

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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The Free Pass System.

Almost simultaneously in the East and West events have occurred which seem likely to direct public attention to the abuse of the free pass system and to result in some decided action which will put an end to it. The drunken revelry of dead-head legislators on the railroad train wrecked in New York, with such frightful fatality, is strongly suspected of the original responsibility for that affair, and the disclosure of the fact that some seventy-five persons were riding free on that train, alone shows how enormous the practice has become. Considered with reference to the extension of these favors to legislators alone it has a tendency to make them run away from their duties and to waste the time for which the state pays, while the control over legislation which the railroads seek to secure by this means is in the highest degree detrimental to public interests. The New York accident seems, queerly enough, to have furnished an occasion for the public consideration of this important question in at least one of its aspects.

Meanwhile in the Iowa Legislature an opposition to the free pass abuse has been transpiring which promises important results for a section that has been grievously cursed with it. Resolutions condemning it have passed that body after an exciting debate and by a close vote the railroad commissioners of the state of Iowa are requested to report not later than the 15th day of February next their views and opinions upon the following points:

- 1. Whether free transportation should be given to any class of citizens, except paupers, mendicants or other proper objects of Christian charity and benevolence.
2. Whether persons elected to public office by the people should be allowed to accept these favors.
3. Whether the railroad companies should not be restrained from issuing passes to public officers.
4. Whether any and what limitations should be placed upon these practices by law.
5. If the commissioners deem this to be a wholesome and legitimate practice, that they give this body their reasons for such belief.

In our own commonwealth there is no room for discussion of the matter. The fundamental law of the state has settled it, and to that mandate all right-minded citizens should bow. In the face of it, however, legislators who make laws, judges who construe and apply them, and editors who ought to make healthy public opinion, have been in regular receipt of these favors from the railroads, in defiance of and contempt for the constitution. In his speech in the Iowa Assembly the mover of the anti-free pass resolution gave this instance of the abuse he was aiming to correct:

There is not a single judge on the bench in this state who is not supplied with this free transportation for himself and for his family, too, if he chooses to ask for it. And yet with these valuable considerations in their pocket our judges try cases every year in which the corporations are parties in interest. Generally when the judges of our supreme court go to Dubuque they assemble at Des Moines and take that pleasant journey together. I am told that it costs the railroad about \$50 to convey the judges and the attorney general to Dubuque. Every other man who travels that way pays a higher fare in consequence of this complaisance to the judges. Influential politicians have filled our state conventions with delegates by the liberal use of free passes. It is even rumored that a prominent state official has been permitted by a railroad company to carry a book of blank passes and fill them up for his friends at his own pleasure.

Most of this and very much more is true of our state, where the high rates of passenger travel from which the general public suffer might be materially reduced if the free pass system were wiped out. The people would be benefited every way, legislation would be more honest, the administration of justice would be relieved from a scandal and suspicion now attaching to it, and editors would be happier and richer if they paid for what they got and did not demand regular rates for the so-called railroad advertising.

It is hardly worth while for the Press to argue with those Methodist ministers of Philadelphia who urge on Sabbatarian grounds that their people take papers which give Saturday's news in Monday's papers. They are most likely as far beyond conviction themselves as they are unlikely to convince anybody else that they reason soundly when they maintain that the Sabbath is any better kept by newspapers printed on Sunday night than those of Saturday night. Probably it would be better for us all if we maintained strict rest and unbroken quiet on the whole of one day out of the seven; but, as has often been pointed out, the cars, the mails, the telegraph and other newspapers, are busy all day getting ready for Monday's conveniences, necessities and comforts, and Christian people universally take advantage of these activities. There is no fitness in drawing the line of exclusion at Sunday papers. Rather encourage them in their tendency to rival the preachers and supplement the pulpits with moralizing.

In any apportionment of congressmen likely to be enacted the number from Pennsylvania is apt to be increased one if not two. The last Legislature having failed to pass any apportionment, and indeed not having been able to redistrict the congressional divisions, Pennsylvania's extra congressman or congressmen will have to be elected at large. There were three chosen for the state this way in 1872, and the chance for one more nominee of the state convention will be quite a make-weight for the politicians in the allotment of the places on the ticket. The state is big enough now to have four corners and a centre, and there must be enough nominations to go around.

