

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1881.

A Delightful King.

What a delightful man is Mayor King, of Philadelphia, and how the suffering citizens of all other cities in the country will pray on July 4th that their mayor may be a King. It is a day that needs an autocrat, notwithstanding it is the natal day of democracy...

The Fire Department.

The insurance companies who are interested in Lancaster property held a convocation here yesterday, prompted by the serious fires that have occurred here lately. The mayor gave them the facts about the fire department, said that nine-tenths of the fires were of incendiary origin...

LIBRARY.

COLLEGE COMMENCEMENTS.

The High prize speaking took place yesterday afternoon at the Amherst college hall in the presence of a large crowd. In the evening the speaking for the Kellogg prize took place. It is expected, in view of the existing troubles in Dartmouth college, there will be an unusually large meeting of the alumni on Thursday...

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

An indictment for bribery has been found against Senator Sessions. He is held in \$3,000 bail in Albany. A fire in Tuquebaque, on one of the Philippine Islands, recently destroyed 360 houses and a large number of lives. The calabozo at Stone Mountain, Ga., was burned on Monday night, and a colored prisoner perished in it...

THE WHITNEY MURDER.

The indications are that the wonderful woman, Myra Clark Gaines, will devote the remainder of her energy, and such portions of her vast estate as may be necessary, to save her son-in-law, Christmas, from the legal consequences of having killed her own son, Whitney, in Washington last Saturday evening. The sympathies of Mrs. Gaines are very manifestly with the living son-in-law, who seems to have been much more a son in fact, and a much worthier member of society, than the dead man. It is a curious sight that the new witnesses at the old Catcazy house, where the remarkable woman sits in her grief surrounded by her six grandchildren, three children of the murdered son-in-law, sending a message to the latter at the police cell that she will see and defend him...

FIRE INSURANCE.

MEETING OF INSURANCE MEN.

Discussion of Lancaster's Recent Fires—A Fair Fire Department Recommended. Yesterday afternoon and last evening meetings of fire insurance agents were held in the parlors of the Stevens house, this city. The meeting organized by selecting Henry Powles chairman, and Wm. Muir secretary. The following named gentlemen were present: J. H. Mitchell, representing the Niagara and Star of New York and the Guardian of London and Lancashire...

EDUCATIONAL.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Primaries and Secondaries Have Musical Exercises in the Opera. Yesterday afternoon the annual musical entertainment by the pupils of the primary public schools was given in Fulton opera house in presence of a large multitude of people. There were perhaps 500 little children took part in the exercises which were conducted by Prof. J. B. Kevinski, musical conductor, assisted by Prof. F. W. Haas as pianist. The pupils occupied seats on benches arranged on the stage in the form of an amphitheatre, and occupying the entire stage. The benches were covered with bunting, and the children being gaily and beautifully dressed, presented a most attractive appearance...

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of the association will be held at Saratoga Springs, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1881. The address of the President, Edward J. Phelps, of Vermont, will be delivered at the opening of the session. Papers will be read by Thomas M. Cooley, of Michigan, on "The Recording Laws of the Country," U. M. Rose, of Arkansas, on "The Progress of the Law," and Leonard A. Jones, of Massachusetts, on "Legislative Control of Railroads." After the reading of each paper, there will be an opportunity for such discussion on the topics of the paper as may be desired. The Thursday morning session will be opened with a paper on "The Law of National Bankruptcy Law" will be read by Samuel Wagner, of Philadelphia, to be followed by a discussion of the subject, if desired.

A Good Work.

The state board of agriculture is doing a highly creditable piece of work, through the efforts of its various committees of fertilizers offered for sale in Pennsylvania, in accordance with the law on this subject. One hundred and twenty-one tests of this kind have been made. Of the last batch analyzed, only seventeen out of fifty-eight were found to be worth the price asked for them. The price of \$15 was found to be worth only \$2.50. Another sample sold at \$14, was worth \$5.71. Most of the kinds fell far below what their manufacturers claimed them to be worth. These facts explain the results from the use of fertilizers which have been so disappointing and unsatisfactory to our farmers. Many are good, worth all that is asked for them, but far the largest number are deceptive and the farmer who buys them is cheated.

What Looks Like Perjury.

