

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Fishing is all the rage. An axle of the car broke yesterday on Coatesville bridge.

The written examinations of the public schools will be held to-day. To-day being Ascension day services will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The school board will attend the high school exercises of commencement in the school room to-morrow morning. The exercises will commence at ten o'clock.

A largely attended surprise birthday party waited upon the little daughter of Jacob Henderson last evening, at her father's residence, on South Second street.

The Young Folks' social and working society of the St. John's English Lutheran church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival in the school hall, on the 16, 17 and 18.

The Columbia fire company will attend in a body the funeral at two o'clock this afternoon of the late Richard C. Emly who at the time of his death held the office of chief engineer.

The lower part of the opera house was well filled at the Clarke comedy entertainment last night. High prices caused a slim gallery and only relative financial success.

Meeting of Committee of Arrangements—Order of Procession—Route to March—Decorations—Decorations Day.

The committee of arrangements of Geo. H. Thomas post 81, G. A. R., met at Alderman Barr's office last evening for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the decoration of the soldiers' graves on the 30th.

The following is the formation of the line of parade agreed upon: Guides of the G. A. R.; Lancaster corner band; George H. Thomas post 81; lance containing the flowers for decoration of the graves; carriers containing disabled veterans; etc.

The committee appeal to the ladies of Lancaster to lend them assistance in procuring flowers and forming them into bouquets, crosses, crosses, anchors and other designs.

The ladies will meet for this purpose at Grant hall this evening, and also on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be about five hundred floral tributes necessary to supply all the graves.

The annual Decoration Address will be delivered in the court house on the evening of Decoration day by Col. J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon. The colonel is a fine speaker and will no doubt deliver an able oration.

The public are invited to be present. Vocal and instrumental music by some of the best performers in the city will contribute a part of the programme.

In view of the approaching ceremonies of Decoration day, Harry A. Schreyer, the tasteful florist, is fixing up the ground around the soldiers' monument in Centre square. The grass has been shaven, and geraniums and bignonia and other spring plants set in the corner beds with fine effect.

The quarter sessions list has been reached in the argument court. In the case of Henry Hoffer trustee of Samuel Brandt, the exceptions to the report of auditors were withdrawn and the report was confirmed absolutely.

The bonds of Wm. Lecman and J. Hay Brown, esq., appointed by the court to sell the Hanover Junction railroad was approved. The amount of the bond was \$120,000 and the sureties are Mrs. David Barr and Thomas Baumgardner.

Martin Mellinger was appointed a vieweer to vacate a road in East Coalinga township in place of Nelson Wolfskill, who is supervisor of the township and therefore unable to serve.

Soldiers' Orphans. State Superintendent Hilybe has made his annual report with regard to soldiers' orphans' schools, the annual inspection, examinations, &c. Vacation begins Friday, July 15 and ends Thursday, Sept. 1, present at Mount Joy, Thursday, July 14, 9 a. m. for the examination, and the state officers will conduct the examinations, calling upon such persons to assist them as they may deem proper.

Slight Fire. The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon was caused by the burning of a small house in the roof of a house owned by Barbara Buckles, at the corner of Mulberry and James streets. The fire was extinguished easily before any damage was done, but before the firemen arrived. A locomotive spark was the cause of it.

A telegram from Glasgow, Scotland, announces that the steamship No. 30, on which Rev. Father Kaul and others recently sailed from New York for Europe, arrived safely at Glasgow, with all hands well.

THE REPUBLICAN MULDOONES.

The New Era accused of giving itself away. The New Era, which on Tuesday evening, published editorially, that only 74 votes had been polled on Saturday in Harvey Raymond's district, last evening published the affidavit of John Lindernick, whose respectability is vouched for, that 115 votes were polled in said district; that the officers raised Judge Livingston's vote from 115 to 165; Keady's from 109 to 143; Umble's from 97 to 136; Fry's from 105 to 148; Grissinger's from 100 to 162; Setzer's from 92 to 118; Spurr's from 108 to 144; Smith's from 96 to 146, and other candidates in proportion.

