

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 1882.

Editorial "Rashness" and "Judgment."

The Examiner says: Good characters we will always respect; but doubtful reputations, clothed with false sanctity or hidden behind stolen titles, are quite different things and can be handled less carefully, but at the same time must be spoken of truthfully.

When our esteemed contemporary points out, as differences between the Examiner and the INTELLIGENCER, that this journal has "tone and character" and is "generally fair and frequently liberal" we can hardly in truth or politeness find fault with the distinction which it draws.

There can no longer be any doubt that Anna Dickinson's essay at playing Hamlet is an utter failure, and that she entirely lacks genius for dramatic representation.

Four dollar bank notes are popular in Canada.

Female physicians are increasing in number in Russia.

Between hostility to the administration and indignation at the capers of their present disolute Legislature, the Ohio Republicans are expected to let go their hold this fall.

Mormonism having waxed stronger and stronger in twenty-one years of Republican administration, it is a little late in the day to stigmatize the Democrats as "defenders of polygamy."

An Ottoman newspaper has tersely summed up the net results of the French campaign in Tunis: For France—glory, typhus, diarrhoea. For the Arabs—civilization, famines, massacres. General total—death and misery.

It has been found that a pensioner of the war of 1812, down in South Carolina, has been drawing his pension regularly through the agent—though he died in 1872.

Utah's Mormons keep it from becoming a state, but New Mexico with half the population is likely to get in for the benefit of a very few men who would run the machine, as a large proportion of the population is Mexican in origin, language, and personal characteristics, who care very little for public affairs, and know almost nothing about American politics.

Out of the leaping furnace flame a mass of molten silver came; Then beaten into pieces three, Went forth to meet its destiny.

The Geneva custom has 1,600 places where liquor is sold—an average of one for each 65 inhabitants. The people spend \$60 per head for drink and less for bread.

The Mahonites propose to divide Virginia into ten-shoe string congressional districts, of which they will appropriate eight for themselves and give over two to the Democrats, taking care to group all the ablest Democrats and all the kicking Republicans into these two in the hope that their conflicting ambitions may lead to a destructive Kilkenny fight even in the few Democratic districts.

A Washington editor, named Hinton, whom John Sherman called a "dead beat," responds with alacrity by calling Sherman all kinds of a liar and a thief in all languages; he also reminds him, casually, that a Washington judge has recently declared on the bench that criminal libel admitted no plea of truth less than absolute, and that motives could not be pleaded in defense. That glove is too heavy for Sherman to pick up.

Congress should lose no time in cutting up by the roots that moss covered "custom" of the supreme court, according to which \$2 for a page of 100 words is exacted for copies of decisions which many a copyist would be glad to write for ten cents a page; and that other "custom" which prevents any one, newspaper reporter or lawyer, writing notes in the presence of the court, by reason of which a decision is to pay the clerk's fees for a copy of it, waiting his convenience.

ALTHOUGH Thomas Kempis' "Imitation of Christ" has passed through five hundred editions in five hundred years, it is hardly now the world is learning the personal history of this most widely read of all authors.

THE toll-bar must go sooner or later, and the sooner the better.

At the late meeting of the Pennsylvania railroad stockholders, President Roberts said, "the local business is at the bottom of the road's prosperity."

A FRESH fraud seems to turn up every day in Washington and it keeps the most alert person moving to get the run of them all. When Mexico and the United States settled the claims of their citizens who alleged to have suffered damage from the deprivations of persons under the protection of the other state, our people had much the larger claim, and Mexico has been paying the three or four millions in which it was mulcted in installments of \$300,000 each.

THE wrangling Philadelphia Democrats are at it again like Kilkenny cats. If they would only finish each other off like the Kilkenny cats did, there would be peace with honor.

PERSONAL. The fact that Judge TRUNKY declines to be a candidate for governor makes him in the sight of the Times, a man likely to be called.

HARRIET MARTINEAU declared that she had never met but three men who know how to treat women! Has that been the trouble with Annie Dickinson, too?

Besides Col. S. D. Dick, the Press thinks the Republicans have timber for Congressmen at large in Gov. Hoyt, Gen. Henry White, Gen. W. H. Koyntz and the left candidates for governor.

By the death of Miss BURN, of New York, the benevolent Christian lady, whose estate is valued at \$30,000, the Mount Sinai hospital and the Hebrew orphan asylum will each receive the sum of \$10,000.

A Chinaman in Bradford fell desperately in love with a young colored woman. His affection was returned but sparingly by the dusky beauty, who finally cast him off entirely, which cut the Celestial's tender soul to the quick, and he took a whopping big dose of morphine to end his woes.

