

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 20, 1882.

Make Them Fire-proof.

The scarcity of lumber which is now beginning to be experienced in this country will have the good effect of causing the erection of less inflammable houses than those we now build. The fearful losses by fire which this country daily experiences, one would think, would ere this have caused all great buildings to be constructed of fire-proof materials. It is a question whether the law should not require such manner of building tall factories and business places in the crowded streets of towns. A feeble effort in this direction is made when the outer walls are required to be of brick; but the same policy which dictates this order would warrant the further requirement of fire-proof material throughout the structure. It is not done because of the expense of such an erection; but this consideration hardly suffices to excuse the building of inflammable structures for business purposes that threaten the destruction of life and of contiguous property. A business that will not bear the cost of a safe building for its purposes is not one that need be fostered at any great risk to the community.

A Baltimore Enterprise.

Baltimore would like to have the United States build a ship canal across the isthmus between the Chesapeake and Delaware bays, to the end that her shipping may have a speedier exit to the northern parts of the Atlantic ocean than it gets by way of the mouth of the Chesapeake. It would suit Baltimore's interests excellently well to have a water-way opened to her across the peninsula to the Delaware break-water, but it is not so clear that the rest of the United States is so much interested in the project as to be called on to pay its cost. There is already a very good ship canal between the Chesapeake and the Delaware, built over fifty years ago at a cost of over two million dollars, across the narrowest part of the isthmus. It lies too far to the north to make a short line from Baltimore to these, but it is better for the general purpose of connecting the waters of the two bays than the longer route by the Choptank that is now projected, being very direct in its line and but about thirteen miles in length. We really think that Baltimore and Maryland had better look to their own resources for their new canal. If they want it very much they are able to build it.

Reclaim the Land.

The Kansas Pacific railroad has about six million acres of land in Kansas and Colorado, obtained as a land grant from the government, upon which it pays no taxes as owner, because it has not yet had them patented. It is not entitled to a patent until it pays the cost of survey, and is not liable for taxes until it gets a patent, because until then the title is in the United States. This suits the railroad company very well, because it saves not only the taxes but the interest on the survey cost which it has to pay when it receives the land patents. Whenever it makes a sale of land it takes out a patent for the quantity sold. But it does not suit the state of Kansas so well, which is deprived of revenue from three million acres of good land; and its representatives in Congress are seeking a remedy by legislation. One would think that they were entitled to it. The squandering of the public lands upon railroad corporations has been nearly an unmitigated evil; and all that can be reclaimed by the government should be resolutely seized upon.

The Republican newspapers would have been wiser not to recall the practices of dealing with the criminal classes which prevailed under Stauffer's administration of police affairs in this city. During a portion of his term he got the costs, and the way in which he worked the office, at the expense of the taxpayers, is not forgotten. The two Republican aldermen of the Third and Fourth wards, who last year drew nearly \$5,000 from the county treasury for dismissed cases only, are only improving on the example set them by Stauffer. Near the close of his first term the INTELLIGENCER charged that he had so manipulated his official business as to draw from the county treasury hundreds of dollars to which he had no shadow of right. He said he was libeled. The INTELLIGENCER challenged him to come into court. He never faced the music. The charge was literally true. We were prepared to prove it. Stauffer knows it is true. He has never refunded a cent of this money as his organ said he would.

The Republican newspapers have the effrontery to speak in complimentary terms of Stauffer's police force. Do they think the memory of the public does not run back four or five years? Is it forgotten how the members of that force were demoralized from their chief down? And the worst of it was that Mayor Stauffer, himself, was either unable or unwilling to enforce discipline. Every case of demoralization or breach of discipline in Mayor MacGonigle's force, brought to his notice, has been promptly investigated and if verified the offenders have been promptly disciplined. How many such offenders have been promptly reappointed on Stauffer's force if he is elected?

As Mr. MacGONIGLE's administration has paid off \$45,000 of the city debt, and therefore decreased the tax burden 40 cents on every \$100 valuation, and as W. D. Stauffer's administration increased the tax burden \$1.75 on every \$100 valuation, therefore every owner of property in this city who is in favor of low taxes, and every tenant in favor of low rents, should give to John T. MacGonigle his vote for mayor on Tuesday next.

A TROY bell founder has received an order for a bell from Delhi, Iowa, upon which the following inscriptions are to be cast. On one side: "A voice has gone before every great good that has ever been achieved in this world."

The above words were taken from President Garfield's last public address.

The exact figures of the increase of the bonded city debt under Mayor Stauffer's administration are shown by the following statement:

Table showing bonded city debt under Mayor Stauffer's administration. Columns include Total city debt, sinking fund, and Net funded debt for 1874, 1875, 1876, and 1877. Total increase in net funded debt is \$169,238.00.

Besides this there was at the end of Stauffer's administration a floating debt of nearly \$30,000, incurred by criminal carelessness, recklessness and violation of law, swelling the actual increase of the city's liabilities under his administration to about \$200,000.

