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Publishing New Laws.

The INTELLIGENCER, we believe, singular among the newspapers of the state, has been steadfast in directing public attention to the present insufficient method of making known to the people the new statutes of the commonwealth. All legal commentators agree that one essential property of a statute is that it be duly "prescribed." It is requisite that the resolution of the legislator, says Blackstone, be notified to the people who are to obey it by some external sign. But if it was, as he says, in his day, "a matter of very great indifference" how this notification was to be made it certainly is a matter of some consequence now, when the logrolling of legislatures and the caprices or corruption of unfit law-makers make all kinds of laws possible, and when it is not even certain that a law is sent to the governor or enrolled in the code as it was adopted by the Assembly. "It is incumbent on the promulgators to do it in the most public and perspicuous way;" but to all intents of the law-makers, and for all purposes of the common people, our new laws might as well be promulgated like those of Caligula who wrote them, "in very small characters and hung them upon high pillars the more effectually to ensnare the people." Hundreds of laws have been passed by our state Legislature, signed by the governor and became operative forthwith, of which the people generally had no information at the time, nor did they get any in many cases for months and even years afterwards. Especially is this true of penal acts, the first knowledge of which often comes from a prosecution of some unwitting offender against them. The hardship of this measure becomes readily apparent from the application of the stern maxim that ignorance of the law is no excuse for a violation of it. When the subject of the law is one of that class of offences known as *mala prohibita*, or wrongs only made such by legal prohibition, as distinguished from *mala per se*, evils in themselves, the hardship of punishing the commission of them by those who were ignorant of them, and had no reason to suspect them from public information or in the natural order of things, becomes the more apparent.

City ordinances, which are much more matters of local notoriety in the communities affected by them than state laws are to the whole state, have to be duly published. We are aware that a general advertisement of state laws would be expensive, and such patronage of the printers would be subject to serious abuse, but certainly the rights of the people and a proper respect for the personal liberty of the subject—the distinguishing mark of a free state—demands that new laws be promulgated in some better way than by the tardy distribution of statute books among county officers and country squires.

We have frequently illustrated by local example the force of this suggestion; for instance, in calling attention to such atrocities of penal legislation as the requirement that milkmen must have their names and that of their dairies in letters of a certain size on their wagons, that doctors must register themselves and their diplomas, and that nobody shall set up a booth or hawk victuals within a mile of a campmeeting without the assent of any set of people who choose to call themselves a camp meeting association and pitch their tents where they list, to convert souls or make money—or both. Now again we have an instance in this law prohibiting anybody to sell fire-arms or explosives to anybody less than 16 years of age under a penalty not exceeding $300. It may be a wise regulation, it may be otherwise. Certainly it is a law that nobody would suspect the existence of without notice. And yet a Lancaster dealer is prosecuted under it and is under bail to answer at court. In the case pending the moving cause of the prosecution seems to be a desire to get back the price paid for the gun, upon its proffered return, and the dealer might reasonably have accepted the proposition, and the squabble thus have been kept out of the court. But if its appearance there and its issue shall call attention to the present utterly inadequate means of promulgating new laws it will have served that useful purpose at least.

THE administration is reported to be dissatisfied with the newspaper support which it receives, or fails to receive rather, in New York, and a new organ, with a half million dollars capital behind it, is anticipated in that city. It is notable that in the metropolis none of the Republican newspapers is stalwart, unless it is the *Commercial Advertiser*, an evening paper of great age and some respectability, but of very limited circulation and corresponding influence. The *Times* is a rather independent, but able and influential and enterprising newspape, and it can better afford to dispense with its party than its party with it. The *Tribune* is a narrow-minded concern, conducted in disreputable fashion and shaming the line at the head of its editorial column, "Founded by Horace Greeley." A new organ, run by and for those who were given power by Guiteau's bullet, would be an interesting figure in New York journalism.

"COLONEL CORBIN says that the total government expenses at the Yorktown centennial were about $40,000, creating a deficiency of about $12,000." It would be interesting to people who were at Yorktown to see a detailed account of this expenditure of $40,000. There was nothing ready in time, no arrangements visible, nor any responsible representative of the commission to be found at that celebration. Each department of the affair went ahead on its own hook, spent its own money, and, as we understand it, drew the cost of its respective arrangements from the government appropriation to its own branch of the public service. What the general commission did or upon what it spent the money it had from what "no fellow can find out."

Whose Fault?

