

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER.

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 5, 1881.

The Virginia Contest. Well done, Democrats of Virginia, mother of states and presidents! The nominees and the platform of yesterday's convention leave no room to doubt that the honor of the state is safe in their keeping, and little cause for fear that it will not be left there.

WHEN the Pennsylvania railroad company advertises or allows other persons to advertise an excursion from this city, it is presumed that the lower rate of fare, offered as an inducement for people to go, is given for the increased patronage and not in consideration of inferior accommodations.

SOME of our Democratic friends in Philadelphia seem to be very restless that their party is not getting its share of patronage from John Hunter, receiver of taxes, whom they intend to elect.

THE Philadelphia Bulletin has made the discovery that "the righteousness of its cause made John Brown a martyr." Next the Bulletin will find a good word for Gaitane.

A DISGUSTED contemporary, who does not want to be esteemed, thinks the use of the phrase "our esteemed contemporary," by the papers of the metropolitan cities and "their apex of the country press," is becoming very stale.

THE Cincinnati Gazette, good Republican, now speaks of Edwin M. Stanton in a way that in the good old days of war would have sent its editor to Fort Lafayette.

and borne off by Miss BELLE MITCHELL, one of the belles of Milwaukee and niece of Hon. Alex. Mitchell, the millionaire banker and railroad king.

Dr. McCosin, of Princeton, has been obliged to give up his proposed visit to San Francisco. He had reached Salt Lake City when he received news of the serious illness of his son in New York and he was obliged to retract his steps.

There is hardly any difference in the looks of the twin BOWSENS of Jausville, Wis., but one is a drunken loafer, while the other is an exemplary Christian.

Wm. A. Griswold, a rich and enterprising silk manufacturer of Philadelphia, brother-in-law of Wm. L. Scott, of Erie, has died lately; also ex-prothonotary, John A. Longbridge.

Miss Ida Tartar has been missing from her home in Northtown since July 29, on which day she started to visit friends in New York. She did not reach her destination and nothing has since been heard of her.

Gustave Beach, of Bethlehem, aged eleven, fell into the Lehigh canal near Freemansburg, and was drowned. He had strayed along the bank with playmates and while romping fell into the water and sank.

Out in Beaver Falls young Dietrich forged a check on a woman for \$375. Her fourteen year old daughter drew the money, and with this they intended to elope to Chicago, but the police recovered the money and forbade the elopement.

On Wednesday evening a three-year-old son of Geo Davis, of Conshohocken, Montgomery county, was strangled by accidentally getting around his neck the rope of a swing on which he was playing. He was quite dead when discovered.

Jerry Collins, of Prospect, Blair county, in company with his wife, visited the house where the dead body of John Collins was laid out. A number of persons assembled to "wake" the corpse. Mr. Collins, while sitting in a chair, suddenly tumbled on the floor dead.

Labor Reform Legislator John F. Welsh, who was injured by an explosion of gas at Phoenix Park, Philadelphia, has suffered such intense pain that he has ordered that he be shot. His wife was not informed of his condition until yesterday. She has been ill for some time and is not expected to recover.

Two of Lord Beaconsfield's manuscript novels were purchased for the queen. There is still one divine in England who hunts in seals and another who did so within a few years.

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The earthquake at Bangor, Me., the other evening, was sufficiently severe to shake dishes and mantle ornaments. It occurred at about 9:45 o'clock. A low rumbling was first heard, followed by the shaking of the earth, which appeared to be a running northward.

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