

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 26, 1881.

The Winter in Washington. McClure's dispatch to his paper from Washington pictures the political situation there as the reveal of Stalwartism. A less acute observer can easily discern this from the reports which reach the country at large. The full exposure of the situation of course awaits the assembling of Congress and more especially the organization of the House, and the changes of the cabinet which are expected to follow.

DEMOCRATIC candidates for state offices next year multiply at a rate which makes us wonder where all the estimable gentlemen who now propose themselves were when the last state election was held. They could not have stood up then and been counted or Noble would have been elected. There are a good many people in the party in this state who could be real useful to it if they would display anything like the alacrity in working for it that they do in getting themselves nominated.

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THE DEATH. An Emotional Play at the Opera House. That very melodramatic work "The Planter's Wife" was produced at Fulton opera house last night, in the presence of a slim audience, who by the shivered and a sob throughout the entire performance, not much to be wondered at, as the play depicted during its four acts a scene from the comfortless fact that the hall was insufficiently heated. Keep your patrons going, Mr. Manager, if you want patrons to enjoy themselves in your opera house. It is not necessary to specially commend of Tiltson's work, it being generally familiar to play-goers and fresh in mind from the fact that it was given here last season by Miss Charlotte Thompson's company. There is no doubt of the cleverness of the plot, or of the intricacy of its general design, though there is considerable crudeness in the final denouement which looks like the work of an amateur. Some of the situations are powerfully drawn and full of dramatic force, whilst the attempts to give a comical flavor to the piece by the introduction of several absurd scenes and a nondescript character in the person of an overgrown booby are simply cloying. Mrs. Rose Keane, who plays the part of Edith Gray, is a tragical little lady who frequently falls into the error of overacting her part, and the opposite effect of the one intended is frequently produced, and in consequence, you frequently feel like laughing where you are expected to do the other thing. Not that Miss Keane has not some real ability and a good bit of it too. But she lacks the poise necessary to keep her in the straight path from which her lines often tempt her. It will come by, or perhaps, and we feel like commending her work on the whole. Mr. Joe Wheelock is a manly and conscientious young actor, and his rendition of the part of Albert Graham was in keeping with the good reputation he has earned by intelligent devotion to his profession. The supporting cast was quite fair, notably by excellent being the Angie of Miss Kate V. Morris, whose pretty face and vivacious manner made the character of the precious young creature altogether winsome and charming, and went straight to the hearts of half the young fellows in the house who were only wishing for half the chance she offered to her silly Simeon, and couldn't for the life of them apprehend the lack of appreciation exhibited by that phenomenal personage. There is a rare dramatic treat in store next week when the famous Wallace's theatre company from New York will appear in the comedy drama of "London Assurance," under the auspices of the Lancaster benevolent association. The cast will include such sterling people as Rose, Cochran, Stella Boniface, Ester, Germaine, John Gilbert, Harry Edwards, Ommond Tearle and a number of others of extended repute.

LITTLE LOCALS.

here and There and Everywhere. New Holland and vicinity suffer severely from turkey thieves. Mr. George Sprecher, of New Holland, sold his tobacco, 13 acres, at 23, 12, 8 and 3, to Sigel & Moran.

The New Holland Clarion editor has a rooster which got into a barrel of feed and subsisted on it for several days. No Democratic ticket was there. After a march of 28 days, Battery C, Third United States artillery, arrived yesterday in New York city on the return from Yorktown.

The Marietta Times insists that the Pennsylvania railroad hasn't enough accommodations for its round houses and yards at Columbia, and disinterestedly suggests that they be moved to Marietta. The Times has likely not heard that they are coming to Lancaster.

Our lawyers hereafter go to Philadelphia to suppress counterfeit only Adams, Dauphin and Franklin counties will comprise the Middle district henceforth; and Allegheny, Westmoreland, Greene, Jefferson, Venango, Beaver and Washington, the Western. The Harrisburg and Pitsburgh protonotaries will lose largely in fees and about it. The nineteenth Monday following the first Monday of January, falling about the middle of May, is assigned as return day to Lancaster and York counties.

In a Tight Place. About half-past 8 o'clock last evening as the Reading freight express team was being driven across the Pennsylvania railroad in front of the depot, the horse got one of his feet wedged fast between the railroad track and the ground. The horse could not be released from his perilous position until a hatchet was procured and the shoe cut from the horse's foot. Luckily there were no trains near at the time. If there had been the horse would probably have been crushed to death.

Fatal Gunning Accident. Isaac Sheppard, a prominent citizen of Keef county, Md., was accidentally shot and killed while ducking with a party of friends yesterday. The gun was prematurely discharged, its entire contents passing through his body, causing instantaneous death. The deceased leaves a wife and family.

