Lancaster Intelligencer.

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The Amenities of Journalism.

Our esteemed local Republican contemporaries, always estimable and enterprising, have, it seems to us, never recommended themselves so highly to public esteem for signal enterprise as in their estimable editorial efforts of the past month. The *Examiner's* able exertions directed to the "thrift" of Mr. Warfel and his "stupidity," to the pious pretensions of Mr. Geist and his sanctity, and to the literary beauties of the "Prayer of Love" and its inspiration, have only been equalled by the ability with which the *New Era* has discussed Burkholder & Bruno's beauties, the "red-headed" lies of the "Bourbon Democratic" editor of the *Examiner*, and the literary accomplishments of its owner. Their controversies have been conducted with such amiability and freedom from personalities, with such fine regard for delicacy of feeling and in such a placid style, that they will long serve as models of classic journalism. Then, too, they have so carefully avoided any reiteration of their views, and have returned to subjects previously discussed with such apparently painful reluctance, that all their readers have sympathized with the sad necessity which constrained them to allude for the second or even third time to matters that both seemed anxious to consign to oblivion. Both of our esteemed contemporaries have at repeated times in their experience and ours sought to set the INTELLIGENCER right and to make it walk in the path of proper editorial direction; each has frequently and fluently criticised a certain plainness and direction of speech which, to some truth-loving people, has especially recommended this journal; but never, before their recent forcible illustrations of how a newspaper ought to be edited, had we felt such profound respect and gratitude for the teaching by precept and example of our esteemed contemporaries as now. In the measure that the INTELLIGENCER falls short of any possible attempt to rival these peculiar displays of genius by our contemporaries—each unapproachable in its way—let it not be assumed that in any pharisaical spirit the INTELLIGENCER thanks God it is not a conduct of "red-headed" lies or a sewer of "saline gush" and "pretentious hypocricy," but that with all due humility we leave our esteemed contemporaries to strike out boldly in those untrodden paths where our unshod feet dare not venture.

A Doubtful Decision.

The Centre county court has just made a decision that will not prove very acceptable to the politicians. An editor sued a man who was a candidate for office, and after the election refused to pay for the complimentary notices which had been given of him during the campaign. It was admitted that the complimentary editorials were not ordered by the candidate, but the court held that a political paper is expected to do its utmost in furthering the interests of its candidates, and that in return the parties so served are bound to pay the editor for his labor. This is a new departure in political finance which, if generally enforced, would work hard on the defeated candidate.—*New Era.*

In the absence of the text of this alleged decision, we are loth to believe that any enlightened court in this commonwealth has pronounced a judgment so utterly at variance with every legal and common sense principle as that which is here ascribed to the judicatory in which Judges Orvis and Mayer are arbiters of the law. It is well established that without a promise, express or implied, no obligation to pay can be contracted by the voluntary act of one party to the assumed contract and that party the obligee. If a candidate for office can be held liable to pay for "complimentary editorials" inserted in a newspaper without his order, the same principles which sustain this view of the law will compel business men to pay for complimentary notices of their interests inserted in newspapers without their direction. Of course, the supreme court would promptly reverse any such absurd judgment of the Centre county court or any other.

The California judge who ruled some time ago that a newspaper has the same right to sell its editorial opinions that a lawyer has to let his legal services out to the retainer of them, took altogether a degrading view of journalism and one which will meet with no sympathy from any upright editor who recognizes his obligation to the public and his readers to give them his honest opinion on all questions discussed, "unawed by influence and unbribed by gain," but a judge who would hold that a "political paper is expected to do its utmost in furthering the interest of its candidates" and then can recover at law compensation for its "complimentary editorials," can discount the California judge not only in the low estimate he puts upon editorial rights and duties, but in his burlesque of sound legal principles.

THE intensity of the Wilkesbarre *Record's* opposition to Cameronism grows hotter with every issue. Its editor was formerly a reliable Stalwart and his paper never flickered nor spoke with any uncertain sound. There has been no public notice that he has abandoned its tripod, or that in his absence any "Bourbon Democrat" has been temporarily installed to retail "red headed lies" about its editor's late political associates. Until recently we would as soon have looked into the *Examiner* with the expectancy of finding something pleasant about Senator Kauffman as to have expected the truth about Cameron from the home organ of Gov. Hoyt, but now-a days it is telling of Cameron's faults and Beaver's failings with as much gusto as our esteemed local Stalwart contemporary quotes from the "Prayer of Love."

THE New York *Sun* is exactly right and makes a significant suggestion when it intimates that the eyes of the army are turned to the Mason case and its morale must be largely affected by the determination of it. If Mason did right in shooting at Guiteau, if he is entitled to distinction for it or even to escape punishment, then the soldier-guards who watched Guiteau without shooting at him did wrong. The sooner the public gets ashamed of its precipitate error in honoring Mason's offense, the better for every interest of law and order.