The miscarriage of the star route trials, so as to secure the expulsion of the information from the files of the court and the discharge of the defendants, by the grace of the statute of limitations, will revive the bitter controversy as to who is responsible for the adjournment of the grand jury before a valid indictment could be found in the usual way, albeit the people generally will see in it, like in the Belknap case, only another proof of the emptiness of the Republican party's pretensions to punish its thieves. As shown the other day, District Attorney Corkhill excuses himself and makes out a case of collapse against MacVeagh, whose dillydallying, he says, did the business. The public, however, has not any great confidence in Corkhill; nor is it increased by the fact that one of the last confidential communications of Garfield to MacVeagh was his commission to him to remove Corkhill and employ any other agency he saw fit to secure the conviction of the star route thieves. And now, according to the Washington reports, Cook says the grand jury was adjourned without the knowledge or consent of MacVeagh and without the knowledge or consent of Cook, and that gentleman terms it "an unusual and extraordinary proceeding," and intimates that this adjournment was brought about with the intent to defeat the ends of justice. However suspiciously Corkhill's course may be viewed in neglecting to notice or inform the counsel for the government of the fatal effect of this adjournment, Messrs. MacVeagh and Cook cannot be excused for their manifest negligence in letting the time go by without securing an indictment. They were respectively in general and special charge of these prosecutions; knowing Corkhill to be weak and suspecting him to be wicked, they should have left nothing to him and risked nothing with him. They can settle with him, but the public will be disposed to settle with them.

IN explanation of the largely reduced Republican majority in Erie county, cut down to 540, the *New Era* prints some correspondence from a resident Republican there which it calls "an explanation explained." It says:

The result in Erie county is so "singular" that a leading Republican there writes us that he think it ought to be explained to their Eastern friends. He says that "aside from the personal fight between friends of Noble and Scott no interest was manifested. *It could not be created.* The vote thrown is the lightest we ever had. Noble ran ahead in the city, getting 470 majority, because, while many Democrats scratched him or did not vote at all, a still larger number of Republicans voted for him, not because they wanted him elected or reposed any confidence in his qualifications, but because *as a fellow citizen* they desired to vindicate him against the bitter attacks of the *Herald*. If the latter paper had supported him Republicans would have stood together and given a larger vote."

This could more fitly be denominated "an explanation that does not explain." The *Herald's* "bitter attacks" on Mr. Noble were entirely directed to a lack of "confidence in his qualifications." If, therefore, his Republican neighbors voted for him "to vindicate him against the bitter attacks of the *Herald*," it is inconceivable that they meant at the same time to show that they reposed no "confidence in his qualifications." The truth is that no development of the campaign has justified the repeated declarations of the *New Era* and other Republicans that Mr. Noble was "incompetent" for the office for which he ran. The fact that so many hundreds of his Republican neighbors, who must know him best, voted for him, is a vindication of his abundant qualifications, and fully answers the *Herald's* attacks.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CORKHILL adjourned the District of Columbia grand jury to a date too late for the presentation of the indictments against the star route thieves; and he does not claim to have been ignorant that such indictments would be barred by the statute of limitations when the grand jury reassembled. Therefore it may be fairly assumed that the district attorney was willing that they should be thus barred.

But he was not in charge of the cases, which had been put by the attorney general under the control of Mr. Cook, as the latter declares. Mr. Cook, when he found the grand jury had adjourned, does not appear to have said a word to the district attorney about his action or to have made any efforts to have the jury reassemble. From which the inference is fair that either Mr. Cook also was willing to have the indictment barred, or that he was ignorant at the time that they would be defeated by the adjournment. The fiasco was the result of stupidity or rascality or both.

ALL sorts of threats are indulged in against Mayor King because he did not allow the Philadelphia policemen to mix in the election of Tuesday and thereby secured as notably and unprecedentedly fair and quiet election. The politicians are restless in their search for devices to curtail his authority to secure such discipline and efficiency. Mayor King may rest satisfied that he is exactly right and the people are with him; the city, and the state if necessary, will amply sustain him. Thus far he proves himself the best magistrate that any large city of the country has had in this generation. His example has been worth more to the cause of municipal reform than all the pamphlets and treatises that all the theorists have yet written on the subject. Whenever decent and intelligent people of all parties will unite to make such men mayors, councilmen and city officials of all grades, the whole problem of good local government will be solved.

MR. WINDOM shows how cheaply he refunded the bonds. That only proves how expensive a luxury Sherman and his syndicates and pet banks were.

John Murray, while cleaning the roof of a house in Cincinnati, found a cigar box containing some strange substance. While examining it, the stuff exploded with great force, injuring him so badly that she died. The material was some explosive used at a neighboring fireworks factory.

MINOR TOPICS.

WHEN Half Breed Husted of New York reaches for office again it will not be from the top of a stepladder.