Miss LILLIAN TAYLOR, daughter of Bayard Taylor, studying art in New York, says her father never wrote up a place without making a careful study of it, which studies were the origin of the hundred and fifty sketches lately exhibited, which were a surprise to those who did not know Bayard Taylor painted with any other pencil than his glowing words.

THE late JOHN M. HABILSTON, cashier of the Baltimore Sun, whose death on Monday was noticed in our news columns yesterday, was married to Miss Maudford of this county, and was a brother-in-law of Dr. J. A. E. Reed, of this city, who attended him in his last illness.

Col. Mulberry Sellers is to the front in the person of Mr. MORTON FERTZER, of New York, who tells of marvellous caves out in Texas, "reached by recent railroad extensions," where billions of bats have roosted doubtless for millions of years and made guano deposits thirty feet deep.

THOMAS J. MCKEE, a New York lawyer, has the largest and finest collection of books and pictures relating to the stage in America. He is an amateur of the drama, and spares neither time nor money to make his collection complete.

THE Fish Question—A Dealer who Rises for Information.

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CRITICISING A JUDGE. GROWING OPPOSITION TO BRIGGS. Democratic Lawyers in Conference. Record of the Leading Events that Have Taken Place in the Session.

In accordance with the call issued by a conference of Democratic lawyers, held at Senator Gordon's office, in Philadelphia, on Saturday last, a meeting of the Democratic members of the bar was held yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Young Men's Democratic association, on South Merriek street, in opposition to the re-election of Judge Briggs.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the next Democratic judicial convention for the county of Philadelphia should nominate an upright, competent and liberal-minded Democratic lawyer for the office of judge of the court of common pleas, No. 4.

Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed for the purpose of taking such steps as may be necessary to promote the objects of this meeting, which shall report to a subsequent meeting.

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this meeting that there should be a non-partisan judiciary; therefore, etc.

Resolved, That the legal profession had a proper and just grievance against Judge Briggs, and that they fully recognized his unfitness for the position.

Resolved, That the sentiment of the people as expressed at the late elections as being opposed to the rule of the gas trust.

Resolved, That the appointment of James McMane as park commissioner, by the board of judges demanded the disapproval of the people.

Resolved, That the resolutions were then discussed at some length, the question being raised that the former was in contradiction to the latter.

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THE LATEST NEWS.

Record of the Leading Events that Have Taken Place in the Session.

Fifteen cases of smallpox and nine deaths were reported in St. Louis last week. Four new cases of the disease have been reported in South Bethlehem since Sunday; thus far there have been 152 cases and 30 deaths from the smallpox in that place.

Judge Advocate General Swain has made a report to the secretary of war in the case of Sergeant Mason. It is understood he recommends a modification of Mason's sentence on the ground that "Guiteau was not in a position where he could possibly have been killed by Mason when the latter was shot, and that, under such circumstances, the charge of assault with intent to kill cannot be sustained."

The Connecticut House of Representatives yesterday refused to receive a resolution asking an unconditional pardon for Mason.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE METHODISTS.

Adjournment of the Conference—The Appearances. At a meeting of the Methodist conference, in Philadelphia yesterday (Rev. T. B. Kelly presiding), the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, That we deprecate the multiplication and continuance of small churches that are not likely to give a fair support to a pastor and his family, and that we deprecate the policy of admitting preachers to a salary in proportion to the number of members of the conference and crowded out.

The following persons were admitted on trial: Olin W. Minter, G. W. Green, Joseph H. Smith, John D. Martin, Arthur Oakley, Charles Edgar Johnson, George W. Dunbar, Harry Hess, A. M. Millison, A. Heebner and William Bamford.

The afternoon session of the conference was largely occupied in the presentation of reports from the various organizations sustained by the conference.

The Home Missions and Sustentation society was reported to be in a satisfactory condition. The report of the tract cause was adopted, as was that of the committee on temperance.

The church extension committee recommended \$3,500 for distribution in the conference, while the Freedmen's aid society thought 60,000 pupils was a good showing for its \$300,000 investment.

The statistics made a gratifying showing of the numerical and financial strength of the conference. The next session will be held in Union church, Philadelphia, in March, 1883.

In the evening the appointments were announced by the bishop, among which the following are of local interest: Lancaster—Rev. C. F. Turner, formerly of the Columbia—R. W. Humbriss, Washington—J. C. Wood, Mount Nebo—R. C. Wood; Millersville—J. M. Wheeler; Safe Harbor—A. J. Jamther; Union and Otsego—W. W. Weigarten; Mount Hope—T. Hurlock.