STENOGRAPHER HAYES, of the House, who has been ruthlessly removed by Keifer, for no other "cause" than that the speaker wanted to appoint an ex-secretary of Grant to the place, is not a Democrat as has been stated, but a Garfield Republican. So is Devine, who was appointed by Blaine and whom Keifer has since threatened with removal because he spoke sympathetic words and characterized Hayes' mode of removal as unusual and unjust. The object of the rules—not to remove these men except for "cause"—was to secure a trained body of stenographers who would not be subject to the ebb and flow of politics in the House. Every member is individually interested to secure competent men for this work. Hayes has been on this duty for twenty-seven years, and it will be difficult for Keifer to convince a majority of the House that he was removed for adequate cause.

IN SHANGHAI they celebrated the "week of prayer" with well attended union services.

DR. BUCKLEY says in the *Christian Advocate* that church raffles are the devil's infernal machines.

THE exchanges at the Boston clearing house during March were $12,000,000 less than during March, 1881.

THE *New Era* speaks of the New York *Herald* as the recognized and official organ of President Arthur. Where did it get the news?

THE Senate committee on territories has agreed to report favorably the bill for the admission of Dakota as a state, which was recommitted a few days ago.

THE Chinese merchants of San Francisco have opened a merchants' exchange, which they have been secretly organizing for some time past, for mutual benefit and protection.

CONGRESSMAN SCRANTON has caused it to be proclaimed with plenty of ostentation that he is for Grow for governor. Seems that something of the kind was heard from Quay not long ago. All is Cameron fish that gets into the Grow net.

THE editor of the *Inquirer* is a generous man. Out of the proceeds of his pension, when he gets it, he proposes to endow a hospital for some of his lawyer friends. Two dollars a month will not go far, it is true, but small favors thankfully received. All the same this liberal proposition of the able editor may be simply an April fool.

THERE is some little hope that Virginia may yet be redeemed from the curse of Mahoneism. With the aid of three Readjusters the Democrats in the Senate have beaten the bill reducing the judicial circuits in the state from eighteen to twelve, "one of the chief partisan measures" of the Readjusters, as it would have turned out all the present circuit judges and necessitated the election of new ones.

THE Stalwart march of civil service reform keeps steadily on. Just before John Sherman left the treasury department he removed Collector Buckner, of Louisville, because he was a Grant man at a time when Sherman wanted Sherman men in the service of the treasury department. The man then appointed has now been displaced by President Arthur for another Grant man.

THE Wilkesbarre *Record* once a Stalwart paper and still Governor Hoyt's home organ knows a hawk from a handsaw and it says: "The general public opinion does not fix much difference between the succeptibility of either Beaver or Butler to the Cameron uses in a close emergency, notwithstanding the anti Cameron sentiment of the county, which presents the latter name."

THE Half-Breeds are again hoist by their own attempt to make it out that Collector Van Horn of Western New York, was lately supplanted by a Stalwart, simply because Van Horn was a Garfield Republican. It seems that Garfield had promised the entire congressional delegation of the district to remove him, and an order is now on record in General Garfield's hand writing, directed to Secretary Windom, in about these words: "See about Niagara county being put back in the Erie district and appointment of Van Horn's successor." It is to be hoped the production of this endorsement will not be considered "defamation of the dead."

IN the case of jurymen who were not able to get home on the day they were discharged, and who were compelled by an extension of the term to come back on the Monday of the week after that for which they were drawn, the York county court has decided that they were neither entitled to fees for the day which they were compelled to stay over nor to any mileage for the second week. This decision is not in accordance with the more liberal practice in this county; and, in our judgment, the York county court displays a measure of public parsimony not consistent with the spirit of the law, which intends that jurymen shall be paid for miles necessarily traveled and for all days unavoidably spent in the public service.

THE opponents of the Mormons will have to be hunting up some new ammunition. Their "indictment of a whole people" is somewhat crippled by the statement of that able statistician and social writer, Mr. Robert P. Porter, based on the census reports, that "altogether, the Mormon people, considered apart from their peculiar belief, and especially their belief in and practice of polygamy, is one of the best that could be obtained to settle our unoccupied territory. They are (I refer to the mass of the people, not the leaders) *honest, sober, simple and industrious.*" And again: "Much attention has always been paid by the Mormon priesthood to education. In 1875 there were in the territory 260 schoolhouses, in which 398 teachers were employed. Out of a total school population of 33,168 the average daily attendance was 12,916."