THE Philadelphia *Times* keeps saying "frosty sons of thunder." "Sons of frosty thunder" is the correct quotation, brethren.

CANDIDATES in old Rome had to come before the people in white robes. But the candidate in his night shirt on the Republican state ticket in New York runs so far behind his ticket that the Roman fashion of political drapery is not likely to come into vogue.

IF the Democracy of Schuylkill and Northumberland, with big party majorities behind them, shall wonder why they failed to elect their candidates for judge, they may easily discover the reason in the fact that they did not put up their best material for this high office. Even political majorities are not to be trifled with.

THE defeat of Astor leaves the Republicans without a majority in the House of Representatives. In fact, it is a curious coincidence that the condition of the House from a political point of view is almost exactly that of the Senate. With the votes of Judge Kelley and Mr. Smith, of Brooklyn, and of the two Greenback Readjusters from Virginia—Paul and Faulkerson—the Republicans will just be able to tie the Democrats. The Greenbackers hold the balance of power, and when did they fail to improve such situation to the greatest profit?

NOCTURNE.

Wan Twilight in her gown of gray
Comes swiftly down the western way
With moonshine hastening after;
And here among the forest damps
She lights her twinkling firefly lamps
And stills the wind's wild laughter.

The brook in trilling monotone
Gives sleepy welcome of its own,
The cedars bend and quiver;
But all the meadow sounds are still,
The flocks are folded on the hill
Beyond the placid river.

Sweet Twilight, as thou com'st to these,
With healing dew and soothing breeze,
So come thou unto me.
Bring gentle dreams and quiet rest;
Weave, weave thy spells, O shadowy guest
In calm benignity.

THE extensive sale of a work lately given to the public, and entitled "How is Your Man," indicates the interest prevailing in this state with regard to graveyard insurance. The business is handled without gloves in this spicy volume, and its character graphically described in narrative form, the incidents whereof are located in the town of Sharkville, in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. The book is designed for missionary purposes and ought to accomplish good work. Lee & Shepard, publishers, Boston.

SENATOR VEST has arrived in St. Louis from Washington and in an interview, published in an afternoon paper, he says: "These are the halcyon days for the 306. Missouri is Filley's private and personal property. Why, I have seen applications on file in the departments with 'approved, C. I. Filley,' written across them, as though he was president of the United States. What Filley is in Missouri, Miller is in Kentucky, and the other members of the legion in every other state. Whatever man can be found who was faithful in Chicago, he is rewarded with everything he asks. Logan is the mouthpiece of the administration. He represents the Stalwart idea."

"NOTES FROM SUNLAND" is the title of a neat little brochure of nearly a hundred pages issued from the publishing house of E. Claxton & Co., No. 930 Market street, Philadelphia, and of which the writer is Samuel C. Upham. It is designed to furnish information in regard to the gulf coast of Florida, the Manatee region as it is called, and an examination of its pages discloses that the author has performed his work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner and with an intelligence and judgment that bespeak familiarity and experience with the theme treated. The climate soil and productions of this

"Land of the orange and guava,
The pineapple date and cassava,"

are expounded in a style that is not less interesting and entertaining to the general reader than the information imparted is valuable to persons especially concerned with regard to the growth and welfare of Florida. The letter-press of the book is excellent.

N. W. AYER & SON'S "AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ANNUAL" FOR 1881, just issued, is a large and handsome publication of 736 pages, substantially bound in cloth, and is certain to prove a valuable work of reference and information, not merely to the newspaper craft of which it constitutes an admirable directory, but to general business advertisers. It contains a carefully prepared list of all newspapers and periodicals in the United States and Canada, arranged by states in geographical sections and by towns in alphabetical order. It gives also the size and character of the publication, the day of issue, its circulation, sworn, estimated or claimed, as the case may be, rates of advertising and much other pertinent and timely information. This is supplemented by a statement of the population of every state, county and county seat in the Union and Canadian provinces, the vote at the last presidential election, whilst a most important feature is a description of every county in the United States, as well as of each state and territory as a whole, and of each of the Canadian provinces, giving valuable information concerning their mineral deposits, chief agricultural products, principal manufactures, nature of the surface and soil, area, location, etc. The volume commends itself as a valuable aid to the man of business, to the seeker after information upon the special topics it treats, and to the general reader. The publishers, Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, newspaper advertising agent, *Times* building, corner of Eighth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, have reason to congratulate themselves upon this latest and very convincing evidence of energy and enterprise which they have given to the public.

The trial of Charles S. Fisher, a prominent young lawyer of Cincinnati, on the charge of having stuffed ballot boxes while supervisor of election, resulted in the disagreement and discharge of the jury. Judge Baxter told the district attorney that "no jury would be allowed to return a verdict of guilty on the evidence produced."

