

Lancaster Intelligencer. THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 1, 1881.

The 'Parsee Merchant,' who has become well-known under that title as a writer on questions of revenue and tariff, addresses a letter to the convention of Protectionists in session in New York, of which we reproduce elsewhere the portion which forcibly presents the enormity of the present duty on steel, by which the American manufacturers of Bessemer rails are given a clean twenty eight dollars per ton profit by the duty of that amount put on the foreign article.

So the dozen corporations which are banded together in the Bessemer steel manufacture are permitted to obtain for their product a profit of over fifty per cent, which they have generally expended in increasing their capacity for production. The works at Troy, New York, fifteen years ago, produced less than a hundred tons of steel a week, now they turn out three thousand tons.

A Blackmailing Speculation. When it was made public that J. Kahler Snyder appeared as prosecutor, District Attorney Thomas J. Davis as counsel for the prosecution, and Benj. F. Rowe as defendant in some fifty criminal suits against citizens of this county for alleged violation of an act requiring medical practitioners to register in the prothonotary's office, the speculations were made.

Of the law itself, its objects, its defects or its operation we do not propose now to speak. That examination may be deferred. But when their enforcement is purely a blackmailing operation it fairly merits the indignation of decent citizens and the exposure of honest journalists.

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Davis-Rowe prosecutions began, who was not and is not still as liable to his penalties as any who have been prosecuted. The law declares that it shall go into effect June 1, though not signed by the governor until June 8.

The Philadelphia Record, which seldom has a good word for the ex-speaker, thinks it may be said to the credit of Mr. Samuel Randall that when he gets a good idea in his head he retains it as tenaciously as he retains his bad ideas. The country will stand behind him in his efforts to get the funded indebtedness of the nation into 3 per cent bonds.

REUBEN BRETZ, a coal train brakeman, aged 40 years, and employed on the road for the last twenty years, has been killed at Pottsville from a fall from a car.

There are 433,000 bushels of grain in the Anchor line elevators at Erie, which the Philadelphia and Erie railroad is unable to transport east because of the scarcity of cars.

THE GARFIELD picture for Queen Victoria, forwarded through the state department, is of cabinet size, and a striking resemblance to the late president, the eyes particularly being life-like and expressive. It was enclosed in an envelope bordered with mourning, addressed to Queen Victoria, and having the name of Mrs. Garfield written on the lower corner.

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THE last senior oration at the college was made by JONATHAN W. MILLER, on "Society as an Educator." He handled his theme well and made out a good case. LONGFELLOW, confined to the house by vertigo, kept Thanksgiving Day by reading to a friend a poem he has recently composed called "Hermes Trismegistus."

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hired for the purpose by Mr. Abbey, the manager of Patti, who understands the art of advertising. THEODORE S. FAXTON, ex-Mayor of Utica, New York, died yesterday in that city, aged 87 years.

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ZACH CHANDLER ON HAYES. Alleged Views of the Michigan Stalwart Respecting the man he Put in the White House. Henry L. Nelson, in the Boston Post. "Zach" Chandler was a profane man, and in his own forceful phrase, "the Hayes crowd was pizen" to him.

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he started to go. "Why," he continued, "what do you suppose he did then? Did he pay it? You don't know Hayes. No sir: this civil service reformer, this canting order of No. 1, directed that an order should be issued to the clerks of the departments to the effect that they must do their best assessments. He did actually, and the order was printed; and we had to get in our wads pretty fast to stop it. I had to pay that \$4,000 with the rest."

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MORE MUSIC AT MILLERSVILLE. A STUDENT REQUESTED TO LEAVE. His Fellow Students Want to Know Why. Yesterday morning at the opening exercises, which occur at 8 o'clock, Mr. Sherman B. White, of Landsville, a student of the Millersville Normal school, about 20 years of age, was handsome, intelligent and well qualified.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL. The Kirkdale coal mine, the largest in Liverpool, have been burnt out.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. The First Week of the November Term. BEFORE JUDGE PATTERSON.

SNYDER'S SPECULATION. Another Countryman Blackmailed. It has been developed that in the case of J. Kahler Snyder, Jr., of Quarryville, accused by J. Kahler Snyder, of practicing medicine without registration, the case was settled and the prosecution withdrawn in consideration of \$25 paid to Snyder on behalf of Fritz.

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COLUMBIA NEWS. OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Since the Shawnee furnaces have been placed under a new management, the grounds and works have been so changed that they are hardly recognizable.

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