

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 23, 1882.

City Government.

The growing independence of popular sentiment, manifested in this and other cities of the commonwealth at the annual municipal elections, cannot fail to bring to the people of the larger cities more and more into sympathy with movements to eliminate party politics from municipal affairs. There is no reason under the sun why the affairs of any municipality or local government should be administered upon a partisan basis.

There is no city that we know of in which there are better opportunities and more abundant reasons for the experiment of a non-partisan city government, for the public good, than Lancaster. It is very evenly balanced between the two parties; and although badly gerrymandered against a fair Democratic representation in councils, experience has shown that with hard work one or both branches may be controlled in favor of that party; while so long as the Democracy furnish it with such a mayor as has given the city now for the third time, it may fairly claim the power to keep control of the executive department of Lancaster.

The most important thing which has been heard for some time is the protest of some of the rich and powerful match manufacturers against the proposed removal of the one cent per box stamp tax on matches. Mr. Wm. H. Swift, of the firm of Swift, Courtney & Beecher, match manufacturers of Wilmington, Del., in an argument before the sub-committee of the House committee on ways and means, urged that the match manufacturers of the country, without exception, are in favor of retaining the stamp.

ONE DAY'S HORRORS.

THE CASE OF THE STATE against the Standard Oil Company involving claims for some three million dollars unpaid tax and penalties is to be submitted to the Dauphin county court upon an agreed statement of facts, the burden of which is that the Standard is not a Pennsylvania corporation, and that the following enormous dividends were paid outside of this state, though they were made out of our resources and by combinations with chartered corporations here:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Capital, Dividends. Rows for 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880.

It nowhere appears that tax on these profits was paid anywhere else, and the chances are that the Standard was a little the loser which had no local habitation for tax-paying purposes. Like the other who sold liquor in a house on the state line, it moved from one side to the other as rapidly as the law officers and tax gatherer came after it, and it will be a shame if a concern which in nine years made ten millions dollars profit on three and a half millions investment escapes without paying tax to the state out of whose resources it made the money.

THE ONLY luxury in which the Lancaster seems privileged to indulge is daily thanksgiving to God that it is not like the INTELLIGENCER. It seldom we can so cordially reciprocate our esteemed contemporary's views.

MURDERS, SUICIDES AND ACCIDENTS.

THE WICKED WAY OF THE WEARY WORLD.

The Blackfoot Indians committing direct depredations. Campbell's shoddy mill at Graystown, Pa., was yesterday damaged by fire to the extent of about \$100,000.

James McManara, a yard man in the employ of the Michigan Southern railway, was shot and killed by J. W. Evans at Lake, Ill. Evans claims that McManara assaulted him for taking a bribe, but the latter has borne a good reputation the affair is somewhat mysterious.

A CONVENTION is being held in Jacksonville, Fla., the object of which is to devise ways and means for the promotion of colonization throughout the state. Now that Florida is receiving such favorable notice throughout the United States and Europe, its citizens will show good judgment in putting their shoulders to the wheel, and encouraging a desirable immigration from all civilized nations.

PERSONAL.

Queen CAROLINE, of Saxony, is ill from over-exertion in her kitchen. None of the cabinet ladies but Mrs. BREWSTER now have refreshments at their receptions.

THE late lieutenant governor of Canada left three daughters, all of whom are about taking the veil. Miss Vaana, the daughter of JEFFERSON DAVIS, a pale, slender, and reserved young lady, is much admired.

THE Greenback state convention of Indiana met yesterday in Indianapolis. Gilbert De La Matyr was chosen president, and a state ticket was nominated, except for the office of the supreme court. Resolutions were adopted, declaring, among other things, for the enforcement of the eighth hour law; that U. S. bonds should not be refunded, but paid as they become due.

RELIGIOUS.

A GROWING CHURCH.

The forty-third annual session of East Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical Association, met in Philadelphia yesterday.

THE FORTY DAYS' FAST. An Address From Bishop Howe to the Episcopal Clergy and Laity. Bishop Howe, of the Central Pennsylvania diocese, has addressed the following circular to the clergymen and laity:

DEAR BROTHERS: The holy seasons through which we are led by the commemorative services of the church pass its own hallowing influence, and if we receive it right leaves us the better for its visitation.

FATAL CANNONADING.

THE SAD RESULT OF A SALUTE.

JOY QUICKLY TURNED TO MOURNING. Frank Herzog Instantly Killed and Peter Reich's Leg Torn Off While Firing the Gun on the Hill in Honor of the Election.

A most distressing catastrophe occurred last evening in the midst of the rejoicings of the jubilant Democracy of the Eighth ward over the result of Tuesday's election. For years it has been the custom of the Democrats of that Gibraltar of the party to give expression to their feelings on occasions of party success by bringing out the big gun and from an elevated position on "the Hill" overlooking the city firing salutes in honor of victory.

Several discharges had taken place without accident, and the gun had been reloaded by different persons, who stated that the charge was no heavier than those that had preceded it; that a single bag of powder had been put in; that frequently before much more powder had been used, and that the load was very well rammed.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NEWS FROM MARIETTA.

The Democrats Elect Three School Directors. Some Republicans were surprised on finding that the Democrats elected three school directors; the party polled more votes than for Hancock.

Independent School Director Elected. Eds. INTELLIGENCER: The Democrats of Warwick proved that principle is superior to party by rallying again to the support of H. H. Tashly who was defeated by his own party at the primary election.

THE NEWS FROM GAP AND VICINITY. B. S. Weiler, the enterprising merchant at the White Horse, has embarked in the tobacco business. He has bought about sixty cases of the weed and is still playing more, paying moderate prices. He has five hands busy packing. The following sales have been made recently: Edward Towall, 3 acres at 27, 10, 7, 3; N. Warner, 1 acre at 12 cents round; H. B. Simons, 1 acre to D. G. Hirsch, at 12 cents round.

WEST-CHESTNUT MALE SECONDARY SCHOOL. Mr. W. H. Levergood's school gave the first concert last evening, which has yet been given in the public schools exclusively by boys.