THE ELECTIONS.

BAILY'S PLURALITY ABOUT 5,000.

THE RETURNS BY COUNTIES.

Results in Other States of the Union.

The following are the reported majorities for Noble and Baily by counties:

NOBLE'S MAJORITIES.		BAILY'S MAJORITIES.	
Adams	523	Allegheny	5540
Bedford	217	Armstrong	450
Berks	5170	Beaver	159
Bucks	756	Blair	840
Cambria	421	Bradford	1418
Carbon	568	Butler	188
Centre	1150	Cameron	28
Clarion	900	Chester	1339
Clearfield	1153	Crawford	689
Clinton	684	Dauphin	1893
Columbia	1641	Delaware	946
Cumberland	1204	Erie	526
Elk	610	Forest	116
Fayette	294	Franklin	70
Fulton	355	Huntingdon	595
Greene	1446	Indiana	1928
Jefferson	100	Lackawanna	104
Juniata	263	Lancaster	4129
Lehigh	1288	Lawrence	846
Luzerne	1827	Lebanon	1598
Lycoming	1101	McKean	365
Mifflin	220	Mercer	310
Monroe	1726	Philadelphia	13459
Montgomery	361	Potter	642
Montour	449	Snyder	102
Northampton	2470	Somerset	1475
Northumberland	1462	Susquehanna	879
Perry	15	Tioga	1163
Pike	567	Venango	44
Schuylkill	3128	Warren	554
Sullivan	250	Washington	659
Union	496		
Wayne	516	Total	43,287
Westmoreland	880		
Wyoming	237		
York	2764		
Total	38,289		

Apparent plurality for Baily, 5,097.

The Vote for Wolfe.

The following gives the total vote for Wolfe in the counties named, so far as ascertained:

Adams	37	Lawrence	800
Allegheny	5973	Lebanon	400
Armstrong	281	Lehigh	100
Beaver	573	Luzerne	1498
Bedford	136	Lycoming	457
Berks	70	McKean	887
Blair	360	Mercer	800
Bradford	1,000	Mifflin	197
Bucks	500	Monroe	34
Butler	811	Montgomery	944
Carbon	50	Northampton	411
Chester	941	Northumberland	2158
Clarion	130	Perry	307
Clearfield	49	Philadelphia	14537
Clinton	230	Pike	11
Columbia	127	Schuylkill	29 0
Crawford	485	Snyder	326
Cumberland	150	Somerset	103
Dauphin	914	Susquehanna	127
Delaware	1574	Tioga	713
Erie	292	Union	1720
Franklin	500	Venango	653
Fulton	8	Washington	112
Greene	7	Wayne	919
Huntingdon	336	Wyoming	30
Juniata	29	York	150
Lackawanna	945		
Lancaster	1495	Total	48,802

Other States.

The Democrats concede a Readjuster majority in the Viginia Legislature of 19 on joint ballot, not counting three doubtful seats. There will be two colored men in the Senate and eleven in the House.

The latest return from Wisconsin are so close that it is possible the official count may be necessary to decide the result.

The Democrats certainly have the New York Assembly. Further returns increase the majority of Gen. Carr, the Republican candidate for secretary of state, to 6,900, and that of Mr. Maxwell, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, to about 21,000. Davenport and Russell, Republican candidates for comptroller and attorney general, respectively run very nearly even with Gen. Carr. Seymour, the Republican candidate for state engineer, runs slightly behind his ticket in nearly every county, and the incomplete returns leave his election in doubt.

PERSONAL.

GEORGE W. CABLE, the New Orleans novelist, is a little man, full of humor.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG found the "Suwance River" a very popular song in Italy.

MRS. JOHN W. MACKAY has a railway carriage of her own which cost $30,000 in the first place, and takes $2,000 a year for keeping it in order.

With two bright, black eyes "for business," as it were, PATTI has brought over with her a French journalist, attache of *Figaro*.

Now they are talking about the Union League poet, GEO. H. BOKER, for a cabinet place, and "Don's willin'." Boker should remember that after he wrote "Hooker's Across" Hooker got back.

REV. S. W. DUFFIELD, a smart but somewhat bumptious Presbyterian pastor of Altoona, is finally to have his pastoral relations with the Second church there dissolved, his salary and house rent to be continued until March 1, unless he shall receive before that time a call to labor elsewhere.

Rev. Dr. JOHN W. MEARS, professor of metaphysics in Hamilton college, at Clinton, N. Y., died yesterday. Dr. Mears was one of the most prominent Presbyterian clergymen in the country, having been for many years editor of the *American Presbyterian*. His professorship was endowed by Philadelphia friends of Rev. Albert Barnet. He was also prominent and successful in fighting the complex marriage system of the Oneida community.