The following statement covers four years of Mayor MacGonigle's administration:

Table showing bonded city debt under Mayor MacGonigle's administration. Columns include Total city debt, sinking fund, and Net funded debt for 1878, 1879, 1880, and 1881. Total decrease in net funded debt is \$15,300.00.

Besides paying the \$30,000 floating debt left over by Stauffer's administration—a total reduction of \$45,000. Difference of \$245,000 in favor of MacGonigle's honest, economical and efficient administration.

The Examiner and New Era, which have both urgently demanded an abandonment of the volunteer fire department and the substitution of a paid system, allow their correspondents to misrepresent the attitude of Mayor MacGonigle without a word of reproof.

The substitution of a paid fire department for the present system has been advocated by some, while others think the cost of the change is more immediately responsible to municipal authority. The substitution of a paid fire department will have to be undertaken with great care.

Few who have not examined the subject carefully have any proper conception of the cost of the change in the first place, and the annual expense in the second.

Councils, however, urged on by the Examiner and New Era, adopted the new system, and the mayor signed the measure which both branches of council adopted, and for which the Republicans, as well as Democrats of both branches voted.

Mr. JOHN A. HESTAND, of the First ward, estimates the Republican candidate as a man whose characteristic is his "facility for lying."

On the other side of the bell will be cast: "In memory of a servant of Jesus Christ, our loved president, James A. Garfield, 1881."

On the proposition to increase the city debt for water works improvements tickets, prepared by the city authorities in accordance with the directions of the Mayor, will be at the polls to-morrow and voters can take their choice.

The Examiner says that "when Mayor MacGonigle came into office he found everything in such good condition from Mayor Stauffer's administration, that he had little to do but lay back and economize in expenditures."

Many years ago, in ante-revolutionary days, Jonathan Meigs courted a young lady who rejected his addresses. Meigs continued to love her, and, thought too proud and sensitive to try a second time to win her, he determined never to marry any one else and to live and die a bachelor unless she, of her own volition, relented.

THE National board of health has received a report from Port of Spain, Trinidad, that there were fifty-five new cases of smallpox and 338 deaths; and during the week ending February 7, seventy-nine new cases and 226 deaths.

A respectable connected young lady of New Haven having been seen drunk through the streets of that city, and having asserted that she was made so by eating "candy compounded of rock and rye" the name of the candy, named Spaniards, has been warned by the city attorney not to sell the article.

A revolt among nearly three hundred female prisoners took place in the prison, some distance out of Montreal, on Saturday afternoon, which was only suppressed after a vigorous fight by a posse of police from the central station.

In the New York Sun of yesterday Mrs. P. E. GIBBONS has an article of five and a half columns in length descriptive of four weeks' residence in Ireland.

Miss ANNE LOUISE CARY emphatically contradicts the report of her intended marriage, and says she has no idea of withdrawing from her public career.

Two young men named Wesley Slater and Thomas Frost, while on their way home from Casey, Iowa, got into a quarrel at the house of Mr. Healy.

The house of James Johnson, colored, on Gaysboro road, eighteen miles from Halifax, was totally destroyed by fire. Johnson's parents, helpless from old age, perished in the flames.

INUNDATION.

There is no abatement of the floods in the Mississippi Valley between Memphis and Vicksburg. It has rained almost daily in that section for three weeks, and there have been a number of breaks in the levees.

On Sunday morning members of Cove Lodge, No. 301, K. of C., proceeded in a body to the Methodist church, where the pastor, Rev. C. Roads, preached a sermon for their special benefit.

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John R. Stegar, tax collector of North Danville, Va., has disappeared. He is alleged to be a defaulter to the extent of about \$2,000.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Paul R. Seavy, of the editorial staff of the Bangor News, died yesterday of pneumonia, in the 48th year of his age.

Dr. Egerton Ryerson, a well-known Methodist minister, for a long time superintendent of education in the province of Ontario, died yesterday in Toronto, aged 78 years.

An attempted robbery by a very contemptible thief or thieves was discovered at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning.

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IN THE LAST DITCH.

Following is a copy of a document which has been distributed through this city yesterday and to-day:

FELLOW FIREMEN.—At a meeting of the representatives of the various insurance companies, held at the Stevens house a short time since, Mayor MacGonigle said that the most of the fires in Lancaster were incendiary, and that the volunteer fire department was responsible for them.

Are you an incendiary? Do you want your property taken without pay? MacGonigle don't even pay you the appropriation when the city owes it.

It is too late for its purpose. It shows the desperation of the men who have issued it. Let intelligent and fair-minded citizens of all parties consider this base attempt, and properly condemn the men who have perpetrated this outrage on common sense and common decency.

A terrible accident occurred in the town of New Holland last evening by which an esteemed woman, resident of that place met with a sudden and tragic death.

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THE ELECTION.

