

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 13, 1881.

Legislative Rumors.

The Philadelphia Times has been investigating the amount of the services rendered the state by the employees of the Legislature, and finds that out of twenty-five persons holding various positions about the state capital, who were appointed from Philadelphia, nine performed some service, and these were generally pages; of the remaining sixteen a few put in an occasional appearance, some employed substitutes at lower wages; and some did not even make a pretence of earning the salaries which they drew.

This is not an original discovery of the Times, scandalous as the facts are; nor are only the Philadelphia officers and representatives guilty of these wrongs. We have ourselves shown that Lancaster county men play the same game. One of our citizens has taken his thousand dollars as a bribe, and another has informed us, as we have heretofore published, that he employed a substitute at a dollar a day to do his work as pastor and folder.

And the thought that will strike the people of the state with great force in contemplating these facts is as to how they could exist without being known to their senators and representatives; since everyone else around the capital seems to have been very familiar with them and the newspaper editors have made the people at home acquainted with them.

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market value within three years; New Jersey Central has nearly trebled in the same time. These are all valuable properties; but in addition to them a cloud of schemes of greater or less wildness are being put upon the public at fearful prices. Some are nothing but clear frauds; roads which the projectors expect to build with the money obtained for the bonds they sell, and to make their profit on the construction. The other day we noticed in a southwestern paper that a New York contractor had offered to build and equip a certain contemplated road for the bonds and sixty per cent. of the stock. Almost any community that wants a railroad now can have it built with prettily engraved bonds, chromes, as Rufus Hatch calls them, that will go off like hot cakes in the New York market.

PERSONAL. All the Democratic parties in Baltimore have settled on ex-U. S. Senator WITTE for mayor.

WILLIAM BUEHLER, a prominent citizen of Harrisburg, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause.

The thirty-third convention of the Susquehanna dental association will be held in Wilkesbarre to-morrow, and Dr. J. S. SMITH, of this city, is down for an address on "Pathological New Formations."

Mr. HENRY, who sailed from Baltimore on Saturday in his yacht, the Brocton, sent his check for \$2,000 to the Free Excursion society, of which Mr. John T. Ford, the well-known theatrical manager, is president.

JOHN BALDWIN HAY, recently consular clerk of the United States at Havana, a gentleman who at different times has filled posts of prominence in the consular service of the United States, has become suddenly insane at a Washington hotel.

The wife of LEVY, the cornet player who got her divorce and \$20 a week alimony. Levy, in 1872, obtained a divorce from the plaintiff and in 1875 married Miss Maria Conway. The plaintiff claims that the divorce obtained by Mr. Levy is void.

General and Mrs. GRANT and Colonel Fred Grant left St. Louis on Saturday night for Chicago, where they expect to remain several days before going to Galena. Mrs. Grant, who was quite sick when they arrived in St. Louis, continues very weak.

Senator BAYARD has interested himself in securing favorable consideration of a pension claim preferred by John Brothers, of Middletown, Del. There is no doubt that Brothers was a Union soldier and that he is still suffering from a wound in his leg, and the doubt whether he got it in battle or bar room brawl is to be resolved in his favor because he is the father of eighteen children, including six pairs of twins.

MINOR TOPICS. The Press is gunning after the keno haunts in Philadelphia, which it says are full blaze in the heart of the city.

The publication of Carlyle's letters will not be long delayed. This means that Mr. Froude considers that those letters supply an answer to the criticisms on "Reminiscences."

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SHIFFLER FAIR.

INAUGURATION OF THE ENTERPRISE.

A Handsomely Decorated Room, Generously Supplied with Refreshments, and a Big Crowd.

Fairs have been of so frequent occurrence lately that it seems superfluous to go into a detailed account of them, but the one inaugurated, by the Shiffler fire company in their engine house, on Saturday evening, is something more than usual.

Flags from every window and along the eaves and cornices give the house a holiday appearance, while across the street is suspended a large flag, inscribed with the words "Shiffler's Fair."

Passing through the side entrance you soon reach the yard which has been transformed into a cool and comfortable garden, where ice cream and strawberries are dealt out to hungry customers by fair hands.

On entering the large room on the first floor the most conspicuous object is the confectionery table, running the entire length of the room and loaded with the watermelon, cantaloupe, and other property.

On a raised platform at the west end of the room are the principal articles of the show, whose ownership lively contests are being waged. They are an elegant barber's chair, a Wood & Co's organ and a Singer and a Davis sewing machine.

Next you see the "Flower table" groaning under the weight of bouquets and baskets of flowers, which were given by Emma Goodman have this table in charge.