When SAM HAGUE'S British minstrels were in Lancaster, the proprietor displayed a case in Shultz's window containing an elaborate gold emblem set with diamonds and a pair of gold cups, the gift of admirers in Liverpool and valued at $1,850; a gold watch, Albert chain, worth $300, and a $500 gold piece presented by Sheffield friends and two diamond solitaire studs valued at $1,000. At Buffalo, N. Y., the other day his baggage master made off with them, bouncing over the Canada line no doubt.

According to a Wilmington paper which heard him lecture lately JOHN B. GOUGH's best days are over. He has grown stout and is no longer the "supple jack" he formerly appeared to be on the stage, and his voice has grown husky as his limbs have becom stiff with advancing age. His anecdotes are still well told and cause considerable mirth; but they no longer have the power to convulse an audience as in days gone by when as an actor and mimic he rivaled "Yankee Hill," and in the temperance work had no equal.

A Horrible Story.

Advices from Cape Coast Castle, dated October 16th, state that information has been received there that the king of Ashantee has killed two hundred young girls for the purpose of using their blood for mixing mortar for the repair of one of the state buildings. The report of the massacre was received from a refugee, who was to have been one of the victims. It receives some confirmation also in the fact that such wholesale massacres are known to be a custom with the king.

STATE ITEMS.

The Chambersburg *Valley Spirit* was never before so prosperous and likely never so meritorious.

Two million dollars of Philadelphia capital is to be invested in a glucose factory there, operating under English patents.

'Squire McMullin insists that he will run for select council in Philadelphia next February and be elected.

The state soldiers' orphans' schools are full and none others can be admitted until some of the graduates are discharged on age or in order.

A number of the medical societies of the state have concluded that the law in regard to the registering of physicians at the office of the county clerks does not reach the end aimed at after all.

As the new Philadelphia postoffice and the new municipal building approach completion a demand is expressed that the streets to the east of them, Ninth and Juniper, should be widened between Market and Chestnut streets. The great blemish that rests upon Philadelphia is its narrow highways.

A son of George Coldsmith, aged 11, near Scotland, Cumberland county, on Wednesday purchased a small quantity of powder and put it in his pocket. Stopping at a blacksmith shop a spark from a piece of hot iron exploded the powder, burning the boy so badly that it is feared he cannot recover.

John Moss, a hatter, left Reading on the 9th of October for Virginia, to buy wool for hatting purposes. He was heard of some days afterward at Steubenville, Ohio, since nothing was heard of him. He was a man about fifty years of age, of medium height, with black beard and hair inclined to curl. Under one of his eyes is a large scar.

For judge, Green, Republican, defeats Reilly, Democrat, in Democratic Schuylkill, Rockefeller, Republican, defeats Ryan, Democrat, in Democratic Northumberland; Bucher, Democrat, defeats Linn, Republican, in Republican Union, Snyder and Mifflin, and Baer, Democrat, defeats Cessna, Republican, in Republican Somerset and Bedford; and the *Times* thinks the people haven't made any serious mistake in any of their judicial whirls.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

James Bourke, a railroad workman, was scalped by Indians at Duval River, Tex.

A colored man named Partridge whipped his step-daughter to death in Americus, Ga. He is in danger of being lynched.

The oyster crop of the lower peninsular has been materially affected by the recent dry spell.

It is reported from Madison, Indiana, that Mrs. Sarah Mosely has died there at the age of 111 years, and that her oldest child, Mrs. Renfrew, is 87.

Two Chinese theological students were assaulted, and one was severely injured, by four young ruffians in one of the streets of Cincinnati. The assault was unprovoked.

In Georgia 163 replies from 103 principal cotton growing counties of the state report the crop to November 1 as thirty per cent. short compared with last year.

Nine bodies in all have been taken from the ruins of the fallen tenement houses on Grand street, in New York, and the search is still going on.

Six persons were injured, one fatally, by the fall of an elevator in the new Belvidere hotel, in New York. The rope that failed was made of twisted steel.

Barnhard McAnnis and Joseph Isaacs left Buffalo, for Point Abino, to shoot ducks, and perished in the gale of Wednesday night.

James Duggan, quartermaster, was lost overboard from the steamship Bavarian, of the Liverpool and Boston line, during a storm on the 31st. ult.

A runaway engine on the Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago railroad ran into a freight train loaded with cattle at Indianapolis, and a number of cattle were killed. Loss, $25,000.