There has been a long and fierce fight over the Wilkesbarre postoffice, and now Gov. Hoyt's man is left and Congressman Scranton's has been appointed. This may not go very far toward promoting harmony, but it may intensify Hoyt's solidarity for Farmer Butler as his successor.

The facts about the attitude of our government to the South American troubles seem to be that Secretary Blaine rushed precipitately into a policy of interference which the president knew nothing of and could not approve, and from which Blaine expected to secure some popular applause. The new secretary of state had to revoke his orders and change his policy, and the government is not exhibited in a very creditable light. If this is not the case the president changed front with his change of secretaries and Mr. Blaine is not the man to let the public remain in ignorance of this state of the affair.

Mr. WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, of Williamsport, a very good lawyer and a very decent man, who is appointed commissioner of Pacific railroads by the president, has been standing around for a good while waiting for Cameron to do something for him, and if it reached the ear of Arthur that our young senator was for him it may be presumed not to have militated against Armstrong.

This evening from seven to eight o'clock the city Democracy will meet in the several wards and make general nominations for officers to be filled at the February elections. The list should be so complete as to afford good nominations for every place on the ticket.

Scotch potatoes, English celery and German cabbages and turnips continue phenomenal features of our foreign importations.

The Observer tells of a Western church which celebrated the Lord's Supper with a bottle and a tumbler. The Independent thinks pitchers must be scarce there.

The Lancaster Inquirer rises out of the ashes with a half-sheet issue and the declaration that "fires may come, and fires may go, but the newspaper goes on forever." And it declares for Butler for governor.

The overdue steamship Elam, to the relief of the public mind, has at last come into port and makes up for lost time by reporting 211 steerage passengers, though she only started with 208. Three were born on her stormy voyage.

The board of regents of the state university of Nebraska met on Thursday in Lincoln, and the illness of one member leaving the orthodox in a majority, they dismissed three of the professors of the university who are described as "free thinkers."

There seems to be a call upon the Economist to explain whether it means to be complimentary or not when it says: "There is some talk which indicates that the following would prove very satisfactory to the people of Lancaster county: For Supreme Judge, Hon. JOHN B. LIVINGSTON."

MURAT HALSTEAD of the Cincinnati Commercial, and Richard Smith, of the Gazette, are engaged in a vigorous wrestle to determine which said the meaner things about Garfield before his nomination and which was the hastier to change front afterwards. Is this the "harmony in the party" which Gaiteau aimed at?

A Washington correspondent without specially stating reprobations says: "President Arthur will prove himself to be a great president when he is strong enough to refuse General Grant, or any one else who asks him, to set a figure-head merely at the head of any department of the government. That is all Father Howe is or ever will be. That is all that the smiling key was. When people used to call to see the postmaster-general, this amiable strapping would walk blandly forth and lead them to the door of the office of Mr. Tyler, the real postmaster general."

FEARS are expressed that the superior court may hold that the tribunal which tried Gaiteau had no jurisdiction and hence the tedious trial would go for naught. It seems that in 1869 a man named Blacca was indicted in the District of Columbia for manslaughter. The mortal blow was inflicted at Alexandria, then within the limits of the District. The victim died in Maryland. After a verdict of guilty the prisoner was discharged. The court, of which William Crouch was then chief judge, held, in the language of the official report, "that as the death happened in St. Mary's county, in Maryland, although the fatal stroke was given here, the judgment must be for the prisoner, the offense not being complete within our jurisdiction."

COLORADO people cannot sue, under the fifteenth amendment, for damages unless they can prove citizenship. That is the point of a decision rendered by Judge Brown, in the United States district court, New York, in the case of one Lewis, a colored man of foreign birth, who sued Oliver Hitecock & Co., restaurant keepers, for \$500 damages for refusing to supply him with refreshments. The court holds that there is nothing in the civil rights bill or in the nature of the subject creating a presumption that Congress intended to legislate in favor of aliens, and that the word "citizen" is this as well as in other public statutes, indicated that it is only actionable for persons to deny rights of accommodations to citizens only, and that therefore, to entitle a person to recover, he must allege and prove that he is a citizen.