Fridy's friends, on the other hand, point with glee to the Era's inconsistency in declaring one evening that 74 votes were polled and the next day publishing the affidavit of one of its friends that 115 votes were polled. At this rate, they say, the Era will soon establish the validity of Fry's nomination. They also claim to have the "dead wood" proof that 133 were added to the legal Skiles votes in the 7th ward this city.

The following significant paragraph occurs in the Press—Skiles correspondence from this city: "The matter of bringing criminal suits will not be pressed for the present, it being deemed better for the peace of the party and for the general good to adjust the difficulties with the party lines under the party rules."

Sammy Groff's Prosecutors. Last evening was the time set apart for the hearing of the complaint entered before Alderman Wiley by William Fox, charging Samuel A. Groff with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The prosecutor did not appear, but Alderman Wiley refused the request, whereupon the complaint against Mr. Groff was withdrawn. Mr. Groff demanded a hearing, claiming his ability to prove that the complaint against him was untrue. The magistrate declined to hear any testimony.

Later in the evening Mr. Groff appeared at Alderman Spurr's office to answer complaints preferred against him by Al. Harter, charging with violation of the liquor law. The prosecutor failed to appear, but some of his friends were sent to Mr. Groff, who said that the prosecutor wished to withdraw the complaint, as he had been induced to make them when he was intoxicated. Mr. Groff insisted on the complaint with the case unless the prosecutor divulged the amount of money received by him from Levi Senseng for making the complaints. The prosecutor not being present, and there being no testimony to sustain the complaints against Groff, they were dismissed.

Mr. Groff's complaints against Wm. Fox, for drunken and disorderly conduct, assault, and surety of the peace, will be heard before Alderman Barr this evening.

Death of a Soldier. Simon Goss, a member of Company F, Ninth Pa. cavalry during the late war, and who was badly crippled by a wound received in action at Danville, East Tennessee, died at his residence at Locust Valley, between Strasburg and Lampeter, this county, last night about 8 o'clock. He was aged about 42 years and leaves a wife and six children, some of them quite young. His funeral will be held on Monday next at his late residence and proceed to the Monmouth burying ground at Strasburg.

Colebrook Railroad Contract. A meeting of the directors of the Colebrook and Strasburg Railroad was held at the road last evening. Sections 1, 2 and 3 to David Ryan, Paoli; sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 to James March, of Lebanon; sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 to Call & Hawman, of Reading. The length of the road is 17 miles and the contractors will start at once of grading at once, as it is believed that if the work is pushed forward with energy it can be finished in three or four months.

Assignment. Abram Wenger and his wife, Magdalena Wenger, of Rapho township, have made an assignment of their estate, for the benefit of their creditors, to Martin B. Keller, of Penn township.

Fatal Accident. George Weaver, residing about two miles north of Elizabethtown, was so seriously injured in a runaway, on Saturday while delivering tobacco to Maytown, that he died on Tuesday.

Large Bass. Chas Kerns of Strasburg borough while fishing in Musselman's dam on the Pequea caught a black bass which weighed four pounds and four ounces. He had some difficulty in landing the large fish.

Small Restless. The "Company store at Safe Harbor, kept by George A. Triple & Co., was robbed on Sunday night. The thieves got only \$5 for their trouble and risk.

Franklin & Marshall College—Orders for Excursion. Persons expecting to attend the commencement of Franklin & Marshall college should secure orders for excursion tickets, which will enable them to travel over the Pennsylvania, Northern Central and Philadelphia & Reading railroads at reduced rates of fare. Excursion tickets will be sold from Saturday, June 11, to Thursday, June 16, and will be good to return until Saturday, June 18. Citizens of Lancaster expecting visitors during commencement week can obtain orders for them by applying to Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, 229 West Chestnut street.