Taylor Love, who had informed upon W. J. Fuller, an illicit distiller, was killed by the latter at Clarksville, Ga. Leonard Jarrard was killed by an unknown assassin on the same night and in the same place.

Michael Conley died in Lynn, Mass., from the effects of laudanum given him in beer by Daniel Driscoll, who said that Conley "was becoming boisterous, and the laudanum was intended to quiet him."

At San Antonio, Tex., Julius Stark plead guilty of robbing the mail, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. William Petty, convicted of the same offense, was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The firm of Hill, Moyan & Co., dry goods dealers in New York, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. The preferred crediters are H. B. Claflin & Co., $249,000; S. V. White, $20,000, and Lewis Brothers & Kennedy, $5,000.

William R. Royce, who has been intimate with a young woman named Jennie Burke, in Fleming county, Ky., for over two years, went over to see her, and found a young man named Jacob Rogers visiting her. At Rogers' suggestion they walked out in friendly talk, and on their return, when about 100 yards from the house, Rogers drew a pistol and fired three shots all of which took effect, killing Royce.

The Gas Light Transportation company of New York, which has for its president J. Nelson Tappan, has already secured large tracts of choice gas-coal lands in the Allegheny region, and proposes to manufacture gas near the mouth of the mines, and transport it through immense pipe lines to all the larger cities of the Atlantic states. The pumps, which will draw the gas from the works to the point of delivery, are to be made from special designs, and will be located about twenty five miles apart.

OFFICIAL SENTIMENT.

Gov. Long, of Massachusetts Makes a Unique Addition to Proclamation Literature.

Whereas, it is a good and ancient custom to set apart after the harvest a day for public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God:

Now, therefore, I, John D. Long, governor, by and with the advice of the council, appoint therefor Thursday, the 24th day of November next.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it. Thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. The pastures are covered with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy; they also sing.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor.

Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

O Painter of the fruits and flowers,
We own Thy wise design,
Whereby these humble hands of ours
May share the work of Thine!

Apart from Thee we plant in vain
The root and sow the seed;
Thy early and Thy later rain,
Thy sun and dew we need.

Our toil is sweet with thankfulness,
Our burden is our boon;
The curse of earth's gray morning is
The blessing of its noon.

And still with reverent hands we cull
Thy gifts each year renewed;
The good is always beautiful—
The beautiful is good.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixth.

JOHN D. LONG.

By His Excellency, the Governor, with the advice of the Council.

HENRY B. PIERCE,
Secretary.

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Losses by Fire.

The loss by the brush fires throughout the province of Ontario, last season, is estimated at upwards of $10,000. Nine million feet of lumber in Sisson & Lilley's mill yard at Spring Lake, Mich., burned; loss is estimated at $250,000; insured for $100,000 in thirty-nine different companies. The old state house at Austin, Texas, has been burned; loss, $250,000. A fire in Worcester Mass., damaged the planing and building finish factory of Chas. Baker & Co., and Colby & Porter's last factory, causing a loss of about $20,000. Judge Woodward's distillery near Springfield, Tenn., was burned yesterday. Loss, $20,000.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

A PROTEST.

How the Average Funeral Sermon Treats the Causes of Decay and Death.

For the INTELLIGENCER.

"Earth to earth and dust to dust;" and when it is our turn to be committed to mother earth, may the average parson not be there to tell his hearers, that but for the disobedience of Eve and Adam death would not have entered this world, and have all to reflect upon the deadly nature of the sin of that disobedience which put a period to the physical life in time for man, and beast, and blade of grass.

The parson sticks close to inherited traditions and refuses to look into the book of nature for fear of seeing there a refutation of his cherished views. He calls *his* theology orthodox, and denounces as atheistical every other revelation than his reading of the Bible. He closes his eyes to the evidences that man was the cotemporary of the mammoth and the reindeer in Middle Europe; that he showed his domineering disposition by making implements to kill his cotemporaries, or when taken at a disadvantage was killed by them; that he was essentially mortal, and that he believed in a future life.

As a consequence of this reiterated teaching, tens of thousands of devout souls are confirmed in the belief that but for the temptation and fall, Adam would yet have a terrestrial home with millions of descendants who might visit this hoary sire.

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The Pythian Lyceum.

A very largely attended meeting of the Pythian Lyceum association was held in the K. of P. hall, Fulton opera house, last evening. Quite a number of members were enrolled and the organization fully established, the two previous meetings having been more of a temporary character than that of last evening. After a very humorous recitation by Amos M. Albright, the principal object of the meeting was taken up, that of debate on the question: "*Resolved*, That a paid fire department is better than a volunteer department for Lancaster." A very spirited debate was had, being participated in by Jno. B. Markley, And. J. Bletcher, C. V. Lichty, P. G. Goodman, C. H. Brown and a number of others. The question was finally decided by the judges, Messrs. Jno. McGinnis and Wm. A. Schoenberger, in the affirmative.