A LITTLE girl in Philadelphia on her way to school was stopped by a freight train crossing the street. After it had passed she started to go over and was struck and killed by a passenger train running 40 miles an hour, the watchman being at the time on the other side of the track. The coroner's jury most emphatically censured the P. R. R. "for running at such a great rate of speed through the city limits, and also censure the company for not providing proper precautions at said crossing for the protection of human life, and also for employing old and incompetent men." For years in this city the crossings were unguarded, and even now men, women and children are not sufficiently protected from danges such as are above narrated. Soulless corporations should at least respect and protect the lives of the citizens over whose highways they run their trains.

A NUMBER of responsible citizens, who have every reason to be well-informed on the matter, write to us inquiring by what authority there was given out, without asking for proposals and competitive bids, the making of harness for the new fire department, especially when two years ago the manufacture of $18 worth of policeman's belts was submitted for proposals to all the saddlers of the city. Irrespective of the latter consideration, it was the peremptory legal duty of the committee on the reorganization of the fire department to ask for proposals for the harness as well as all other supplies needed by the city. Any other course was in gross violation of law, and before the bill so contracted is paid, councils should investigate the circumstances under which it was contracted, as it appears in an illegal and improper manner.

IT is almost impossible to conceive of men of such intelligence as Lord Lytton, Right Hon. Sir Richard Assheton Cross, Cardinal Manning, Alfred Tennyson, Robert Browning, Professors Huxley and Goldwin Smith, James Caird, Generals Sir Linthorne Simmons and Sir Henry Havelock Allan, Sir Theodore Martin and leading London editors gravely writing a protest in an English magazine against the channel tunnel, on the ground that "it would involve England in military dangers and liabilities, from which as an island she has hitherto been free." The clever hoaxer who got up the story of the French suddenly capturing Dover by means of the tunnel seems to have builded wiser than he knew. That the Dover end of the tunnel will be 100 feet below the surface of the sea, and will have a shore continuation of three miles before it reaches daylight, is enough to show any intelligent person, one would think, that "any invading force could be stopped by the most ordinary defences and by a small force of men, without resorting to the destructive device of opening sluice gates and flooding the tunnel from the sea. No assaulting force could ever get through that four miles of shore tunnel." To surmise that England is in any possible danger from this source is to assume that the manly art of self-defense is totally lost.

PERSONAL.

BERRY, Mr. Randall's old Congressional antagonist, is to be chief of the bureau of engraving and printing.

The president has signed the bill pensioning the widows of Presidents GARFIELD, POLK and TYLER.

Senator LOGAN, who is sick of rheumatism, intends to go to the Hot Springs in Arkansas next week.

JOHNNY STEELE, better known as "Coal Oil Johnny," is a common laborer on the Tidewater Pipe line.

It is probable that the marriage of Prince LEOPOLD will be postponed on account of his illness. The preparations for the ceremony have been suspended.

Mr. HARJES, of the banking firm of Drexel, Harjes & Co, of Paris, has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

ARTHUR clubs are already forming in New York city to let the country know that the Empire state will be at the next national convention.

Naval Secretary HUNT is satisfied that when he goes Grant's man BEALE will take his place. But Hunt does not propose to be too previous about starting.

MINNIE HAUK considers herself no longer the prima donna of Mr. Mapleson's opera company. She has been dissatisfied with her reception by New York people this winter and very jealous of Rossini.

MOSES TAYLOR, of New York, yesterday gave $250,000 to the hospital founded in Scranton for the benefit of employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad.

GRANT says he wrote both his presidential letters of acceptance without a suggestion from anybody else. This does not debar him from taking a hint if he ever gets a chance at a third.

The gossips of Philadelphia have settled it that Mrs. CRAIG WADSWORTH *nee* Miss Lena Peters, of Philadelphia, who has been a reigning belle in London and Paris, and who has lately been often invited to the White House dinners, is soon to become its mistress.

Among the thirtren students suspended from Williams college for five weeks, on account of trickery at the recent examinations, was H. D. ROCKWELL, son of Col. Rockwell, Washington, D. C. Young GARFIELD was not successful in securing the examination papers, and escaped suspension.

An employe of the treasury department wrote and published during the last presidential campaign, a scurrilous attack on Senator WADE HAMPTON. Recently this article was republished and Senator Hampton called the attention of the secretary of the treasury to it. Secretary Folger informed Gen. Hampton that the man should be dismissed if he desired it. The man was called up and admitted the authorship of the article, but plead in justification that he had a written request from Mr. Sherman for him to make the first publication, which request he produced. As Mr. Sherman was at that time secretary of the treasury, he says he considered this request in the light of an order from his superior officer. Hence Hampton has given Sherman the cut direct, and J. S. goes down even a peg lower in the estimation of decent people.

