

A family named Weaver, eight in number, living on an islet in the centre of a marsh at Croto, Michigan, was found a few days ago destitute, with nearly all of the members sick of malignant scarlet fever. Three of the children died within twenty-four hours.

The total loss of property by the floods in the Missouri river and its tributaries Sioux City, Iowa, and Bismarck, Dakota, is estimated at \$2,500,000. Below Sioux City, including the damage at Omaha, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, and thence to St. Louis, the loss is estimated at \$1,300,000, making the aggregate \$4,000,000.

The state attorney in Louisville, Kentucky, has begun several suits against the Louisville & Nashville railroad for violating a law of Kentucky by running Sunday trains. He claims that the company has become a nuisance, having aggregated \$350 and costs, namely, one fine of \$50 for running the train, and six other fines of \$50 for the employment of persons "engaged in work and labor on the same."

Mayor McLean, of East St. Louis, received a load of shot in his face from a man named Charles Dick, who shot him with a revolver, inflicting a wound in Maucherat's neck, which will probably prove fatal. One of the mayor's eyes was destroyed. The mayor, with a squad of police, was protecting the erection of a fence across the title to which was disputed by Maucherat.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A Green Killdeer Killed by a Station. At the Merrimack stables in rear of the Merrimack house, North Prince street, about 9 o'clock this morning, John Livingston, the groom having charge of George Grossman's "Tommy" horse Clyde, was kicked in the forehead by that animal and almost instantly killed.

Coroner Mishler being notified emanated a jury consisting of Henry C. Sehner, Thomas Gable, L. C. Eaby, Samuel Allen, A. J. Killian and Robert Dysart, and held an inquest on the remains of the unfortunate man. From the testimony of witnesses it appeared that Livingston was a Canadian and came from Mitchell, Ontario, last Thursday week to take charge of the station for Mr. Grossman. This morning, Dan McGarry, a countryman, visited the stables to take a look at the horse. Livingston opened the stable door and invited Mr. Huber inside, telling him the horse was perfectly gentle. Mr. Huber did not go inside the stable but Mr. Livingston did, and handed the horse freely. While Livingston was standing behind the horse and stroking its tail the horse kicked viciously, and planted his iron shoe high in Livingston's face, hurling him backward from the stable. Several persons ran to his assistance and carried him into the carriage house, but he never moved and was evidently instantly killed. Dr. Henry F. Eberman, who acted as surgeon to the coroner, made an examination of Livingston's wounds and found that the frontal bone, the molar and the nasal bones were fractured and that there had been a laceration and compression of the brain substance, and that these injuries had caused Mr. Livingston's death.

The jury returned a verdict that Livingston came to his death from injuries received from the kick of the horse. Very little is known of the unfortunate man except that he came from Canada last Thursday week to take charge of Mr. Grossman's station; that he has a wife and family residing at Mitchell, Ontario, that he was about 36 years of age, and was employed in the lively stable of John Hicks, of Mitchell. Mr. Grossman his employer, who left Lancaster yesterday for Sunderland, Canada, has been informed by telegraph of the sad affair, and Mr. Hicks has telegraphed to Mr. Grossman Mr. Livingston's body lies at the Merrimack house.

"Young Lord Clyde," the stallion that caused Mr. Livingston's death is a handsome dapple brown horse imported from England. He is over 17 years old, 17 hands high, and weighs 1,700 pounds. He was recaptured by many of our readers that a few weeks ago he kicked and broke the arm of Mr. Hoffman and also injured his former groom, George Kerr, in the same stable in which he is now standing. It is a rumor that he killed a man in Canada before being brought to Lancaster, but this is positively denied by members of Mr. Grossman's family, who say the horse has always been perfectly gentle and never hurt any one until he kicked Mr. Hoffman.

From the New Holland Clarion and Elsewhere.

"Bob" Stephenson and "Ab" Patterson, jolly landlards and loyal Democrats in their political opinions, were traced by Jere, Mentzer and Levi H. Baer, of New Holland, who had been confined to the stocks, are both convalescent.