Don't lose your Canary Sing? Then get a bottle of Bird Bitters, which is an unfailing remedy for song and a cure for all diseases of cage birds. If your druggist does not keep it, or will not get it for you, send a postal card to Bird Bitters, 207 Front street, Camden, N. J., and they will see that you are supplied. Price, 25 cents.

City Bill Posters. Carson & Hensel, city bill posters and distributors, office 147 North Second street, No. 6 South Queen street.

Amusements. Tony Pastor To-night—This evening Tony Pastor and his large and talented company will appear in the open house. Besides the popular Tony himself, a number of excellent variety people will appear, including Ferguson and Mack, the funny Irish comedians; Lester and Allen, black face comedians; Frank McKiss, eccentric dancer and singer, who traveled for a long time with Barlow, Wilson, Primrose & West's minstrels; Lester and Allen, black face comedians; and while song and dance will be plentiful, last seen here by Tony Deater two seasons ago, the French Twin Sisters, two fine dancers, and a number of others. Including Mr. Pastor, there are twenty persons in the troupe, which contains a full brass band and orchestra. The funny burlesque entitled "Our School Girls," which ran one hundred nights at Pastor's theatre, in New York city, will be acted on this occasion. The company entertained the town with a street parade this afternoon, headed by a band, the performers following in buggies with caparisoned horses. Tony Pastor driving a double-seated vehicle with three attractive-looking young ladies.

Query—Does the note snapper shave with Cuticura Shaving Soap? The careworn and overworked mind and comfort and strength in Malt Bitters.

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THE CANADA DISASTER. A WHOLE CITY IN MOURNING. The terrible calamity near London, Ont., has put nearly every household of that city into mourning. It is believed now that in the aggregate 241 persons were drowned. Long before the identification of all the 170 bodies recovered up to last night their decomposition from the hot sun shining on their upturned faces, rendered necessary their removal to a drill shed. Investigation shows gross carelessness in overloading the boat; and reckless jollity among the passengers, leading to the ruin of the crowd and weight from one side of the deck to the other. When the pressure caused the supports of the upper deck to give way the people tumbled in hundreds heading into the water thirteen feet deep, and to make the terror more terrible the whole of the upper deck and supports went crashing down upon the wretched victims, tearing and bruising the struggling people, who thus became cooped as it were between two deaths. The river is usually high just now, being swollen by recent rains; and where the disaster occurred the current runs swift and black at all times. The mist of escaping steam in tensified the confusion. One man was near the bank, with a child under each arm, when a woman eluded at him and the four sank. A woman with a babe at her breast clung to it and was being hauled ashore by a sturdy swimmer when a falling beam killed the infant and the river swallowed it. Another woman twice lost and twice recovered her boy. At midnight when the bodies were recovered they were laid out in rows on the grass by the river side, all in their holiday attire, and with the aid of torches their faces were eagerly scanned by hundreds of anxious friends who were looking for their missing ones. Walls of sorrow followed recognitions; and when all hopes of safety for friends ended in despair many survivors were with difficulty restrained from burying themselves in the black flood.

DETAILS OF THE DISASTER. LONDON, Ont., May 26.—The number of passengers on board the Victoria at the time of the disaster is now estimated at 700—a burden out of all proportion to the strength and capacity of the vessel. Shortly after passing Woodland cemetery and when the boat began to rock the crowd surged from one side to the other with great oscillation, rather enjoying the motion. Instead of being in any way alarmed on account of the passengers stated that a number of youths on the upper deck took delight in keeping up the rocking motion by moving from side to side while others shouted gleefully: "Let her sink we'll only have to trade ashore." To the surprise, though, denied by others, that the officers in charge endeavored to induce the passengers to remain quiet, but their efforts were unavailing. The crowd surged from side to side and with each movement the vessel took in an increasing amount of water from the lower deck, to the great alarm and delight of many more. Below the position became alarming. Suddenly the vessel opposite Cove Bridge, the water to the depth of a foot or more rushed in and the water on the deck was now coming down again to the north, the boat slowly following the movement by tilting over to that side. This time the vessel almost turned on her edge, and the deck floor because elevated to an angle not far from the perpendicular. All at once the supports of the upper deck gave way with a terrific crash and the great weight imposed over the railings. The people tumbled in hundreds heading into the deep water, and to make the terror more terrible the whole of the upper deck and supports went crashing down upon the wretched victims, tearing and bruising the struggling mass and engulfing them in a dreadful watery tomb. Many of the bodies, when they were afterwards taken from the water, were found to be terribly bruised and mangled. The crash of timber which came down from the upper deck, and in many cases the features bore evidence of the desperate struggle which must have taken place.