Vice President Tillingham, of the New York Central railroad, testified before the bribery committee, the other day, in a way which we thought at the time pretty clearly showed that he had sought to use money in the senatorial election; we noted the marked contradictions in his testimony, but, as the committee did not call his attention to them, we presumed his testimony had been incorrectly reported. The New York Sun, however, sees the same inconsistency and points it out. He swore that he had got a twenty thousand dollar check cashed at Albany, and that he had taken it to Buffalo, giving no better reason than that currency was scarce in Buffalo, and that he liked to do his business with money rather than checks. The last fact, if true, is itself quite a satisfactory proof that the business he so desired to do was dirty business, for no sane business man has a predilection for carrying in his pockets large sums in bank notes. After he got this money in Albany he admits calling at the room of the chief lobbyist of his railroad, but nevertheless says he took the bank notes to Buffalo, and when he got there put them in his safe; and that he had them there for ten days; and that he paid them over to a Buffalo bank after the legislative inquiry into the bribery business commenced. But then at another point in his evidence he contradicted this testimony, saying that what he had not used of this twenty thousand dollars was still in his safe, and that he did not choose to tell how he used it, but it had been in his business; and in a moment or two he again contradicted this statement by declaring that he had used the whole twenty thousand dollars "and more besides." That is certainly very peculiar swearing, and Mr. Tillingham has a manifestly urgent need to endeavor to explain its apparent inconsistencies.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. B. KAUFMAN and family left for the Delaware Water Gap this morning. They will spend five or six weeks there. Rev. JOHN JASPER, the famous colored preacher of Richmond, is seriously ill, and his people are afraid that if he dies the sun will not move. Mr. PARNELL has not yet fixed the date for his visit to the United States, the object of which is understood to be to use his influence to discourage the exertions of skirmishers. Ex-Congressman J. ALLEN BARBER has died at his residence in Lancaster, Wis., after a week's illness. He served in Congress from 1872 to 1876. His estate is valued at \$4,000,000. In consequence of a sudden attack of illness the empress of Germany, who is staying at Coblenz, sent for Dr. Busch, of Bonn. She was subsequently subjected to a serious operation, and is now as well as could be expected, but requires rest. PRICE McGRATH, who is reported to be dying in Long Branch, is known to turfmen from the old Metarie course at New Orleans to the race course at Long Branch. For nearly half a century his face has been familiar at trots and races. The Westmoreland county medical society held a special meeting at Idlewild, Thursday, June 23. Dr. J. L. ZIEGLER, of Mount Joy, president of the state medical society, and Dr. ALEX. CRAIG, of Columbia, were present as guests of the society. Prince BISMARCK is still suffering so much that he will not be able to leave Berlin for a week at least. Replying to a congratulatory telegram from some Bremen students, he wrote as follows: "Your salutations strengthen the hope that the national sense of the German youth will, in the future, confer on the Fatherland that internal peace which the generation which expires with me has found."

MINOR TOPICS.

The reports from the astronomers who are comet-gazing sound very much like old Polonius telling the shape of the clouds or Jack Rumsby's prophecies. It is reported that the Baptist publication society is contemplating a new and revised edition of the revised Bible. The Greek particle "en" has, it seems, been translated "with," which represents the deities as "baptizing with the Jordan." The agricultural department estimates the annual yield of wine in the United States at 23,453,827 gallons, valued at \$13,426,174.87. The acreage devoted to grape culture is 181,583. The Pennsylvania acreage is 1944, with a production of 104,635 gallons of wine valued at \$129,097. California produces two-thirds of the wine of the country. "BULL RUN" RUSSELL, who has been traveling through the country with the Duke of Sutherland's party, was asked the other day what impressions he had formed of America and replied very frankly: "Where you can't raise wheat you raise gold, where you can't raise gold you raise silver."

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

Withdrawal of the English Representative Advised. In view of the re-assembling of the monetary conference, in London, next, the London Times, in its financial article, while conceding that as an act of courtesy to France and the United States it was proper to accept their invitation to send delegates to the conference, advises the withdrawal of the English representatives in that body, as there is no question in any case of England's agreeing to anything which will effect her adhesion to the single gold standard. The writer declares that the basis of the conference is a fundamentally erroneous conception of the functions of government in regard to the metallic currency, and opposed to the traditional principles of the English currency system, and he views the presence of English delegates in Congress as most unfortunate and calculated to excite the feelings of the English government. He seeks to show that the functions of the government in dealing with the metallic currency is simply to guarantee its weight and fineness, following the wishes of its subjects in the selection of the metal, but in no way interfering to regulate the supply of the metal itself.

A STEAMBOAT RACE.

