

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, NOV. 28, 1881.

Phillips to Gibson. The star route prosecutions have been a disjointed and poorly managed affair throughout. Even were it conceded that an honesty of purpose inspired all who are formally on record on the side of the government in these suits, they seem to be divided by jealousies and their councils distracted by an utter lack of the harmony necessary to success.

It is officially reported that last year twenty-two ports of entry did not collect a dollar in duties and that thirty-two other ports did not collect enough to pay expenses. If collection does not collect, it, at least, costs.

THE star route thieves have got along so far that they have MacVeagh and Gibson—their late prosecutors—on trial now.

WHEN Joe Huber "iron clad" the next cell he should have Frankford superintendent the job and show him how to make it prisoner proof.

THE young ladies have a perfect right to wear those big hats to places of public amusement, but in order to prevent an eclipse of the stage for those sitting behind it their bounden duty to take along to the hall a worsted "fascinator," to replace the hat with it as soon as they get seated and give everybody a chance to see the worth of his or her money.

THE Appletons are about to discontinue their Journal because it does not pay, and let somebody else publish Rice's North American Review for him, because, since it printed so much fulsome flattery, they found that unscrupulous competitors were going about the South and West and horrifying the deeply religious school committees by reading to them passages from Ingersoll's essays in the North American, and then dwelling on the wickedness of buying school books for innocent children from a house which could put its name on such blasphemy.

THE Press asks editorially whether Guitaen is insane and then discusses the question, concluding first that "the evident dullness of his moral perceptions, his apparent inability to appreciate the gravity of the charge against him, and the satisfaction which he seems to find in the trial and the importance and publicity it gives him, are not the characteristics of a man of sound mind. If the evidence fully establishes the fact of his insanity, the jury have no choice but to acquit him."

PERSONAL. Mr. GOWEN sailed from London for New York with 50,000 proxies to contest the presidency of the Reading railroad.

Mr. TALMAGE remarked in his Thanksgiving sermon, that prayer has less effect upon the weather than upon anything else.

ALFRED H. STEPHENS, at the weight of 124 pounds, is writing a history of the county from its earliest establishment down to the present.

GUYTON says if convicted he will die fearfully; if acquitted he will marry and lecture. The latter suggestion will reconcile the public to his conviction.

CYRUS W. FIELD's consolidated New York evening papers will aim to be the obsequious organ of Arthur's administration. That is just about the acreage of that field.

BEATRICE has given \$30,000 out of the proceeds of the publication of her "Birth-day Book" to a child's hospital in London.

MISS Bessie NORRIS, of Wilkesbarre, whose lover, James Weller, ran away the day after their marriage, and then came back to marry her, has become a raving maniac.

Mrs. GARFIELD is overwhelmed with letters from all parts of the country begging for money. So many come every day that it is impossible for her ever to answer them.

VERNONA WOODHULL, with her sister, daughter and mother, is back from a five years' trip to and sojourn in England, full of praise for the English. She goes upon the lecture platform, and her accomplished daughter will take to the stage.

Rev. Dr. S. D. C. JACKSON, of the Church of God of Decatur, Ill., who will soon lecture in this county, is an Englishman and has the broad English accent. He is an eloquent and fluent speaker, and is traveling on a lecture tour through Pennsylvania.

Rev. Dr. MANX, of Pakenham, Ont., wouldn't let the hired girl's beam come because he "wasn't satisfied of his character."

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COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

The Wrecked Engine Successfully Raised. The Columbia wreck car and wreckers left here yesterday morning at 7:35 for the 8112ed engine on the Fort deposit railroad, and the iron gate was raised at 8:00.

Death of David Shultz. David Shultz, hatter and ex-county treasurer, died at his residence No. 20 West Orange street, yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, from the effects of paralysis.

Count of Quarter Sessions. Saturday Afternoon.—The case of egn'vs. John Huber, charged with desertion, which had been continued for several months, was called.

Fire Engine Races. The engine races on Saturday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock, last evening, a fire engine stationed near North street, in response to an alarm, but had scarcely got under way when the strap which holds the driver in his seat broke, and the driver was thrown off.

Items of Interest. Hatfield, Conn., will put up a \$50,000 soldiers' monument with city money.

Distinctions. Abijah Gilbert, Mass., senator from Florida, at Georgetown, Md., in 1851, was elected to his native place; aged 75; eldest of 18 children; formerly a New York merchant.

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