A visit to the scene shows the Victoria to be a complete wreck, the ill-constructed vessel being literally broken into pieces. It is said on good authority that her boiler was not properly secured to the deck and that it shifted with the rocking of the boat. Hardly any portion of the vessel is visible above water.

Cruelty to Emigrants. LONDON, May 26.—The White Chapel (London) district board of public works has felt compelled to take measures to check the over-crowding of emigrants there on the lower deck and in the hold. They are consigned by the hundred at a time to agents in London, and sleep crowded together on straw in low lodging houses without any regard to health or decency.

The Census at Albany. ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—The stalwarts do not show this morning much progress in securing signatures for a caucus. It is said by those who claim to know that they have only forty-seven signatures; others say they have only thirty-five. The paper is not shown to any one in a way to exhibit the number of signatures, so no one can say positively how many have signed.

Gowen's Grit. PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Before the supreme court at Harrisburg to-day a petition was presented for a reargument in the matter of the appeal of Franklin B. Gowen and others from the decree of the common pleas court. The court took the petition and held the matter under advisement.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, May 26.—For the Middle States cool northerly winds, cloudy weather and light rains on the coast, followed by clearing and warmer weather, castly to southerly winds and falling barometer.

THE DEATH OF COLONEL SCOTT. Col. Forney's Progress. Is it then true that the best beloved, or those who have wrought most for man, or among all these, ever all the best are called by adding the names of older and greater minds, there is not one who, in fifty-seven years of experience, aided more individual men and women, or helped forward great enterprises with a more fervid zeal or a sublimer usefulness, than Thomas A. Scott. Founded in a form of almost matchless manly beauty, he was gifted with qualities of singular fascination, and nature rarely adds to gifts of person, and nature

MARKETS. New York Market. N. Y. May 26.—Flour—State and Western shades, extra No. 1, \$1.00; extra No. 2, \$0.95; extra No. 3, \$0.90; extra No. 4, \$0.85; extra No. 5, \$0.80; extra No. 6, \$0.75; extra No. 7, \$0.70; extra No. 8, \$0.65; extra No. 9, \$0.60; extra No. 10, \$0.55; extra No. 11, \$0.50; extra No. 12, \$0.45; extra No. 13, \$0.40; extra No. 14, \$0.35; extra No. 15, \$0.30; extra No. 16, \$0.25; extra No. 17, \$0.20; extra No. 18, \$0.15; extra No. 19, \$0.10; extra No. 20, \$0.05.

Philadelphia Market. PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Flour market strong with fair demand; superfine, at \$1.00; extra No. 1, \$0.95; extra No. 2, \$0.90; extra No. 3, \$0.85; extra No. 4, \$0.80; extra No. 5, \$0.75; extra No. 6, \$0.70; extra No. 7, \$0.65; extra No. 8, \$0.60; extra No. 9, \$0.55; extra No. 10, \$0.50; extra No. 11, \$0.45; extra No. 12, \$0.40; extra No. 13, \$0.35; extra No. 14, \$0.30; extra No. 15, \$0.25; extra No. 16, \$0.20; extra No. 17, \$0.15; extra No. 18, \$0.10; extra No. 19, \$0.05.