Mrs. Henry Shirk, of Philadelphia, formerly of New Holland, and nephew of Dr. Peter Shirk, has been killed by a runaway; also Miss Rachel Stiller, a popular lady who frequently visited in East Earl.

Rev. W. R. Halbert formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of Arglen and Christian but he became a Unitarian and was compelled to resign his charge about two years ago, died at Carlisle, on April 24.

The Clarion wants a "field club" for New Holland, to encourage outdoor sports. It is a rumor that the Republican primary election contest?

The stockholders of the New Holland bank will meet to organize it next Thursday. Cornelius Roland is "talked of" for president and James Diller, esq., for cash.

John and Mary, a young couple, who were married in New Holland, Pa., on the 10th inst., were engaged in a quarrel on the 18th inst., and the young man shot his wife with a revolver, inflicting a wound in Maucherat's neck, which will probably prove fatal. One of the mayor's eyes was destroyed. The mayor, with a squad of police, was protecting the erection of a fence across the title to which was disputed by Maucherat.

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THE STAR CLUB.

The closing meeting of this useful organization was held last evening in the main hall of the Young Men's Christian association. The numerical list of stars is here called up to one hundred, as originally proposed. During the winter several excellent papers have been read on special subjects, and the general publication of these proceedings has doubtless done much to increase the interest already aroused by the work of the club in the grand science of astronomy.

The abstract here given of the remarks of Mr. J. P. McCaskey, leader of the class, will enable the reader readily to follow the work of the club:

Constellation of the Star Lion. The Crab and the Lion we have recently had upon our list. The Virgin is found in the constellation of the Lion, and is the brightest star in the constellation. It is on the meridian at 9 o'clock in the evening about the middle of May. The Virgin is sometimes represented on the charts as holding a handful of wheat heads or an ear of corn in her left hand. It is marked by the star Spica or Arcturus, which is the brightest star in the constellation, and may readily be fixed by the figure known as the "Diamond of the Virgin."

To trace this, with the two stars Denebola and Cor Caroli, look east for the very bright star Arcturus, which is now in the eastern sky, and then complete the Diamond, southward or to the southeast where we have the last of the four stars, Spica of the Virgin. The word itself means an ear of wheat or corn. This star is the only bright one in its immediate vicinity. It is some thirty-five degrees or more distant from Denebola in the tail of the Lion, and about fifty degrees south from Cor Caroli, in the neck of the hunting dogs of Bootes. The star note in this constellation is Vindemiatrix, which is in the right arm of the Virgin. It is about half way between Benenach's Hair and Spica. Benenach's Hair, it will be remembered, is a faint but beautiful star cluster half way between Cor Caroli and Denebola. The Vindemiatrix is about thirty degrees from Arcturus and about the same distance from Benenach's Hair, the line connecting these forming the base of an isosceles triangle which points southward and has Vindemiatrix at its vertex. Zaviava, a star in the constellation of the Virgin, is thirteen degrees south from Denebola. Arcturus, Vindemiatrix and Zaviava form a very low isosceles triangle with Vindemiatrix at the vertex.

Directly south of the Crab is a group of small stars which form the head of Hydra, or the Water Serpent. From this point a curving line of stars, more or less faint, carried in a southeasterly direction brings us to the star Alpherat, the Lone One, as the Arabic word is translated. The star is comparatively bright, and it stands alone, hence the significance of the name it bears. It is also known as "Cor Hydrae, or the 'Heart of Hydra'."

The four stars, Alpherat, Regulus, Pollux and Procyon, form a quadrilateral which may be traced by a right line from Alpherat in the blade of the Sicke, through Regulus, and produced some twenty or more degrees beyond it will reach Alpherat.

The star Alkes in the Cap, which rests upon Hydra, is found some twenty-four degrees from Alpherat toward when this star is on the meridian. It is directly south of Zozma in the back of the Lion.

A line from Spica to Alkes will fix the star Alpherat in the Raven, which is represented in some of the charts as perched upon the Hydra. The four prominent stars of this constellation makes an irregular quadrilateral of large size directly south of the Virgin. It is on the meridian at nine o'clock in the evening about the middle of May. Of the two stars in this quadrilateral which are the most prominent,