THE LATEST NEWS.

GLEANED FROM THE MORNING MAILS.

The Burned Steamship—Murderous Incendiaries in Missouri—Some Tragic Happenings and Notable Deaths—Paragraphic Points.

The wreck of the steamer Golden City, burned at Memphis, is sunk in 25 feet of water. The current is so swift that divers cannot get through the cabin to look for bodies. Only one body has been recovered, that of Mrs. Anna Smith, of Springfield, Massachusetts, who had been visiting relatives in New Orleans. Mrs. L. E. Kouns, her three children and Miss Annie Campbell, lost on the burned steamer, left Shreveport last week to spend the summer in Ohio. Captain Kouns did not hear of the loss of his wife and children until last evening, and the shock was so great that he became maniacal and had to be put under medical treatment.

Murdered by Incendiaries.

The house and store of Joseph Yerger, postmaster, near Antonia, Jefferson county, Missouri, were fired by an incendiary. As the family rushed from the burning building, Yerger was shot dead by an assassin concealed in a shed on the opposite side of the street. The assassin escaped. A man named Tressler, who had a grudge against Yerger, and had threatened to kill him, is suspected of the crime.

IMMURED IN A MAD-HOUSE.

Story of Insanity, Maltreatment and Strange Death of a Rich Young Lady.

Dr. Alfred Livingstone's "private hospital for the cure of nervous diseases" at Wayne, Delaware county, which become somewhat notorious a fortnight since by the arrest of one of its attaches, Edward M. Clifford, for practicing medicine without a diploma, was brought into further disrepute yesterday by the death of Miss Elizette M. Grant, a daughter of the late Professor Wm. R. Grant, of the Pennsylvania medical college, it is stated from maltreatment while a patient at that institution. For years Miss Grant had been a victim to melancholia and on the 29th of June her guardians Archibald McIntyre and Dr. Anna M. McAllister, the latter a relative, placed her at Dr. Livingstone's, who received $50 a week for cure and treatment of her. She is said to have received very rough treatment from Clifford and other attendants at Livingstone's, and suffered from various barbarities that are likely to be made the subject of legal investigation. Money to the amount of about $100,000 had been bequeathed Miss Grant by her father, but in spite of this fact it is said that she was poorly provided for at Dr. Livingstone's. The room she occupied was one of the worst in the house, being next to the roof, and containing no comforts in the way of carpets or good furniture. During the coldest days of the winter the stove in her room did not contain fire until 10 o'clock in the morning. Her bed was peculiarly uncomfortable and was not even provided with a bolster, although she often asked for one.

The Prospects of the Peach Crop.

Reports from prominent peach-growers of the Peninsula in relation to this year's prospects cover the state of Delaware and Kent, Queen Annie's, Dorchester, Talbot, Carolina and Wicomico counties in Maryland. Although the drought of last summer impaired most trees of more than eight years' growth, the report concludes that, unless disaster occurs before maturity, this year's yield will be as abundant, in proportion to the number of bearing trees, as was that of 1875. That year's crop, in round numbers, was about 7,000,000 baskets. Assuming that the number of bearing trees has been reduced from twenty-five to thirty-three and one-third per cent, the present outlook is for a harvest of from 4,666,000 to 5,250,000 baskets of peaches, subject to the lien which the frost has upon every peach crop until after May 1.

The Dead.

John T. Adams, ex-member of the Connecticut Legislature and ex-judge of probate, died in Norwich on Thursday night aged 75 years.

James A. Patton, judge of the court of appeals of West Virginia, died suddenly at a hotel in Wheeling, on Thursday night.

Henry W. Eastman, a well-known lawyer of New York city, died on Thursday night at his home in Roslyn, Long Island.

General Strelnikoff Murdered.

In Odessa, Gen. Strelnikoff, the public prosecutor of the Kieff military tribunal, was shot with a revolver, while sitting on the boulevard. The ball penetrated the head and came out through the forehead. General Strelnikoff died immediately. The two assassins were stopped while fleeing from the scene in a carriage, offered violent resistance and with their revolvers and poniards wounded three persons. They were finally overpowered and conveyed to a police station.

Wounded his Wife and Killed Himself.

In Cleveland, Ohio, Robert Bluen, a blacksmith, fired twice at his wife, who was lying in bed beside him, and wounded her dangerously in the head. He then committed suicide by putting a bullet into his own brain. They had only been six months married and he was supposed to be devoted to his wife, but he had been disabled by rheumatism and feared poverty.

Pow-Wows Played Out.

Commissioner Price, of the Indian bureau, does not believe in Indian "pow-wows:" He has said he did not think there would be another Indian "pow-wow" in Washington while he was commissioner, and added: "It is perfect nonsense their coming here; they don't know what they want when they start and the longer they stay here the less they know, and it is only a waste of time and money.