PERSONAL. Mr. PATRICK S. GILMORE, the musician and orchestra conductor, is now recovering from his recent serious illness.

The trustees of the Agricultural College Boston, yesterday elected PAUL A. CHAMBERLAIN its president, and he accepted the position.

Major WILLIAM H. BOUGHTON, a soldier of the war for the Union, and the champion checker player of Maine, died yesterday in Portland at the age of 37 years.

EDWIN BOOTH has just sent a check for \$1,000 to the mother of the late Samuel Piercy, his leading man who died of small-pox.

Hon. GEORGE E. MAPES, of Venango county has joined the writing force of the American and taken up his residence in Philadelphia.

A plot against the life of the king of Greece has been discovered. It was to

have been carried out while the king was journeying from Athens to Piræus. The contest over the will of the late ALONZO C. YATES, the Syracuse and Philadelphia clothier, is waging in New York. Mr. Yates was divorced from his first wife and subsequently married his servant, the present Mrs. Yates to whom he left most of his property. The will is contested by his daughters by his first wife.

Don't believe the story that Minister HAMLIN, having somehow strayed to a bull fight at Madrid, and after watching the proceedings for a while, said: "Those fellows don't know how to handle a bull. Why, any farmer's boy down around Bangor would know enough to put a ring in the critter's nose and hitch a stick to it. Then they could lead the beast around as handy as could be."

Senator Cameron has promised Colonel SAM. DICK, of Meadville, the nomination for congressman at large in case the new apportionment gives Pennsylvania an additional member. This is done in order to settle the bitter and demoralizing warfare in which Col. Dick, of Meadville, and W. B. Roberts, of Titusville, have been so long engaged. The understanding is that Dick should be made congressman at large and then have his friends turn in and help elect Roberts as the member from the Twenty sixth district, consisting of the counties of Crawford, Mercer and Buttes.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Some Striking and Tragic Occurrences.

CRIME, MISFORTUNE, DISASTER.

Topics of Interest All Around. J. R. Hegin fatally shot his wife and then committed suicide in Wapello, Iowa, on Thursday. They had lived unhappily together. John Alexander Morris, colored, was hanged yesterday at Raleigh, N. C., for the murder of Joseph Rourke, colored, committed in 1880.

Fell to a Fate. A widow named Graf and her two sons, living in poverty at Greensburg, Pa., were notified yesterday that they had been left a fortune of \$500,000 by the death of a relative in Sweden.

Creeping Furnace Ready for Gale. District Attorney Corckhill has received many congratulatory messages. One from Washington, Pa., signed by the students of W. and J. college, said: "Creeping furnace is in perfect order. Ship prisoner as soon as possible."

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PAT ROONEY.

A Strong Combination at the Opera House.

It is a pleasure for a person to witness a variety show entertainment of the kind given by Harry Miner and Pat Rooney's combination at the opera house last evening. The audience was very large, every seat being taken except a few in the parquet. The performance throughout was excellent and could have been no better. It included Dutch sketch by Cramell & Eastwood, negro act by Child brothers, bicycle riding by the Strik family, serio-comic singing by Carrie Howard, musical act by Sharpley & West, "Happy Hottentot" act of Lamont and Duerow, with high kicking, etc. About the middle of the programme Pat Rooney came on and gave his Irish specialty, which has made him famous the country over. His songs and stories are very good and his dancing is excellent, while his make-up and walk would bring a smile to the face of a marble statue. The songs he sang were a little miss, is a chip of the old block, and her singing and imitations of her father were wonderful. The performance concluded with the sketch entitled "Life in a Tenement House," with Cronin and Sullivan as the leading characters. The piece is a condensation of "O'Neil" which was so well played here two years ago by Mr. Cronin with Mr. Scanlan, who was then his partner. Cronin is a remarkable actor in the female parts, while Sullivan has few equals in acting the part of the landlady. Cronin's make-up was very natural. It is a strong team, and their act will please anywhere. We have no space to make special mention of the other actors, but it is enough to say that they were all first-class, and a stronger show of variety talent has seldom been seen here.

The show appears in Columbia to-night, and opens at the Monumental theatre on Monday.