In the center of the room is built the familiar well, at which Rebecca, in the person of Miss Virginia Phillips, is seated, giving her lemonade to thirsty visitors, and to refreshment drink is never handed out by a fairer or more gracious Rebecca.

In a small enclosure is seated Postmistress Katie Shertz with an innumerable number of letters—one for each caller.

The room is very tastefully decorated with arches of green and hung with flags and bunting, and reflects credit to those having this in charge.

Proceeding up stairs you notice tables arranged around the room. A table is dedicated to each sister company. Beginning at the west end, in alphabetical order, are the tables of the "Friendship," "Humane," "The Shiffler," and "The Union" tables.

The "Shiffler" table is the next and largest in the room and the ladies in charge of it, especially its manager, Mrs. Henry Shiffler, collected a fine lot of articles.

The "Union" table, assisted by Mrs. Reese and Miss Edna Miller and S. Reese. On this table is a basket of champagne, set of glass ware, rocking chair, &c.

The "Washington" table is the next and last table, and is in charge of Mrs. Lightner Fulmer, assisted by Miss Mary Anderson and Misses Clara Loucks and Lydia Adams. Among its prominent articles are a copper kettle, pair of horns, smoker's set, &c.

On the end of the "Washy" table is the inevitable old shoe filled with drossed dolls, and little Julia Norbeck, about five years of age, impersonates the old woman who "had so many children she didn't know what to do."

Each table is spanned by an arch of evergreen, and above each one is the name of the company to whom dedicated, with its respective motto above it.

Every visitor to the fair and purchasing a ticket of admission is provided with a name card on Thirteenth street, which is a chance upon a Lancaster watch, which at the termination of the fair will be awarded to the person holding the lucky number.

In defense of their treatment of Mrs. Foggs, the coroner's jury, in their report, says that the husband and sisters and neighbors tell the Press that she is undoubtedly weak-minded, romantic and sentimental, made so by novel reading, and that the plausible denials of her husband and her own are not to be taken as evidence.

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RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY.

THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON.

ANNIVERSARIES AND CELEBRATIONS.

Synod, Ministerium and Classis. The first exercises of commencement week at Franklin and Marshall college were the baccalaureate sermon, delivered yesterday, by President Apple, in the college chapel, in the presence of the largest congregation ever assembled there on a similar occasion.

The closing exercises of the college will be held in the chapel on Tuesday at 10 a. m. Tuesday the board of trustees will meet and in the evening the biennial convention before the literary societies and the general public will be in the court house by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., on the subject of "Self-Education."

Thursday will be the alumni day, on the campus. After the exercises in the morning the alumni association will meet, to be followed from 12:30 to 3 p. m., with the alumni dinner. At 3 the alumni oration will be delivered in the college chapel by Rev. J. Spangler Kleffer, A. M., of Hagley college, Pa., also of 1869. His subject will be "The Subaltern Character of Intellect." It may be noticed as a singular coincidence that Rev. Prof. John S. Kieffer, of F. & M. college brother of the alumni orator, and himself a graduate of the Hagley college, died in 1869.

On Wednesday the baccalaureate oration of the senior class will be delivered in Fulton hall most likely. Of the nineteen members of the class all speak except one who is indisposed. Mr. Brendle of the class of 1878 will also deliver a master oration and the degrees will be conferred.

To-night the exercises will be held at the residence of Prof. W. M. Nevins. The newly elected editors of the College Student for the coming year are as follows: Senior Editors, W. J. Johnson, W. H. Rauch, Junior Editors, N. C. Heisler, J. Q. Adams; while the Sophomore class is represented by J. D. James and W. B. Brinton.

Sixtieth Sunday School Anniversary. The sixtieth anniversary of the Sunday school of the Wesleyan church in this city was celebrated last evening in the customary interesting manner. The church in which the exercises were held was in festival attire and never looked so handsome.

A large floral arch spanned the pulpit, composed of the entire collection of flowers and greenery, and in the center of the arch were bunches of green intervening between them; and these greens, it was incidentally stated by the pastor, Dr. Mitchell, in his remarks during the course of the evening, were obtained from the grave of a former pastor of the congregation, Rev. M. Powell, who, during his lifetime, was so earnestly devoted to the cause of the church and Sunday schools.

The spacious auditorium and galleries of the church were crowded to their utmost capacity by members of church and mission and friends of both. The front portion was reserved for the ladies, and the main and mission schools, and shortly before 8 o'clock they entered the room, marched up the central aisle in double file and occupied the seats assigned them.