For the next regular meeting, to be held next Thursday, the following question was set down for debate: "Should theatrical and opera performances be encouraged as now produced on the stage." A programme, embracing reading, recitations, etc., was also arranged. After the debate the first number of the *Pythian Review* was read, containing some very interesting matter. Some routine business was transacted, and with some general remarks the meeting adjourned, those present feeling it to have been a very successful one.

A Gondola's Terrific Flight.

A wreck occurred shortly before three o'clock yesterdry afternoon on the Lebanon Valley railroad beyond the Schuylkill bridge, which might have been attended with loss of life and been disastrous in its consequences. A gondola car, loaded with heavy oak plank, broke loose at Fritztown in ascending the heavy grade on the Reading & Columbia railroad, and descended with frightfull velocity. It passed Sinking Spring station at the rate of 55 miles per hour. It continued on in its mad course until it reached the bridge, when it ran into freight engine No. 5, which was proceeding in the direction of Harrisbug. Engineer Leiby saw the car coming towards him, while he was on the bridge, and with presence of mind remained on the engine until it had reached the opposite side of the river, when he and the fireman jumped off, when the gondola was within a square of the locomotive. The collision was terrific. The smokestack, cab and steam chest of the engine were demolished, and the oak plank was jammed into the boiler jacket so tight that it could not be extricated. The track was cleared by the wreck car, and there was but little delay to trains.

Sales of Real Estate.

John Frank, auctioneer, sold for the estate of Geo. Buch, dec'd, a house, shop, and 2¼ acres of land, in Penn township, to Polly Brownsberger, for $1,580.

Geo. Ruhl sold to Reuben Graybill his farm containing 140 acres, in Penn township, for $112 per acre.

H. C. Gibble, auctioneer and real estate agent, sold at private sale for J. D. Ranck a two-story dwelling house and lot of ground, situated on Grant street, Manheim borough, to Samuel Lehman, for $1,150.

L. D. Gallagher, auctioneer, sold at public sale for Christian K. Long his farm in Rapho township, consisting of 78 acres, to John G. Snyder, at $191 per acre.

"Eviction."

An alleged drama of this name was produced at Fulton opera house last night, and a scanty audience occupied two hours and a half in trying to discover a theme, purpose or idea in it. They had to give it up as a bad job when the curtain was finally rung down, and the unanimous verdict of an injured assemblage was that the performance was about the tartest snap with which we have been afflicted.

"Walking for Dat Cake."

Last evening a cake walk was held in Love and Charity hall, under the management of that fine caterer to the taste of the amusement loving people—Samuel Allen. The prize was a big cake, which was won by Thomas King and Miss Katie Grew, who showed the most grace. The attendance was very large.

A Novel Rat Trap.

While Sophia Archey, a colored woman, employed at the restaurant of George H. Miller on East King street, was at her work, a large rat ran up her sleeve and got in her dress. The woman was almost frightened to death and she stood and screamed with all her might. Mr. Miller heard the noise, and going to her rescue, killed the rat with a stick.

Lancaster Was Left.

Altoona Tribune.

W. G. Heiler, of Lancaster, and Mr. Tindle, of England, both of whom are moulders in the company's foundry, ran a foot race at the fair ground on Saturday, distance one mile, Tindle won by a few yards. A large number of spectators were present.

Window Glass Broken.

On Tuesday night some one broke one of the large plate glass of John H. Mooney's furnishing store in Mt. Joy, with a brick wrapped in a stocking. Nothing was stolen although it is believed that theft was the object of the breaking.

Hackmen's Supper.

Last evening the hack and baggage drivers who run on the several depot lines held a supper at the Stevens house restaurant, which is kept by Kantz & Sheetz. They had all the delicacies of the season, besides a good time.

Sent Out.

Michael McKee and Maria McKee for being drunk and disorderly, were each given five days by Alderman Barr.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

All the school directors were on hand last evening. Balance in the treasury $3075.49. All the bonds disposed of. Total attendance for October 1166; average 958. The Fifth street school house reported finished on the inside, work approved and contractors paid, and $3,000 insurance put on it.

Two of Jacob Lutz's children have died of diphtheria and another is dangerously ill—Mrs. O'Donnel, of the water company's farm, has died of consumption—Geo. Cookman, of Philadelphia, is visiting A Bruner—Squire Young's water setter, "Prince," has been stolen—"My Geraldine" booked for Nov. 17.