At the municipal elections occurring to-morrow the polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. The following is a complete list of the watchers appointed by the court for this city:

WARD, 1st. Jno. A. Schaum, W. K. Bond, 2d. Wm. Harkins, H. H. Shenk, 3d. Jno. A. Coyle, J. H. Huber, 4th. L. Falck, A. K. Spurrier, 5th. Samuel Lantz, John Swore, 6th. Jno. M. McCullay, H. McElroy, 7th. J. Spickler, J. C. Price, 8th. Jos. Albert, Rudolph Staters, 9th. Jas. Metzger, Amos Gast.

Following is a list of the candidates as nominated by the respective parties:

Mayor. Republican. Jno. T. MacGonigle, Wm. D. Stauffer. Democrat. George W. Brown, Henry Doerr, John R. Clough, John F. Reith, Geo. S. Davis, John H. Smith, H. H. Power, Sam'l K. Leahy, Joseph Hoover, Jacob Keece, John F. Stouer.

Assessor. Democrat. Geo. Gans, Samuel Swank, W. C. Buchhalter, A. C. Welchus, Jas. A. McElhone, C. C. Carman, Theo. Trout, Melvin H. Rathfon, David McMillan, Harry N. Hurst, James Best, H. B. Mithell, J. B. Lichy, W. B. Mithell, Geo. Marlon, Geo. Vandersmith, Bankson H. Smith, George Cramer, James R. Donnelly, D. L. Henderson, Robert Clark, W. T. Brown, Henry Wolf, Robert L. Eichholtz, Geo. F. Sprenger, Joel S. Eaby, John M. Eberly, W. H. Mithell, J. A. Westmaffer, H. L. Holmes, J. F. Leman, Chas. I. Stormald, B. F. Davis, Thomas A. Deen, Adam S. Rhoads, C. I. Landis, H. W. Harber, J. A. Baldwin, R. E. Bruce, Geo. W. Corney, D. H. Bartholomew, Jacob O. Goodman, J. B. Schum, John W. Hubay, Lawrence R. Boyler, Wm. McElvitt, Charles S. Biggs, Robert J. Evans, Wm. Miller, George Eckman, Morris Gershel, J. F. Remly, David Jeffries, W. B. Bright, Wm. B. Strine, J. A. McMillan, Philip Fisher, Jacob P. Kittinger, John S. Beck, George L. Kittinger, Peter Altabach, Wm. DeHaven, Wm. Johnson, Daniel G. Baker, Dr. Jno. Leverage, John McLaughlin, Wm. T. Jeffries, John J. Cochran, Daniel Brown, John J. Cochran, Charles R. Frisley, Daniel H. Hoffsch, Martin Dalley, D. W. Deitrich, Byron J. Brown, John Zamboni, John E. Seiner, John H. Leonard, John H. Merringer, Samuel Levy, Wm. McLaughlin, Winand S. Boras, Geo. Kubman, Wm. C. McDonnell, J. V. West, Henry Galt, Adam H. Trout, George F. East, John J. Hartley, Edward Nale, Benj. Huber, Wm. Cozay, Patrick Donnelly, Jacob Bechtold, C. A. Oblander, Jacob Brock, George Shay, John Bowman, George Hardy, Charles Brock, Edw. Marly, John Overker, W. C. Buchhalter, Wm. Graham, George Scheetz, Jos. E. Goodell, John McMillan, John Kenig, David Zecher, Peter W. Gorrest, Wm. Titus, J. J. Flick, John Hook, George Fox, Charles Smith, W. F. H. Answick.

Following is a list of enclosed letters remaining in the postoffice at Lancaster for the week ending Monday, Feb. 20:

Ladies List.—Mattie Bowe, Mrs. Sarah Eisenbeis, Mrs. W. F. Griffiths, Annie Greider, Mrs. Sarah Hialen, Mrs. L. M. Johnston, Rose D. Kamm, Mrs. Rebecca Metzler, Lizzie A. Parker, Sadie Reeder, John Roy, Mrs. Fanny Seachrist, Mary H. Slank, Maggie Wash, Mrs. E. Weaver, Annie M. Weikle.

Gen's List.—Franklin Beck, J. Bourke, John R. Barbaker, E. Bruce, H. Burton, John Coo, Geo. D. Erisman, J. B. Eshleman, Frank V. Evanson, Samuel Fisher, Dr. C. H. Forney, Chas. H. Feiser, Gilson & Bland, Jacob Hartman, John Hoerener, Henry Hollander, Edward S. Jones, John Jones, Master Harry Kramm, Jacob Landis, Lewis McCullay, Jas. McSweeney, Geo. F. McCarthy, W. B. Mowen, Levi S. Pennacker, John H. Roiker, Sam'l Rhoades, Adam Rohrer, John & George Rohrer, John W. Rohrer, Sam'l Shrover, Wallace Sherman, Owen B. Sherker, Benjamin Stauffer, Benn Stutz, Henry Wolf.

Another excitement has been caused at the Bucks county almshouse by the appearance of a disease among a lot of oxen purchased for the institution, from which one of their number died.

This morning the mayor had a number of persons before him. One drunk paid costs, eight were sent to jail for short terms, and four lodgers were discharged.