Pupils of the infant department were also present, and were seated in the front of the church, and seated likewise either in the pulpit or beside the pulpit, the prettily trimmed communion table were Rev. James V. Mitchell, D. D., pastor and superintendent of the main school; Mrs. M. O. Kline, superintendent of the primary department; Chas. M. Howell, secretary and treasurer of the main school; Rev. James C. Hume, pastor of the memorial mission congregation on South Queen street; Harry C. Moore, esq., superintendent of the mission school; J. S. Houser, esq., secretary of the mission school, and Prof. F. W. Haas, organist.

The exercises comprised singing by the pupils of the main and mission schools some of the selections being in concert and others by the schools separately, and two of the hymns were sung by the little folk of the infant department, the solo portion of one being rendered by a tiny tottler in capital style; scripture reading in concert; prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hume; the recitation of the Apostles' creed and Lord's Prayer by the entire congregation; addresses by Pastors Hume and Mitchell; and reports of the operations of both main and mission schools by their respective secretaries and treasurers Chas. M. Howell, esq., and Mrs. Houser, esq. From the report of Mr. Houser, it is reported that the number of officers connected with the main school is 9, teachers 20, and scholars 163. The total collections from all sources for Sunday school and benevolent or missionary purposes during the year was \$313.54, of which there remains in hand \$65.44 and some odd cents. The secretary had a list of the pupils of the school who had been commendably punctual in their attendance and who had distinguished themselves by perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism, answering all questions correctly. The list was quite long and highly complimentary. At the conclusion of the reading eight of the pupils entitled to prizes for perfection in catechism were each presented with a book. It was also announced that in addition to these twenty-six others that the pupils of this school had been similarly rewarded at Christmas for correctly answering every question in the catechism.

From the report of Mr. Houser, of the mission, it is gleaned that the number of pupils in that school is 230, of whom 40 belong to the infant department, and the number of teachers and pupils combined is 256; "an increase of 8 over last year's report." The report also gave the number of members of the church, whether or pupils who had been presented in their attendance, and was on the whole a highly encouraging presentation of the work that is going on in that quarter.

The exercises, though lengthy, were of intense interest to retain the attention of the large congregation from beginning to end. During the evening a collection was taken up to defray the expense of the celebration and netted a good sum.

Sunday School Celebration. Yesterday morning a large gathering assembled in the DeWitt street E. church to witness the exercises of the Sunday school children's meeting.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and plants for the occasion. Two arches of greens curved above the pulpit, between which were suspended a large cross, anchor and heart, made of ferns and beautiful flowers. Bouquets, ferns and many growing plants, prettily arranged, presented a fine appearance.

The exercises were opened by a prelude on the organ, after which there was singing by the school, prayer by Rev. W. C. Robinson, pastor of the church, an anthem by the choir, and responsive readings, led by B. F. Shaub, superintendent of the First M. E. Sunday school, and Dr. J. L. Withrow, superintendent of the West mission, after which an address was delivered by James Black, esq., superintendent of the East mission Sunday school. Mr. Black began his address by speaking of the organization of the children's day, so universally observed on this day throughout the land, of the kindness of the friends in Lancaster, and united effort in the Sabbath school cause, and spoke earnestly of the great work in which the church is engaged and the amount of good accomplished.

After the singing of another hymn Rev. H. A. Melvin, assistant pastor of the church, made some appropriate and pleasing remarks to the children, who enjoyed the singing of several hymns, by Rev. W. C. Robinson, who also spoke principally to the children of the need of their efforts in the work.

The children from both the West and East mission Sabbath schools were in attendance, and from the look of pleasure beaming on every face, their happiness was complete.

During the exercises a large collection was taken up. In the evening the exercises were repeated before a large congregation and addresses were delivered by the same gentlemen who spoke in the morning.

CATHOLIC. St. Anthony's Celebrates the Name's Day of its Patron Saint. On the church calendar to-day is designated as the Feast of St. Anthony, and in observance of the name's day of its patron saint special exercises were held at St. Anthony's Catholic church. Solemn high mass was celebrated this morning at 9 o'clock and a feature of the event was the magnificent floral decoration of the altar. The services were conducted by Rev. John J. Holt, Christ, Grotmeyer and John, and Mozart's Twelfth Mass was the position selected for rendition by the choir upon this special occasion. It was finely sung throughout, the voices of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Draehbar, Mr. and Mrs. John Hienz, the Misses Hienenz, Kaser and a number of all the members of St. Anthony's excellent choir being heard to advantage, whilst Miss Mary Decker's performance upon the organ was eminently satisfactory. The attendance was very large and the services were invested with a peculiar interest. After the services the children of the parochial school, accompanied by the parents of many of them, went to What Glen park, where at this writing they are picnicking, and in view of the pleasant weather they are doubtless enjoying themselves to the top of their bent.