The Boiler of One of Them Explodes and Kills Several Passengers. Near Cincinnati, the steamer Phaeton, while racing with the steamer Haxby, exploded her boiler and the boat was torn to pieces. Both boats were filled with passengers. The following are the names of those killed: Cash Naylor, engineer, Samuel Reynolds, porter, John Carr, deck hand, colored, and Joseph Miller, deck sweeper. A passenger whose name is unknown is also supposed to have been killed. The steamer Haxby, owned by Boston Cooper, Mr. Arthur Timothy, Soevers, fireman (fatally), and John Cann,

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Good Fishing. Yesterday Dr. James Baker, of Madison, Wisconsin, together with Eugene H. Flinn, B. Lintner, Hess and Harry H. Hoel, of this city, drove on a fishing excursion to Safe Harbor. They fished from morning until noon and from four o'clock until evening, and succeeded in catching their boat a catfish and two eels. The bass were all large and fine. The party stopped with Amos Souther, who keeps the restaurant in the town. He and Eli Brenner, both of whom are well-known rivermen and first-rate fellows, took the party out on the river and not only showed them how to catch bass, but showed them where to catch them. The result was that they had good luck, catching more bass than any party that has been to Safe Harbor this year. This is one of the best points on the river for fishing, but yesterday very few people were out. Persons going on there can have good fishing between trains on the railroad. They can also have plenty of fun, especially if they fall in with a successful company. One of the boys showed the Lancaster party around yesterday. A Terrible Accident. Alex. Timothy, aged 50, watchman at the Harrisburg railroad yard, was taking vacation this week, and with his wife and two children, went to Carlisle yesterday afternoon. They walked eastward, with their dog, a double-barreled gun and fish rods, with all the necessary equipment for a summer jaunt. By some means or other they got upon the track at Middlesex station, about 9:30 p. m., and were struck by the up train. Their quiver-bodies were taken to Carlisle, where the man died at 10:30 and the boy at midnight, neither having been conscious after the accident. It is supposed they were journeying to a relative's in the vicinity and their sad fate is a story of rare pathos indeed. A note found in the boy's pocket read as follows: "Uncle Jake, please look after pap when he goes out. Since he had that stroke sometimes he gets kind of queer in his head, and we are worried for fear he might go out and wander away." This was likely written by the boy's mother and concerning her father's real name was given to be carried by the lad to their relative.

High School Commencement.

The high school commencement will take place in the opera house to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. It is an important event of the school year. The graduating classes are larger than ever before, the pupils thoroughly "up" in their respective parts, the arrangements very complete, and the opera house attractively decorated. The exercises will commence at 9 o'clock a. m. and will be held in the opera house. The teachers and pupils will meet at the high school building at 7 o'clock a. m. and march in a body to the opera house. The strictest punctuality is enjoined, as the programme is a long one. A room under the stage has been arranged for the safe keeping of the floral gifts to be presented to the graduates, and a special officer will be detailed to take charge of them. It is desirable that each gift should be plainly marked with the name of the graduate for whom it is intended. President Warfel, of the school board, requests us to state that the accident which happened him will not in any way interfere with the annual entertainment to be given in the old high school building, corner of Trince and Chestnut streets, to-morrow evening. All the arrangements have been perfected, and the graduates, teachers and board of directors are cordially invited to attend. Although Mr. Warfel did not rest well last night, it is thought he may be able to attend both the commencement exercises and the evening entertainment, which will commence at 8 o'clock. Tobacco in the Lower End. A very few lots of tobacco were sold in the lower end last week, owing to the fact that there was very little to be sold, but where there was a crop as high as fair, buyers have been to see it. As a consequence farmers were asking more for their goods. We were informed of an instance where a crop was offered for 12, 5, 3 on Monday and was sold Wednesday for 15, 6, 3. The Parker crop near the Buck was sold to Kendig for 17, 6, 3, and Joshua Wilson sold to same for 15, 4, 2. George Mowrer, of New Providence, sold to H. H. Hensen 4 acres at 9 and 3; Harry Edwards at same place sold 2 acres to L. T. Hensel on private terms; John Hess, sold to same 2 acres at 12, 10, 4 and 3; John Penny, sold to DeHaven at 9, 5 and 2 in Marle, and George Damm, of same sold to L. T. Hensel at 10, 4 and 2, and Robt. Burns, to same at 12, 5 and 3. There have been several others sold but on private terms. Plants are growing finely and look very well; some complaint of heart worm but taken as a whole the lower end can show the finest large fields in the county.

Coroner's Inquest.

Yesterday Coroner Misher impealed a jury to hold an inquest on the remains of John Stark, for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of his death. The members of the jury are Conrad Gast, S. G. Gensmer, Andrew Bainer, John A. Sabul, and John H. Misher. The arrangements for the body the jury adjourned to meet at the call of the president.