A Sunken Schooner.

The three masted schooner reported sunk opposite Manasquan, New Jersey, is the Henry Davy, of Barnagat. She was sunk by a steamer during a fog on the night of the 30th ult., but her crew were saved and taken to West Point, Virginia.

Another Big Strike.

The moulders in the Grant locomotive works, in Paterson, N. J., struck last last evening for an increase of 20 per cent. A general strike of all the moulders in Paterson is expected to-day, as their Union agreed, several weeks ago, to demand an advance on April 1st.

Poisonous Vaccination.

L. H. Ballinger, a grocer of Galveston, has died in that city from the effects of poisonous vaccination. Mr. Redmond, superintendent of the Texas compress company, is believed to be dying in the same city from the same cause.

The Fire Record.

An incendiary fire in Forest city, Ark., destroyed eight stores, causing a loss estimated at $40,000.

The Holdennes school, near Plymouth N. H, was destroyed by fire last evening Loss, $10,000.

Nominations Confirmed.

The United States Senate has confirmed Selah Merrill, of Massachustts, to be consel at Jerusalem; Frank W. Ballou, of New York, consul at Kiehl, and Jacob V. Carter, Indian agent for the Sacs and Foxes in the Indian territory.

Results of the Southern Floods.

Statistician Dodge, of the agricultural department, thinks that if the floods in the lower Mississippi region recede "in any reasonable time" there may be a fair cotton crop, "although, of course, late and less than the averaged in quality."

How Van Rensselaer Died.

The inquest on the death of Philip S. Van Rensselaer, in New York, resulted in a verdict that he "came to his death from the accidental discharge of a pistol, caused by careless handling."

Hanged Protesting their Innocence.

Alfred Weisinger and William Ludlow, convicted of the murder of an old man, were hanged in Selma, Alabama. They made long speeches on the scaffold protesting that they were innocent.

The Election Trials in South Carolina.

The governor of South Carolina has ordered Attorney General Youmans to go to Charleston and defend the election officers indicted and to be tried in the United States court.

Bridged With Ice.

The St. Lawrence river is closed with a solid ice bridge, which is likely to last for several weeks to come. Last season the river at that point was open on the 1st of April.

Suicide of a Wealthy Broker.

James Tremaine, a wealthy broker, formerly of New York, committed suicide in Boston. No cause is assigned. He leaves a widow and three children.

End of a Murder Trial.

The trial of David D McMillen for the murder of Father McCarthy, a Catholic priest, terminated yesterday at Greenfield, Mass., in a verdict of not guilty.

Brakeman Killed.

Dennis Burke, a brakeman on the Geneva, Ithaca & Sayre railroad, was crushed to death yesterday at Ithaca, N. Y., by the collision of a coal and freight train.

Cattle Thieves Lynched.

W. T. Phœbus and Jay McGrew, cattle thieves, were taken from the jail in Denver, Colorado, and lynched on Thursday night.

Death Under a Derrick.

Thomas Carrigan, a stonecutter, was killed in the Union Springs (N. Y.) quarry on Thursday by a falling derrick.

Suffering for Food.

Great privation is reported on the Magdalen Islands, potatoes being very scarce and dear.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FIRE TO-DAY.

The New Department's First Work.

About noon to-day a fire alarm was struck from box 31, situated at Chestnut and Duke streets. It was caused by the burning of the frame building standing just east of the Pennsylvania railroad passenger depot and known as the "old match factory." The Empire bell sounded the alarm, and in a very short time the engines were on the ground, and so were the hosemen and chief engineer. The fire was confined to the roof of the building and was soon extinguished, but at one time it looked as though that building as well as others in the neighborhood would be burned. The whole damage done was to the roof, and it was badly burned. The building is unoccupied and empty. It is owned by Mr. John Keller and is insured. The fire is thought to have been started by a locomotive spark, the structure being but a few feet from the railroad.

The firemen made excellent time going to the fire and did good work. Engine No. 4, by some mistake, was not driven to the fire at once, as the alarm was misunderstood. When it arrived, however, steam was up, and it did good service. This was the first fire that the new department has had, and the men received the highest praise for their promptness in responding to the alarm, and for the good work which they did.

Badly Mixed.

A colored man by the name of Books, has recently been living with a white woman at Peach Bottom, but it is not known whether they are married. Some time ago Books was arrested by Chester county officers and was placed in jail for 15 days for some offense. While he was confined the woman married a white man named James Harvey. A few days ago the negro was set free, and he at once returned to the woman's home and induced her to run away with him. They went off together and have not been heard of since.