The presiding elders of the districts in which the local churches are situated, are respectively: West Philadelphia districts, J. Dickerson; South Philadelphia districts, J. S. J. McConnell; To be supplied, the Columbia—R. W. Humbriss; Washington—J. C. Wood; Mount Nebo—R. C. Wood; Millersville—J. M. Wheeler; Safe Harbor—A. J. Jamther; Union and Otsego—W. W. Weigarten; Mount Hope—T. Hurlock.

After the appointments were read the convention adjourned until next year.

Death of Owen Hopple. Owen Hopple died at his residence, No. 135 Shippen street, at an early hour this morning, aged 70 years, 2 months and 15 days. He was perhaps the best known resident and railroad traveler in any other man in Lancaster.

He was born in Chester county and very early in life engaged in railroading. He was a conductor on the "main line" from Philadelphia to Lancaster, and a stationer on the Pennsylvania railroad when the passenger cars were drawn by horses. He was afterwards conductor on a train of "steam cars," on which it is said Tom Scott, afterwards the famous president of the railroad company, was first conductor. While acting as stationer on the Pennsylvania railroad, Hopple married Miss Margaret Smeltz, and soon afterwards became proprietor of the Railroad hotel, a frame, rough-cast structure that stood where the northern end of the Pennsylvania railroad passenger depot now stands. He lived in the Cadwell house (now the Heister house) on the site of the old North American hotel. Mr. Hopple took charge of it and conducted it for several years; and when the present passenger depot was erected, Mr. Hopple took charge of the restaurant therein and carried it on successfully until October, 1880, when declining health compelled him to relinquish business and retire to private life.

During the late war he was largely engaged in furnishing food and other supplies for the United States government, and for a time ran a line of omnibuses from the railroad depot to all parts of the city. It was as a hotel and restaurant keeper that he was most successful and most widely known, and much of his success in these departments was due to the good judgment, skillful management and amiability of his wife. He had two children, a son and a daughter, but both of them are dead. Hopple was for many years a member of Lodge 48 F. & M. His funeral will take place at 2 o'clock on Friday.

Must Sign Their Names. Constable Killinger, of the Fifth ward, has received a long letter from some one who complains that beer is sold on Sunday in the Fifth ward, and that officer wants it understood that he will make no notice of any anonymous communications. If any persons desire to make any complaints of the kind they should sign their names to let them go to the officers and make themselves known. Persons in this community have gone so far as to write to the constable to whom they have complained, but they have always failed to make themselves known, and no notice was taken of them. They may as well save their ink and paper, for it will be very easy for them to let the authorities know who they are.

More Disaster in the South. There were high winds and heavy rains in the Lower Mississippi region on Monday night, and, as a result, more disasters to levees are reported. The Terrene levee, at the junction of the Terrene and Mississippi rivers, caved in during the night, and several small buildings were washed away, but no loss of life is reported. The Alaxia levee in Thompson's Bend, on the Louisiana side, below Helena, is also broken in three places. These breaks, which will do much damage, caused a fall of several feet in the river at Vicksburg. The Largest levee, opposite Natchez, is also broken in two places; the levee around Lake Concordia, at Taocny, and the Henderson-

CONCERNING TOLL ROADS.

THE EMBARGO ON LOCAL TRADE.

Free Roads For All the People. A correspondent, in a communication to the New Era, directs attention to most vigorous and decided language to the many turnpikes that threaten to be built, some fifteen in all, he says, which cover every approach, so that farmers now find themselves unable to get to market without passing over one or more of these turnpikes and being compelled to pay toll. He holds that this, which is not only injurious to the community, will gradually work to the disadvantage of the best interests of this city as a centre of trade. It has a tendency to drive business elsewhere. The tolls are not trifling matters to men who have to pay them almost daily. In many places, he says, the tolls are as high as the day, and free bridges and highways are the result, while here in Lancaster the reverse seems to be the rule.

The subject regarding which our correspondent publishes this complaint is one to which the INTELLIGENCER has very often directed the attention of the public and in almost exactly the same terms as those adopted by the New Era's correspondent. Again and again we have sought to impress the public with a proper sense of this matter, and called special attention to it recently when application was made by a private corporation for a charter to seize the valuable franchises of the "old road," leading to the eastern end of the county, and erect a turnpike and toll bars on it.