Hyer's sisters to morrow night—Entertainment in the Union colored church—Georgia minstrels next Monday night—M. E. revival meetings adjourned until next Monday.

California tourists had a handsome banquet at Mr. North's yesterday. At H. F. Bruner's coal yard yesterday E. Tracy, engineer; G. Tracy, guy-man, and Daniel Orfit, Albert Hill, James Shorte, stevedores, unloaded 100 tons of coal from a boat in three hours. "Mascotte" had about a $350 house.

THE COUNTY VOTE.

The Totals for the Candidates.

Following are the totals of the different candidates voted for in this county on Tuesday. Those marked with a * are official; the others our own count:

*State Treasurer.**	
Silas M. Baily	9899
ORANGE NOBLE	5770
Charles S. Wolfe	149[illegible]
Jackson (G)	19
Wilson (T)	38
*President Judge.**	
John B. Livingston	11679
*Sheriff.**	
John H. High	11401
GEO. W. BROWN (Painter)	5849
*Prothonotary.**	
Sam Matt Fridy	11385
JOHN H. DEHAVEN	5792
*Register.**	
Joseph Umble	11427
EDWARD P. AMBLER	5786
*County Treasurer.**	
John J. Good	11351
PETER MCCONOMY	5817
*Clerk of Quarter Sessions.**	
George W. Eaby	11331
REA REED	5868
*Clerk of Orphans' Court.**	
Joseph Reeser	11363
PETER REERICH	5801
Prison Keeper.	
David K. Burkholder	11387
ISAAC HULL	5853
County Commissioners.	
Abram Summy	11315
Samuel M. Myers	11260
MARTIN HILDEBRANT	5975
Coroner.	
Daniel A. Shiffer	11289
HENRY M. GITTER	5910
Poor Directors.	
Martin Kreider	11363
John Evans	11326
PHILIP WALL	5850
ABRAM SIDES	5848
Prison Inspectors.	
John G. Weaver	11370
Reuben R. Bitzer	11378
LEMUEL WIEST	5865
SOLOMON ZEAMER	5852
County Auditors.	
John K. Reed	11357
Benjamin M. Grider	11352
JOHN L. LIGHTNER	5871

OBITUARY.

Death of James Brady.

James Brady, one of the tipstaves of the Lancaster county courts, died yesterday at his home in Church street, aged 72 years, after an illness of a few weeks from typhoid fever. Mr. Brady was an Irishman by birth a native of Rine, county Longford, Ireland. He came to America fifty years ago, and labored for many years with the pick and shovel upon the Tide-water canal, the Potomac railroad and various public works in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. While working at the tunnel near Elizabethtown, this county, he married a daughter of the late Andrew Wade, of that borough, and had by her one daughter, who is now the wife of George Kurtz. He was, while work on the Tide-water canal, blown up by the premature explosion of a blast, by which he lost the use of one of his eyes and was otherwise disfigured. He was taken to the Baltimore hospital, and after his recovery he was wont to say grimly that he was the only man that ever went into that institution that escaped alive. For the past thirty years he resided in Lancaster, and was well known to almost everybody. During the draft in this city he was a guard in the provost marshal's office, and the following anecdote is told regarding his appointment: He called upon Thad. Stevens, jr., the marshal, for an appointment, but was told there was no vacancy. One of his friends advised him to see *old* Thad. about it. He did so, and after a brief chat the old commoner, scratched down a few lines in his peculiarly illegible chirography and told Jimmy to take it to young Thad. He did so; neither young Thad. nor any of his clerks could read it. Neither could Jimmy, but he proved himself equal to the occasion. Holding the note upside down he read, or pretended to read, as follows: "Dear Thad.—Give Captain Brady a job." Mr Brady was at once appointed a guard until the provost marshal's office was closed. For some years past he was a tipstaff in the local court, having been appointed by Judge Livingston, and sat at the head of the private stairway.

"The Young May Die."

Our obituary columns record the decease of James Franciscus, youngest son of John Franciscus, the well-known landlord on South Queen street. He had been a sufferer for some time, and had a paralytic stroke on Sunday, which soon brought his illness to a fatal conclusion. He was a coach blacksmith by trade, and a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 68 of Knights of Pythias, and of the Shiffler fire company.

Emanuel R. Workman, of East Hempfield, who has been cut off in the prime of life at the age of 37, was an intelligent and popular young man, member of a well known family, and an active Democrat, whose loss will be felt in the circles in which he moved and wherein he was much beloved.

Death of a Venerable Woman.

Mrs. Mary Milleysack, relict of the late Jacob (who died last April) died at her residence yesterday. Deceased was paralyzed seven years ago, and never recovered from it. At the time