A Generous Man.

Major Elwood Griest's Weekly Inquirer.

The INTELLIGENCER says the editor of the *Inquirer* has applied for a pension. Don't be alarmed my dear fellow, don't be uneasy. When we get it we won't be mean about it. Our purpose is to appropriate at least half of it to creating a fund, from which loans can be made to impecunious lawyers, so that their pressing necessities will not tempt them to irregularities that might bring reproach on the profession.

Upset This Morning.

This morning a man was driving a horse, hitched to a wagon loaded with meat, along Prince street near Orange, when the bed pin of the wagon came out and the vehicle was upset. The dasher was broken off, the top badly damaged, and the meat was thrown all over the street. The man was thrown out of the wagon. He struck his face on the ground and was very badly bruised. The team was owned by Jacob Good of Pequea township.

More Water.

If it had been raining all day, all the street sprinklers of this city would have been placed on the street. It was not raining, but has been dusty and windy, and persons having to walk or drive were almost blinded by sand which blew into every crack in houses. If the men who own street sprinklers don't know how to use them they had better dispose of them to persons who do know their business.

Obituary.

Abraham Dubree an old and respected citizen of Drumore township died at his residence on Thursday last. He was a fine mechanic and gained quite a reputation by the manufacture of plows known in the neighborhood as the Dubree plow. His father was the late Absalom Dubree who, a generation ago was held in high esteem as a scrivener and surveyor.

'Squire Barr Complimented.

At a meeting of the finance committee of city councils, held last evening, G. W. Zecher offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted, tendering the thanks of the committee to J. K. Barr, esq., for the intelligent and faithful manner in which he had performed his duties as clerk of the committee.

Mayor's Court.

This morning the mayor had a right big court, there being twelve cases before him. He sent three drunks to jail for thirty days, one for ten, and made two others pay costs. Five vagrants were allowed to again take the road.

Illuminating Berks County.

Mr. H. C. Moore, of this city gave an exhibition of his sciopticon views to the Sunday school and members of the Presbyterion church at Stottsburg, Berks county, on last Wednesday evening. A large audience greeted him.

Unmailable Letters.

Letters addressed as follows are detained at the postoffice for want of postage:

"Continental Chromo Co., 296 Broadway New York."

"M. Rosenbaum, esq., No. 15 John street, Philadelphia."

Drunk and Disorderly.

Emma Archey, colored, went on a spree yesterday, became very drunk and disorderly, was picked up by the police and committed for a hearing before Alderman Spurrier on Monday next.

A BUSY DAY.

THE FIRST OF APRIL 1882.

Shop-Keepers, Hotels, Banks, County Officers all Active—More Business Changes.

The 1st of April, as has been the case from time immemorial, brings to town a great crowd of country people. It is annual settling up day; the day upon which leases and sales of real estate and transfers of all kinds of property are made, judgments and mortgages are recorded or released, and all kinds of business transactions are entered into more largely than on any other day in the year.

As 'Squire Thon would say, "the weather is clear, but raw and blustering, with clouds of dust flying in all directions." Nevertheless there is perhaps almost as many strangers in town as has been usual on the first in past years. We do not see so many of the horney-handed sons of toil sitting along the curbstones and on door steps, making their settlements, as formerly, but still there are some of them who transact business in that primitive way, greatly to the joy of the pickpockets, who in years gone by were wont to reap a rich harvest from the unsuspecting yeomen, who took no little pride in displaying their wealth to their admiring gaze. Now the great bulk of the settlements are made by checks, through our admirably managed banking houses, who as usual made great preparations for the accommodation of their customers. The bankers complain that a full supply of paper money was hard to obtain, but they have bags and buckets full of gold and silver. In a word, money is plenty, and anyone who wants it can get it, on properly secured paper or collaterals.

The country recorder and prothonotary, with an efficient corps of deputies and clerks, have been busy from early morning to the present hour—the former officer in receiving for record deeds and mortgages, and making releases; the latter in entering and releasing judgments, &c.

The hotels, eating houses and saloons are as usual much crowded, but there does not appear to be a very unusual amount of business being done by our merchants and shopkeepers, apart from the settlement of the past year's accounts.

An Incident of the Day.

One of our country cousins, who came to town to day and made his transfers very early, set out to see the sights. He first called at the office of the American Rapid telegraph company to get a glass of beer, and failing there he felt sure of getting accommodated at Stewart's new and inviting looking coal office. Finally he stumbled into Zaepfel's kitchen and was escorted thence to the barroom. The last seen of him he was going down into the *New Era* press room to get a shave, shampoon, hair cut and his moustache dyed.

More Business Changes.

As will be seen by an advertisement, the livery firm of Swaine & Wiley is dissolved.

