

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 2, 1882.

The City Government.

Last evening's meeting of city council was one of the most important of the fiscal year; it is a peculiarity of our system of city government that the responsibilities of our councilmen are weightiest near the close of their terms and after their successors have been elected.

The taxpayers will not be especially gratified at the levy of another nine mill city tax. When this rate was laid last year it was claimed, and with indisputable truthfulness, that the addition of the two mills was due entirely to the floating debt incurred by an extravagant and reckless street committee.

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taken if it ever becomes such a favorite as the earlier poem has been. The graver, slower metre is rendered necessary, of course, by the subject, but it is much against the chances of the Heavy Brigade getting into the school readers and the declamation books.

G. M. REEDER retires from the Eastern Express, of which he has been editor and publisher for the past eleven years, and the paper passes into the hands of J. J. Cope, W. H. Bixler, Davis Brothhead, and T. F. Emmens, comprising the "Express publishing company."

Rev. T. K. BRECHER has been nominated for mayor of Elmira by the Greenbackers of that city.

Mrs. SCOVILLE, Guiteau's sister, has sent a bitter protest to the Senate against Conkling's confirmation. She affirms that he is responsible for the crime which resulted in President Garfield's death.

Senator JOHN A. LOGAN, of Illinois, is regarded as desiring that after the next senatorial election his colleague shall be either Senator David Davis or Commissioner Raun, with either of whom he would not have to divide the federal patronage of the state.

Sir THOMAS V. COOPER thinks that indications point to the nomination of Gen. Bevier for governor, and William Henry Rawle or A. M. Brown, of Allegheny, for the supreme court.

The unfinished wall of an apartment house being built in One-hundred-and-Twenty-eighth Street, New York, weakened by rain and fell yesterday, crushing in the adjoining house, occupied by Mr. Jarvis, a real estate dealer, his wife and daughter, and a servant, all of whom escaped serious injury, except Miss Jarvis, who was probably fatally hurt.

THE RESULT of a Mother's Neglect. In Peoria, Ill., a four-year-old child, belonging to a family named Thrush, was burned to death on Monday night. It was left in the house with other children while the mother visited a neighbor. While her absence the child crept up to the stove from which its clothes caught fire.

FLOOD AND STORM.

FIRES AND OTHER CALAMITIES.

A MEMPHIS MAN'S TERRIBLE MIS- TAKE.

Severe losses sustained by the Farming Population. The signal service bureau reports that yesterday the rivers fell 2 inches at Cairo, 5 inches at St. Louis, 3 inches at New Orleans, 5 feet at Cincinnati, 66 inches at Louisville, and rose 1 inch at Memphis, 1 inch at Vicksburg, 4 feet at Nashville and Chattanooga, 3 feet at Augusta, and 2 feet at Vavenport.

A telegram from St. Louis reports that more than one-half of Mississippi county, in Southern Missouri is inundated and the farmers in the low-lying districts are losing their stock, many families are living in the second stories of their houses, and many others have been taken away in their boats to higher ground.

Storm in Texas. A severe cyclone struck Valley Mills, Texas, on Monday night, and the only complete destruction was of one business house being left standing. Brinkman's Hotel, a two-story building, was carried some distance and hurled into a confused heap.

Losses at Sea. A collier has been wrecked off Yarmouth. Twenty-three persons were drowned.

Railroad Disasters. By a railroad accident near Davenport, Iowa, on Monday evening, a live freight car and an engine were wrecked.

Damage by Fire. Ryner & Son's tannery and several adjoining buildings in Greenbush, near Albany, were burned yesterday morning.

A Terrible Mistake. In Memphis, Tenn., at one o'clock P. M., H. L. Wilford, was awakened by his wife, who had heard some one trying to open a door in the house with other children while the mother visited a neighbor.

More or Less Distinguished Dead. Theodore Kullak, the distinguished German pianist and composer, is dead.

Henry B. Hinnershitz, one of the most popular men in Reading, died yesterday afternoon at about half-past three, from paralysis of the heart, after an illness of a little over a day.

Dr. Thomas P. James, a well-known botanist, died recently in Cambridge, Mass., aged 70 years. He was born at Radnor, near Philadelphia. Thirty years ago he was a wholesale druggist. He was secretary at that time of the Horticultural society and a member of the Philosophical and other societies of Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Union League during the war.

The funeral services of the late Bishop Lynch were held yesterday at the Cathedral chapel, Charleston, S. C., two archbishops, bishops and about twenty priests being present. Archbishop Carigan, of New York, presided at the chanting of Lauds and Matins, and Arch-

bishop Gibbons was celebrated at the solemn requiem mass which followed. The church was densely crowded. No funeral sermon was preached. Prominent guests with out distinction of creed attended the funeral.

Suicide in the Garret. Ezra Smith, a wealthy farmer, residing near Washburn, Frederick county, Md., committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in the garret of his house. He was sixty-two years old.

A Woman Nihilist to Death. Just before the Nihilist prisoners were sentenced, Frederickshof struck Merkuloff, who testified against several of the others, in the hope of escaping sentence of death, on his car, saying, "Take that from your fellow prisoners." Those of the Nihilist prisoners who were sentenced to be hanged are as follows: The woman Tregonia, Baranikoff, Hanoff, Kiyetoff, Isniel, Emilianoff, Merkuloff, all of whom were convicted of complicity in the assassination of the Czar.