We repeat now what was then said in the editorial columns of the INTELLIGENCER: Advertisement is made that "application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania for a charter to construct and maintain a turnpike road to begin at the eastern terminus of the 'Bridgeton and Horseshoe road turnpike' and end in the village of Bird-in-Hand, at or near the point of intersection of the old 'Blacklock road' with the 'Bridgeton and Horseshoe road' between said points, lying and being in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., a distance of about three and a-half miles, the company to be organized for the purpose of operating said road company." It is for the large number of citizens of Lancaster county who are wont to travel over the highway thus proposed to be occupied in "part or the whole" to consider whether the same should be granted to a corporation without the exercise of every possible effort to prevent it. Probably no thoroughfare in Lancaster county is better known or more used than the "old road," and most of all, just the portion which is proposed to be occupied and crossed with toll-gates by the proposed "road company" giving the above notice. It is a venerable highway, broad, level and generally in excellent condition. It runs almost in a straight line, leading from a point near this city down into one of the most populous sections of the county. It is a well-graded, pleasant summer drive, and at nearly all seasons is much resorted to by persons living along it, for miles on either side, who find it a better road in most of the year than any other in Lancaster county. It is a well-graded, pleasant summer drive, and at nearly all seasons is much resorted to by persons living along it, for miles on either side, who find it a better road in most of the year than any other in Lancaster county.

The experience of our people with turnpikes and toll-gates is such that the tendency should be toward their abatement rather than their increase. The tolls now leading to or toward this city, the Philadelphia, Strasburg, Leaver Valley, Willow Street, New Danville, Millersville, Columbia, Marietta, Harrisburg, Manheim, Fruitville, Elizabethtown, New Holland and Bridgeton and Horseshoe turnpikes—fifteen in all—will, if granted, put a very wall around our city, put an embargo on our trade and a tax upon those who trade with us. In an address to the farmers of the state, the writer some time ago said:

It is my opinion that in the intelligent laying out, grading, macadamizing and smoothing of roads, the erection and protection of iron bridges, the improvement of the drainage system, the arrangement of breaks and water courses, the erection of finger boards, and other things, it is more necessary for our state to raise the tolls on the toll roads than to aggregate double the increase road tax that would come from a proper discharge of the duties of the most prominent men usually elected to perform them. Indeed it is a matter of conviction that for the improvement of the roads, the tolls of Eastern Pennsylvania, toll-roads and toll-gates are not only unnecessary, but should be abolished. The public should support these duties by the most judicious use of the commonwealth it is the responsibility of the legislature to see that the population before the revolution—that is, the population before the toll-gates were erected—was not so great as it is now, and that the tolls were not so high as they are now. It is a matter of conviction that for the improvement of the roads, the tolls of Eastern Pennsylvania, toll-roads and toll-gates are not only unnecessary, but should be abolished. The public should support these duties by the most judicious use of the commonwealth it is the responsibility of the legislature to see that the population before the revolution—that is, the population before the toll-gates were erected—was not so great as it is now, and that the tolls were not so high as they are now.

The favor with which these remarks were received and have since been commented upon is a sufficient apology for their reproduction here.

It costs as much to drive a double team over some of our turnpikes as the fare of a passenger on the railroad for the same distance; and many of them, it is notorious, are not so good as the passenger cars, and for driving all public roads should be kept in a community as far advanced as this. We will engage, within five miles of this city, to find on half the turnpikes places so dangerous or so filthy that any township supervisor would rather drive a horse and wagon than to be obliged to pass over them. It is a matter of conviction that for the improvement of the roads, the tolls of Eastern Pennsylvania, toll-roads and toll-gates are not only unnecessary, but should be abolished. The public should support these duties by the most judicious use of the commonwealth it is the responsibility of the legislature to see that the population before the revolution—that is, the population before the toll-gates were erected—was not so great as it is now, and that the tolls were not so high as they are now.

The Wrong Date. It was inadvertently stated yesterday that Managers Hattenger & Dailey had contracted for the appearance of Miss Ada Gray in "Eggs Lyonic" on Friday evening of next week. It should have read Wednesday evening, the 29th.

Sale of Horses. Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold yesterday at public sale at Petersburg Lancaster county, for Jacob S. Foltz, 17 head of Norman and Cleveland horses at an average price of \$918; the highest one sold brought \$273.

A Big Chicken. T. A. Steiner of Ephrata, yesterday killed a chicken that weighed four pounds dressed.—The liver was 6 inches long, 3 1/2 inches wide and 2 1/2 inches through the centre and weighed one pound.