Police News. His honor the mayor had before him this morning four customers—one of them a drunken woman, who was committed for thirty days; a drunken man for five days, and two vagrants discharged with a reprimand. One of the last named was a member of the Pennsylvania convention of the constitutional convention of 1858.

The mayor has appointed Adam Ditlow temporary policeman in place of Andrew J. Flick, of the Ninth ward, suspended for misconduct; and Aug. Steinwiel, of the Seventh ward, in place of John Merringer, also suspended for misconduct.

The mayor has also appointed three special policemen—Gill, Shultz and Shaller—to keep the streets from being blocked with tobacco wagons in the vicinity of the principal tobacco houses. One of the specials is stationed near Steinman's warehouses on Market street; another at Baumgardner's, on Lemon street, and a third on Tobacco avenue, near Fulton and Shippen streets.

The complaint of assault and battery brought by R. P. Hoopes against John Buffeney, innkeeper at Bird-in-Hand, was heard before Alderman Barr this morning and dismissed, it appearing that the complainant was the aggressor in the disturbance, during which he received a knockdown and a black eye.

Editors in Council. The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Editorial association assembled in Harrisburg. The committee on the law of libel and legal advertising reported that they had no business to report to the Legislature, but no action could be entered upon it on account of other pressing business. The committee was continued. The following officers were elected: President W. L. Hensel; vice presidents, C. H. Bergner, E. L. Christian, and H. Z. Taggart; secretary, Alfred Sanderson; corresponding secretary, Alfred Sanderson; executive committee, A. M. Rambo, H. B. Staple, D. H. Neiman, W. H. Bradley, J. B. Sanson, W. J. K. Kline and R. M. Thomas. The subject of the next excursion was discussed by the executive committee when the meeting adjourned.

Marietta Matters. There is just ground for complaint that no train east from Marietta leaves before 8:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.; and that persons coming thence to Lancaster at 8:30 a. m. have to go back in a half hour, or stay here until evening. The Columbia accommodation should extend to Marietta.

Rev. Geo. P. Mueller, pastor of the Swiss Reformed church, received a call from the congregation of the Christ Lutheran church, of Elizabethtown, at a salary of \$900 a year, and parsonage free. At a meeting of the congregation of the Marietta church a resolution was passed raising his salary from \$400 to \$500 a year, and the rent of a parsonage, which was accepted by Mr. Mueller, and he declined the Elizabethtown call.

Sale of the "Cross Keys" Hotel. Allan A. Herr & Co., real estate agents, sold yesterday to Philip C. Snyder and Charles S. Snyder at private sale the "Cross Keys" hotel property on West King street belonging to Martin Kreider and Amos Groff for a sum of \$17,000. The Snyder Bros. will take possession on February 6, and proceed at once to tear down and rebuild the back building and remodel the front part, making a handsome store room to which will remove their millinery trimming store, and the balance of the building will be fitted up for a hotel to be occupied after April 1st by Mr. Miller, the present occupant, who temporarily vacates the premises to allow the proposed improvements to be made.

New Holland Chronon Notes. A horse being driven by Frank Barkley, of Beartown, dropped over dead in front of the residence of Robert Townsend.

A frame cooper shop on the premises of Edward Farmer, at Mount Airy, in Salisbury township, was completely destroyed by fire with all its contents, consisting of about 100 finished flour barrels, a lot of staves, etc.

Ice Cutting. The ice cutters have been busily engaged in housing ice during the week and secured a partial supply. The mild weather of the past day or two so honeycombed and melted the ice as to render it almost unfit for housing, and some of the dealers ceased cutting at noon yesterday. If the snow storm now prevailing should be followed by a "freezing" they may be happy yet.

The Blast Went Off. Anderson Shumaker, residing in Bruner-ville, was blasting in Brubaker's quarry. He had prepared to put off a blast, but the fuse failed to ignite the powder, and he attempted to remove the dirt placed over it with a hot scraper, the heat from which set fire to the powder, which exploded in his face, severely injuring his right eye, scorching and setting fire to his clothes.

Gene Over to the Majority. The Harrisburg court has granted a decree of dissolution to the Commonwealth mutual insurance company, of this city. The state asked for the dissolution upon the usual ground—a non-compliance with the charter.