What are We Coming to? Only a few weeks ago a judge of the supreme court had to be bribed by an attorney to perform a plain duty. Since that military chiefs high in command have conspired with conspicuous civil functionaries to affect changes in the army roster which would place relatives on one hand and favorites on the other to plunge their hands deeper into the bowl.

DANGEROUS WALLS. One Falls Down and Obstructs the Railroad. Last evening about 6 o'clock some 20 or 30 feet of the stone wall, just east of the Duke street bridge, fell down with a terrific crash, and the rails of the Pennsylvania railroad and detaining-passenger trains from one to two hours. The wall was about twenty feet high, and built within a few feet of the railroad track, in the deep cut at the point named, and formed the foundation of the Blakenford iron foundry which was destroyed by fire some two years ago.

Another Shaky Wall. The south wall of Gable's small, brick warehouse along the line of North Queen street, is also in a dangerous condition and ought to be taken down. It is badly cracked and terribly out of plumb, being almost "as crooked as a dog's hind leg."

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY. Its Monthly Meeting. A Good Attendance. At the regular monthly meeting of the Lancaster medical society yesterday Vice President Bolens was in the chair in the absence of the president.

When the family of Jacob Bauman, residing on the Columbia pike, west of this city, arose from their beds Wednesday morning they found that burglars had broken into the back chamber, during the night, and stolen about a dozen common knives and forks, three home-made linen table covers and a lot of other articles. The report that a large quantity of silverware was stolen and carried off in a hand car is unfounded. The thieves left behind them two heavy chairs, which they probably intended to make bloody use of had they been discovered.

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He Was There. The name of Councilman Ostermayer, of the Ninth ward, was inadvertently omitted from the list of the members of the committee on the reorganization of the fire department present at the meeting of which the proceedings were published in our columns last evening.

Government Building for Lancaster. In the federal House of Representatives yesterday, the committee on public buildings and grounds reported favorably a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a public building at Lancaster.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

THE MARCH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

Annual Reports of the Departments and Other Important Business. The meeting of the city council was held last evening at nine o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Barr, Berger, Doerr, Franklin, Judith, G. W. Zecher, Philip Zecher and Evans, president. The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. G. W. Zecher presented an abstract of the minutes of the finance committee for the past month, which was read; also the monthly report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes, from which it appeared that last month's receipts into the city treasury were \$1,125.14; payments, \$84,811.02; and the balance in treasury on the 1st of March, \$18,605.35.

Mr. Berger presented an abstract of the minutes of the water committee for the past month. The committee's name Thursday, the 20th of April, on day of appeal from water taxes, and authorize the chairman to advertise for proposals for laying 250 feet of pipe on Lime street above James.

Mr. Barr presented the annual report of the lamp committee, detailing at length the operations of the department for the past year. It shows that there are five hundred and eighty street lamps in the city, the location of all of which is given in an appendix to the report. During the year seven lamps were put up as follows: At the corner of Second and Marion between Charlotte and Mary.

Another Zecher. On motion of G. W. Zecher, was "Resolved, That the city treasurer be authorized to transfer to the appropriation for water works general for the present fiscal year." Common council concurred.

Street Committee's Report. Mr. McMillen presented the report of the street committee detailing the operations of that department for the past year, the most important item of which was the paving of North Queen street, between Orange and the city wall with Belgian blocks, while much additional work has been performed which receives especial mention from the committee.

Engineering Report. The report of the new chief engineer of the fire department contains nothing of especial public import other than a record of the number of fires which occurred during the past year. The number of fires which occurred during the month of February, Engineer Howell states that a considerable quantity of the hose owned by the city has been repaired by the contractors furnishing the same, and states that the city hose, amounting in all to 4,900 feet, is in good serviceable condition.

Mr. McMillen presented a letter from Mr. C. Lewis, the gentleman who is anxious to establish a rolling mill in this city for the manufacture of steel rails. It is a document, in which the writer covers a good deal of ground in expatiating upon the boundless resources of the grand old Keystone commonwealth for supporting an enterprise of this kind, and deplores the tardiness of the study of the electric state to seek other fields for the employment of energies that ought rather to be expended at home.

Mr. G. W. Zecher presented a resolution fixing the rate of taxation for the ensuing year, at nine mills on the dollar—five mills thereof to pay interest, principal, and state tax on loans, and four mills therefor for city purposes. The resolution was adopted, and common council concurred.

Mr. Zecher presented the following report of the committee on reorganization of fire department. GENTLEMEN—The committee appointed by your honorable bodies to reorganize the fire department respectfully beg leave to report: That we have entered into a lease with the Union steam fire engine company, No. 1, for the engine house and apparatus as instructed by joint resolution of councils; and have also agreed with the Washington steam fire engine company for a lease of their property and apparatus—the lease for which is now being executed. We are in hopes of arriving at terms with the Shiller and American companies. Should your committee fail to secure the other companies necessary to complete the department we would ask authority to purchase apparatus elsewhere. The opinion among some of the firemen seems to be that the present councils will drop the whole question where it is, and the old system again predominate; but your committee can assure them that we propose to organize the new department as rapidly as possible.