James Stewart's coal office is removed from the Locher building to the room No. 20, in the Prangley building, lately occupied by Coho & Wiley.

Our Congressman Criticised.

The weekly *Inquirer*, which scrutinizes our congressman's official performance with microscopic zeal, has discovered that the speech "delivered" in Congress by Hon. A. Herr Smith, in favor of the Chinese bill was not made at all, but printed in the *Record* by leave At first, says Major Griest's paper, "we supposed the publication was the work of some enemy of Smith's who had taken this means to bring him into disrepute, and this opinion was strengthened by the fact that the *New Era*, his personal organ, neither published nor made any allusion to it; but inquiry at the office of the *Examiner* has satisfied us that the document is a genuine one." And further, "in all our reading upon this question, and we have examined many of the speeches on either side, both in the Senate and House, we have seen none that in ignorance of the essential facts of the case, or in misconception of the real issues involved, can compare with this effort of Mr. Smith's."

Was Shaw in York County?

The Delta (York county) *Herald* says: "A man passed through this place last Monday answering in many respects the description of the man Shaw who shot his wife in Lancaster county a few weeks ago. He had rather a long reddish beard, marked above the eye, was somewhat lame in one leg and was perhaps 55 years old. He gave his name as Brown and said he had been rich once, but was very poor. A day after he was gone his resemblance to the published descriptions of Shaw were remarked, and a move was talked of to hunt him up, but nothing was done."

A Fable.

A worthy Blacksmith, who had abandoned his honorable Trade and taken to War, Politics and Newspapers, one day conceived the idea of maliciously hammering the Anvil, just to see whether his Wrists had really been affected by a fall from a Mule during the War. After he had persisted in his Exercise for a long time he found that he had made no Indentation upon the Anvil, but that he was so much wearied and injured by the violent Exertion that he straightway applied for an increase of Pension and declared that there was no Profit in Controversy with such a mendacious and malicious Anvil.

Improved Fertilizer Feeder.

Alfred H. Worst, of Salisbury township, has been granted a patent for an improvement in fertilizer feeders for grain drills. The novelty in this invention consists in an enless belt, composed of plates whose length is across the belt and one edge of each of which has a flange projecting outwards, the plates so linked together that in revolving about the pulleys the flange of one plate is scraped by the plain edge of the one preceding it. This patent was secured through Wm. R. Gerhart, of this city, solicitor of patents.

Shipment of Horses.

Daniel Lefevre this morning shipped 18 head of horses from this city to Sol. Merbach in New York.

Fiss & Doerr shipped to-day to New York 35 head of heavy horses bought in Lancaster county. Among the lot are some very fine drivers.

Sonthenheimer & Badenheimer shipped 30 head of fine horses to New York to-day. They averaged 1,500 pounds in weight. Among them there were a pair of coach horses, and one extra large sorrel.

Married.

Samuel Gibson and Isabella Courbit were married last evening, the interesting ceremony being performed by Alderman Samson.

The First Brick.

The first bricks made this season, and it is said the first ever made in this city as early as the 1st of April, were made this morning at the brick yard of Jacob Pontz.

Shad Caught.

W. P. Haines caught the first shad of the season in the Susquehanna a couple of days ago. He made a haul of 12.

Sunday Hours at the Postoffice.

On and after to-morrow the Sunday hours at the postoffice will be from 8 to 9 a. m and from 6 to 7 P. M.

Columbia's Postmaster.

Henry Mullen was yesterday confirmed by the Senate as postmaster at Columbia, Pa.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Affairs Along the Susquehanna—Gleanings in and Around the Borough Picked up by the Intelligencer's Reporter.

[The Columbia *Herald* and *Spy*, whose editors are members of the Gen. Welsh Post, G. A. R., have been very vigorously assailing our Columbia correspondent for his statement that the members of this post treated the Marietta post meanly in giving such scant patronage to an entertainment brought to Columbia by the Mariettians. Thus far the Columbia papers have limited their remarks to abuse of our correspondent, which, to say the least, is irrelevant to the discussion. It is to be presumed they have no other answer to the main charge and are unable to show that they did not treat the Marietta post with scant courtesy. We are satisfied that our correspondent, in entire good faith, reflected only the complaints of the aggrieved Marietta people, which is much more forcibly expressed to-day in the Marietta *Register*. If the Columbia editors want a vindication they should try to get it from the Marietta post and not by personal abuse of our correspondent.—EDS. INTELLIGENCER.]

A Fire and a Fight.