A Swindler Wanted. Several weeks ago a man, giving his name as Charles Schaeffer, opened a notion, fancy goods and toy store in the store room corner of North Queen and Orange. He paid a month's rent in advance, bought largely from M. C. Warren, 470 Broadway, N. Y., and perhaps from other dealers, and having got a large stock of goods he shipped them to parts unknown, folded his tent and slipped quietly away. M. C. Warren, as soon as his suspicions were aroused, telegraphed the chief of police to arrest Schaeffer, and on Wednesday he came to Lancaster and his trail had been laid down, and left no trace of the direction he had taken. He is described as of short stature, not more than five feet six inches in height, and weighing about 150 pounds. He is about 40 years of age, wears a full beard, and has rather an Israelitish cast of countenance. He is probably plying his trade in some other town.

Driving Accident. Officer Sween and J. Kahler Snyder took a drive to the lower end of the county on Wednesday for the purpose of looking up and bringing to time those medical practitioners who have failed to register themselves in the prothonotary's office, as required by law. While driving under the trestle work at New Providence, their horses took fright at a passing train of cars, upset the buggy, threw both Snyder and Sween to the ground, and ran off at full speed. Neither of the men were seriously hurt, but the horses ran to the right and ran over the wire and were not heard of until yesterday, when it was discovered they had run to Lampeter, where they were safely stabled. The buggy was somewhat broken.

Wedding on Wednesday Evening. On Wednesday evening Mr. Emil Natto was married to Miss Hannah Wagner. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. M. Mayer, in Zion's German Lutheran church, on Vine street. The bridesmaids were Misses Lottie and Mary Liller and the groomsmen, Mr. E. Natto, a brother of the groom and Harry Wagner, brother of the bride. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bride party were driven to the residence of the groom's father, No. 535 North Prince street, where a reception was held and the happy couple were called upon by a large number of their friends who congratulated them. The presents were numerous and handsome. An excellent supper had been prepared for the occasion and it was partaken of by the party.

City Loss. Wednesday afternoon in the mayor's office were opened the bids for \$6,000 of the unexpended balance of the per cent. of February 7, 1874. There were bids offered amounting to \$10,000, the premiums offered being from 2 to 15 per cent. The bids accepted were as follows: \$3,000 at 15 per premium, \$600 at 12, \$2,000 at 9, \$400 at 8—the average premium being 12 and three-fourths per cent. The average interests which investors will realize 5 1/2 per cent.

Dead in Jail. Mrs. Fordney, the widow of the late Jacob Fordney, of poor horse fame, died in the county jail this morning from hemorrhage of the lungs. She was addicted to intemperance, and was committed to prison about a week ago for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Mr. Snyder's Funeral. John A. Snyder, victim of the railroad tragedy in Mt. Joy, will be buried to-morrow, according to the funeral notice published elsewhere, but for the intervening holiday.

Death of a Hotel Keeper. Jacob Eberly, proprietor of the Union hotel, East Chestnut street, died last night of typhoid fever, after an illness of eight or ten days. He was about 27 years old, and leaves a wife, but no children.

Time for Adjournment. The court has fixed the times for holding the adjourned courts during the year 1882. They will be advertised as heretofore.

Selling Liquor Without License. Amelia Gerlitzki, who keeps a shebang in North street, was arrested and held to bail by Alderman Barr, to answer for selling liquor without license.

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The Excelsior elocution class met at the residence of Miss Mazie Friedrich, last evening and had a delightful time. Next Tuesday evening the club will meet at Miss Ida Hanauer's.

The wreckers who work to-morrow at the engine on the Port Deposit railroad. Regular services in all the churches to-morrow. We have been shown the plan for the St. John's Lutheran church. Although not a large building, it was a very handsome one, and an adornment to Columbia. Gutters half filled with ice. Printing offices overrun with work. Canal will be closed this month. Confagration in Ragtown. About midnight on Wednesday our fire department was called out by an alarm of fire. The bells rang and every engine in Columbia whistled. Soon all was confusion, our town was lit up as though by thousands of bonfires. The fire first broke out in a frame dwelling house in Ragtown, but spread rapidly and in a few minutes four other houses were in flames. They were soon extinguished by the ground water, but the great exertion of our firemen. The Vigilant company were unable to get their engine to the scene, being too heavy for the small number of men who manned the rope. The Columbia engine could not work as the water supply was very insufficient. The Shawnee was the only steamer who threw any water at all, and then their hose had to be attached to some of the Vigies', as the water was a long distance from the fire, all which by this time had entirely consumed the five houses and part of their furniture. Incendiarism was the cause, for when the Shawnee company arrived they saw cotton waste and other inflammable material against the side of the house. C. Anthony Thomas Jones and Frank Deemer were suspected of the crime, as it was reported that one of their number had threatened to burn the house down. They had a hearing before Squire Grier last evening, but as nothing positive could be learned they were discharged. Four of the houses were insured. The last spark was put out about 4 a. m.