A Very Large Undertaking. The Lancaster Intelligencer has started a new issue by proposing to purchase the state Legislature. It is the biggest job of the century.

CRIMSON COLORS.

BRAVELY FLOATING AT THE NORMAL.

KEEPING ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

The twenty-fifth birthday of the Normal Literary Society at the Normal school, a Feast of Reason and a Flow of Soul. The Normal literary society of Millersville celebrated its silver anniversary last evening, and the entertainment was up to the usual high standard of those given by that society in the past. As is well known by those initiated in the mysteries of Normal school lore, there are two rival literary societies, the Pageant and the Normal, to one or the other of which every one must belong who would ensure his or her social recognition in the institution. The friendly emulation aroused by these societies constitutes a large factor in the literary development of the students, and as such they are recognized and fostered by the authorities of the school. In common with all organizations of the kind, each has its society color, "pure crimson" being indicative of a Normal adherent, while "true blue" characterizes the representatives of Pageant. The silver anniversary in the spacious chapel last evening was one which might well drive a bashful youth distracted, and fill the mind of the "old stager" with pleasing and cheerful images. Bright-eyed maidens, with intellects as bright as their eyes, the colors of their respective societies visible in every adornment, were grouped in the right wing, while to the left in solid array were gathered together the representatives of the sterner sex.

Somewhat later than the time announced the exercises were opened by a spirited march by Saruman's Lancaster orchestra, to the soft strains of which the ladies and gentlemen who were to contribute to the entertainment proceeded slowly up the nave of the chapel. A sweet stirring rendition by the orchestra of "The Fiddler of Waverley" followed, which at its conclusion was greeted with loud and prolonged applause.

Salutatory address—Mr. F. Bach. The speaker briefly adverted to the well-known fact that daily contact with the world is often too apt to blunt our affections, dull our sympathies, and make us forget the loved associations of youth. The divinity which is only prompting us to the renewal of old associations must be cherished, and it is only by meetings such as this that that purpose can be conserved. In a few well-chosen words he has endeavored to make welcome to the audience, who acknowledged the favor at the close of his remarks by hearty applause.

Trio—Oberon. This exquisite selection executed on the organ with piano accompaniment was given with much feeling by Misses Warren, Franz and Prutz. The young ladies manifested in their playing a great deal of artistic ability. The performance was listened to with the closest attention, and at its conclusion received the tribute of long and well-earned applause.

Essay—"Deaver Hints"—Miss Mary H. Whitson, Strasburg, Pa. There was a time when gentlemen were wont to deride the head gear of the gentleman size by reason of its diminutive size. In compliance with the wishes of our audience, we have enlarged the size of their hats and now the sterner sex complain bitterly that their extreme has been reached, and that hereafter with horizon of vision limited they must grope about in outer darkness, and that the world is a vast sea of gloom. The fair essayist seemed to approve of beaver hats, and traced a rather far-fetched parallel between these latter and the current views of the day. Oscar Wilde's mission to this country she claimed was to inculcate the love of the beautiful. But he himself, in his "The Picture of Dorian Gray" in which he is placed by the newspaper, is the greatest foe of the theory he advocates. The beaver hat in politics was then touched on, and the unprincipled politician was made the subject of some severe criticism. The speaker then touched most of all on the manifestation of one's religion. Some there are who keep their religion as carefully housed up as their best service of China and only use it on state occasions. The views typified by the beaver hat were dwelt on at length, and the young ladies and gentlemen their highest destiny could teach.

Vocal Solo—"Who's at My Window"—Osborne. This vocal gem by Miss Adelaide Clements, the possessor of a very sweet contralto voice, was listened to with vociferous applause. She responded in an encore tendered her by singing an appropriate selection.

"Die Hydropathen Waite"—Gangl. The orchestra rendered the production of the great German composer in excellent style, and the applause that followed was well deserved.