Dedication of St. Stephen's New Organ. Yesterday was a festive day for the members of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran church, as it was the occasion of the dedication of the large new pipe organ purchased by the congregation several weeks ago from Messrs. Pomplitz & Otto, of Baltimore. The church, which was handsomely decorated with flowers, was well filled in the morning and the services began with an appropriate hymn by the choir, under the efficient leadership of Mr. A. Oblander. The pastor, Rev. E. Meister, consecrated the new organ and delivered a very eloquent address, which was followed by a hymn by the congregation with organ accompaniment on the new instrument, which sounded through the building with its powerful bass and then again with the soft sweet tones of the organ, which were followed by the warbling of thousands of birds. The pastor then began his elaborate sermon, selected from the 150th Psalm, which was followed by the history of the congregation from its infancy up to the day on which it was dedicated to the service of God, which makes St. Stephen's church complete. A collection was next in order and the result was highly gratifying.

The evening services were especially entertaining and interesting. The Sunday school scholars were present in a body, accompanied by their teachers. The church which has sitting room for 800 persons, and was crowded to its utmost capacity, and the services began with a hymn by the children, and reading of the scriptures. This was followed by a sermon by the pastor, selected from Matthew xviii, 10. The services were then closed by a prelude by Prof. Matz. Prof. Emil Aust officiated at the organ in the morning. The day will undoubtedly rest in the memory of the members and friends of St. Stephen's church as a pleasant event.

LUTHERAN. The Synod at Altoona. At the general synod of the Lutheran church on Saturday the committee on literary and theological institutions recommended the establishment of a German theological seminary at Chicago, Illinois. Discussion on this subject was deferred to hear the report of the board of church extension, which had been made the order of the day. This report showed the receipts to be \$21,000. The board recommended that the general synod shall no longer permit to congregations to go beyond the churches for aid or to make appeals through the church papers and that such permission be granted alone by the board of church extension; also that all contributions of conferences and synods for church extension shall pass into the treasury and only be disbursed according to the judgment of the board. It was enacted that a "Special Ordination Fund" should be created, to be under the direct control of the board of church extension. The object of this fund is to enable the board not to loan from the regular fund, but to donate funds where in special cases the circumstances may require such action.

The Ministerium at Pottsville. The Lutheran ministerium adopted a resolution on Saturday recommending the organization of woman's work in the church, both at home and abroad. The report of the theological seminary at Philadelphia, showed attendance of forty-nine students. It was agreed to postpone the opening of the seminary until the middle of September on account of the heat. The following directors of the seminary were then elected: Rev. Dr. G. F. Kruth, Revs. J. K. Kehler, A. Pfaltzer, H. Graham, D. R. Geissinger and Messrs. C. D. Norton, R. B. Miller, J. C. Fahn, H. M. Muhlenberg and Charles Schaefer. The medal ordered at the last session of the synod commemorating the seventh jubilee of the Augsburg confession and the sixth of the Book of Concord was presented to the ministerium during the day. Before adjourning until Monday it was resolved to urge all the congregations connected with the synod to make it utmost to collect means for the proper advancement of every good work under the supervision of the synod.

A Case of Small Pox. A Mrs. Pierce, recently arrived from Kansas, and stopping at the Hotel, this city, who had been ill a few days ago, and on Friday her sickness developed into small pox. It is supposed she contracted the disease while en route from the West. She was taken to the hospital.

News. This morning there was not a single person in the city who was suffering from small pox, which is something very unusual for Monday morning.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Coroner's Inquest.

On Saturday afternoon Coroner Mishler held an inquest on the body of Mrs. Mowery, wife of Amos Mowery, of West Lancaster township, who died suddenly on Saturday morning. For some time past Mrs. Mowery has been subject to congestive chills and she was taking medicine given her by Dr. Bokonyi, when she died. Thursday she had a slight chill and then took the last of her medicine. On Saturday morning she arose with her husband, and after making breakfast, assisted her husband to load his marketing. Mr. Mowery then came to this city, and after the breakfast dishes had been washed by Mrs. Mowery she went into a bedroom to lie down. She was discovered in a short time afterwards and was then about breathing her last. The coroner's jury was composed of Jeremiah Herr, Jacob H. Herr, Isaac Kreider, John H. Keady, H. H. Burkholder and David Keady. The verdict was one of death "from congestive chills." The deceased was 45 years of age, and besides a husband leaves three children. The interment took place this afternoon at New Danville.

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