The "stem house" of Mr. John Fendrich was burned down last evening about 8 o'clock by an incendiary. The Vigilant and Columbia companies were the only ones in service, and the usual fight occurred. The Columbia company were the first to reach the scene, and the first to lay the hose. When this was done they began shouting insulting remarks to the Vigies. But their joy ended in sorrow, for before they could attach their hose to the plug the Vigies were throwing a stream on the burning building and had the fire under perfect control before water issued from the nozzle of the Columbia's. A young boy named Loudenberger, having hold of the nozzle by the Columbias, turned the stream on the Vigie boys who retaliated by knocking him down with their stream. The excitement was intense and a riot was prevented only by the interference of the outsiders. As the Vigilant was going home, the Columbia hose carriage tried to pass them. Here the Vigie were wrong as they had no right to block up the whole street. Loudenberger picked up a stone with the intention of hurting somebody but he was promptly knocked down by Wash. Duck. He then uttered threats of the vilest character.

The Stove Foundry.

The question of whether the stove foundry would be brought to Columbia or not, is at last decided. It will be brought here. Several weeks ago council learned that the stove works of Spring City, this state, would be sold. In the interest of Columbia a public meeting was called to meet in council chamber. A large number of our citizens responded, and one and all were anxious to have the works bought and brought to Columbia; $18,000 to $20,000 was raised the same evening, and a committee on subscriptions was appointed as follows: Wm. B. Given, S. S. Detwiler and Samuel Filbert. These gentlemen worked hard and faithfully as the results will show. A committee was also sent to Spring City to see what the works could be purchased for. Upon returning another meeting was called and the committee reported that it would take $100,000 to have them placed in Columbia in working order, and that that amount had to be raised before next Tuesday. The subscription committee immediately went to work and up to the meeting last night had collected $71,000. The meeting was called to order by President Meyers, the object stated and persons requested to give their name and amount. In a very short time the amount had ran up to $93,200, with a promise of $10,000. This settled it, and Messrs. Wm. Patton, H. M. North, George W. Haldman, James Perrottet, H. Wilson, Wm. B. Given, W. H. Pfahler, M. S. Shuman, Samuel Filbert and S. S. Detwiler were appointed to go to Spring City and purchase the works next Monday.

Upon their return they will report to the stockholders on Wednesday evening. The name adopted for the works is O. B. Keeley Stove Company, with a capital stock of $150,000. A committee was also appointed to procure a charter and organize a corporation. After some further conversation the meeting adjourned.

Little Locals.

The Presbyterian sociable at P. S. Brugh's was a fine affair and largely attended. A large sum of money was cleared as everything was donated. The programme was an excellent one.

The canary bird of Mrs. Benj. Herr, which escaped from its cage yesterday, has been caught and returned to its owner.

The "Old Shipmates" in the opera house this evening,

The remains of Mr. Samuel Allison, whose death we noticed yesterday, will be interred in the Mount Bethel cemetery tomorrow at 3. p. m, The Susquehanna lodge, I. O. of O. F., will have charge of the ceremonies and attend in a body. They will meet in their room at 2 a'clock sharp. The Orion lodge is invited to participate.

Mr. Ed. N. Smith has turned out 4,000 tobacco cases instead of 2,000. It was our mistake.

Mr. Geo. Breneman opens out in the shoe business to-day.

The U. B. church will hold its first quarterly meeting to-morrow. Rev. L. Peters, presiding elder, will officiate. Communion will be administered at the morning services. Should the weather prove favorable Rev. C. S. Miley, the pastor, will be present.

The public is invited to attend the "grand rally" of the First African Baptist church to-morrow in the Odd Fellows's hall. The services will be interesting.

April has arrived at last, and how many have been fooled this day. Several farmers had good jokes played on them, but they took it in good part. Our streets have been well filled with country folks all day, making our little town look unusually lively.

The first shad caught near the dam this season was seined by Mr. Paul Read. It was not a large one, but looked very tempting. Several attempts were made at other batteries, but all failed. Mr. Read has one of the best batteries in the Susquehanna. He received several offers for the fish, but refused them all, as he kindly had promised it to his friend, Mr. H. L. Bachman.

Mr. John Wagner entertained about sixty of his friends at Mr. Krause's saloon last evening in honor of his birthday. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all, dancing being kept up until a late hour. Wolfe's orchestra furnished the music.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

What is beauty's chiefest charm—
Melting eyes or rosebud lips,
Flowing tresses, form of grace?
No; fine teeth these charms eclipse.
And their sure preserver is
SOZODONT, best dentifrice.
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SILENCED QUICKLY.—A distressing Cough, by Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.
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Debilitated persons and sufferers from wasting diseases such as consumption, scrofula, kidney affections, will be greatly benefitted by using Brown's Iron Bitters. For sale at H. B. Cochran's drug store, 137 North Queen street, Lancaster. m27-1wd&w