Oration—"The Citizen of Today"—Mr. Irving A. Heikes, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Our nation is founded on the broad principle that the citizen is the source of all power, executive, legislative and judicial. Few comprehend the responsibility attached to this doctrine, and few citizens are aware of the vast powers for good and for evil they possess. The cratty politician denies the citizen's right to the ballot, fearing lest they turn upon him the lash of the law. The great railway magnates of the land and the poor laboring man meet on a plane of equality in casting the ballot. The Jeffersonian theory teaches that all men are free alike. Free and equal in the rights not in the powers, for the man of intellect may mould the opinions of others, as the potter moulds his clay. All recognize that they have rights, few think of the corresponding duties attached to these rights, for every right implies a duty. The citizen at the maladministration of our complicated system of government, yet some there are who pride themselves on their lack of interest in things political. The duty of the citizen of today is to raise the tone of national life and morality. Beginning with the enlightenment of himself, he must go farther, he must assist his neighbor in the effort to escape the Stygian darkness that envelops him. The appalling illiteracy of the South makes the negro today the prey of scheming politicians. The citizen must labor for the broad diffusion of knowledge, if the sacredness of the ballot is to be maintained, and our political institutions preserved. Light the torch of intelligence and the negro will be capable of self-protection. Any fixing upon the modern idea of temporary insanity as an excuse for crime must be combated if we would not have republican declared a failure. But the greatest and most essential qualifications of the citizen of today are honesty, morality and an enlightened conscience. Our educated men should bend to their task, they must not shrink their political duties. This is their work, their duty. As well might the heavenly bodies try to control their own motions as the citizen endeavor to escape his moral responsibilities. The young orator's remarks found favor with his audience, and they testified their appreciation by hearty applause.

Vocal Solo—"Bird Carol"—Miss Harriet A. Warner. The bird-like notes of the fair vocalist found a responsive echo in the hearts of the present, and she was made the recipient of much applause. In response to an encore she sang "Robin Adair" with much sweetness and grace.

Readings—Miss Alma Sager, Richboro, Pa. Adelaide Proctor's touching poem, "Order for a Picture," was recited with eloquent beauty by the lady, and with well-timed evening laurels that might well have turned an older head. To show that

her powers were not developed only in one direction, she promptly followed her first reading by stepping from the summit of the ridiculous in portraying "How Permissious Took Chabber Baby." "Little Goldenhair" was sung in answer to the imperative demands for her reappearance. The young lady has a well trained voice, the articulation and modulation being such that could be desired, and her whole performance seemed to indicate that she was the possessor of talents of a very high order.

Vocal Solo—"Drum-beat and Heart-beat"—Mr. A. C. LaBarre, Lafayette college, Pa. Mr. A. C. LaBarre, of active mind, many dramas are performed, and few recognize the hidden hand of the Almighty shifting the scenes, making them serve his own purpose. In earlier times might, not right, was the righted wrong. Great minds, like those of Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, trampled on the rights of millions, to feed their own mad ambition. Our Blameworthy vainly tried to become another such, but the scales have fallen from the eyes of men, and they recognize the fact that resistance to tyranny is duty to God. Force is fast losing its dreaded sceptre, and right and love are becoming enthroned in the hearts of the nations. Heart-beat answered heart-beat when the deadly scourge of oppression infested the earth. No marble shaft is needed to record the grand passions of their memory will be overgrown in the hearts of all true lovers of mankind. A fiend incarnate strikes down the nation's head, and at once the flood-gates of sympathy are opened. And when the noble life was rendered up to the world, mourned an irreparable loss. The heart beat of our brethren across the sea was then heard as distinctly as the English drum beat follows the rising sun. The time has come for martial strains to give place to songs of peace. Down in the lowest plane of society the heart beats the same as in the halls of palaces. Ours is an eventful age, and any observing student can predict the greatness about to be. There is no place for him who would block the wheels of progress. The drum-beat calls the soldier to his duty, and the earth sweeps crimson blood; the heart summons to the offices of love and gifts the world with peace. The drum-beat grows fainter while the heart wax grows stronger; and the day is not far distant when all mankind will be united in peace and love. The speaker displayed fine oratorical ability, and the applause that followed his effort was well deserved.

Music—"In Freundes Kruse," waltz (duet). After the execution of this brilliant musical piece, the call for "sonnets" was made, and the following ladies and gentlemen responded: Mrs. Westlake, Miss Sener, Mr.