

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 9, 1881.

Black's Letter to Gen. Scott. Judge Black's communication to the reporter of the Philadelphia Press leaves as little doubt as to his position that "the forts at Charleston ought to have been re-occupied immediately after Lincoln's election, or certainly as soon as it became manifest that South Carolina wanted the possession of them."

PERSONAL. From the grave Gen. Scott might cry to be delivered from such friends as the one who undertakes through the Press a defense of him which assumes "that Gen. Scott distrusted the loyalty of Judge Black, and important matters of state were kept from him."

Varying Opinions. New York Sun. When Horace Greeley became the bail of Jefferson Davis and Thaddeus Stevens offered to defend him should be brought to trial, they were both acting strictly within the line of their political convictions.

The Vacancy at Washington. The continuing prostration of the president, not unvaried with relapses the real seriousness of which the country is not allowed to know, must serve to direct public attention again to the fact that there is some obscurity in the constitutional provision concerning the "inability" of the president which practically creates an interregnum in that office at present.

SPOTTED TAIL. Official information received at the Interior Department of his death. Official information of the killing of Spotted Tail by Crow Dog, at the Rosebud agency, on Friday the 24th instant, was received at the interior department.

A STEAMER LOST. Her Cargo Saved by Sailors from the Van. The steamer Cortes in going out of the harbor at Halifax, N. S., struck on Thurston Cap, and will be a total loss. She was bound to St. Johns, N. F.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. There is a prospect of a large cranberry crop this year and the growers are all jubilant.

During a disturbance on the steamer Canada, near Point Aux Trembles, Quebec, La Framoise was knocked overboard and drowned.

PERSONAL. Edward C. Gilbert, aged 38 years, was trampled upon and fatally injured by a vicious horse, in Providence, Rhode Island.

During a thunder storm a bolt struck the residence of Owen Higgins, 42 Northlands avenue, Brooklyn, instantly killing Mr. Higgins. He was 65 years old.

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STATE ITEMS. There is a vacancy for a Democrat to fill on Mayor King's police force because Officer H. T. Jordan "won't serve with niggers."

Mr. George Van Dolen, of Frenchtown, committed suicide on Friday by drowning himself in a well. It is believed that she was deranged, as she had been acting strangely for some time.

Mary E. Mohler, two years old, residing at 1329 Earl street, Philadelphia, was drowned in the Delaware river in front of her parents' home.

Samuel Miller has been arrested in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pa., on a charge of poisoning his father, aged 74 years, for the purpose of obtaining an inheritance.

Allen Gilbert died in a cell in the Lehigh county almshouse Sunday morning. He was placed in the cell on account of insanity and no sooner was he in than he began the most violent ravings.

A Flood and Massacres. The steamer Zealandia, arrived in San Francisco, brings advices from Auckland of a destructive flood in the River Thames on July 16, caused by a water-spout which damaged the town to the extent, as estimated, of \$1,000,000.

On May 29 a vessel named the May Queen anchored at Island Aoba to obtain laborers. The natives killed two boat crews of blacks and one white man.

RECENT DEATHS. A five-year-old son of Henry Staotz, 2115 North Front street, Philadelphia, fell into a tank of boiling water, and received burns from which he died.

RAILROAD COLLISION. An Incomplete Engineer the Cause. LONDON, Aug. 9.—The railroad accident near Blackburn yesterday arose from the express train from Manchester being in care of a driver who did not perfectly understand the vacuum brake, which failed to act.

CASUALTIES ON RAILWAYS. Patrick Gallagher, a book agent, living in Second avenue, New York city, was struck by a moving engine in Orange N. J., and probably fatally injured.

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