

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 3, 1882.

The New City Government.

The new city council met and organized to-day in both branches, elected city officers and inaugurated Mayor MacGonigle for his third term.

In the choice of city officers the Republicans have prostituted their party advantage to select men to run some of the departments who, if they were put before the people to have a popular vote upon their merits, would be beaten out of sight.

There seems little doubt that the president will veto the Chinese bill, on the ground that it violates the treaty with China, and is opposed to American principles.

A correspondent of the New York Sun sends to that paper \$10 to start a \$12,000 fund for the jurymen who convicted Guitau, one of whom lost his eyes and another his business by their long and painful confinement.

In observing that the newspaper correspondents are running Folger for governor of New York the Press adds that "the nomination will be made at the state convention, and not in Washington."

In a recent opinion of the supreme court Judge Trunkey says: "In proceedings to remove a judgment, whether by *scire facias* or by agreement of the parties, the terre tenant, by the act of April 16, 1849, is only entitled to notice where he has put his deed upon record or has entered into the actual possession of the land bound by the judgment."

The meeting of the new stock exchange of Chicago on Saturday developed the fact that the 300 memberships at \$50 are all taken; also, the 200 memberships at \$100 and fifty of the \$250 memberships.

In the Republican caucus for city officers the nomination for street commissioner was ordered first, and everything was made subordinate to it.

The Budget of Crime. John N. Massey and James Hamblin, well-known "sports," quarreled in San Francisco yesterday morning, and Massey was shot dead by Hamlin.

James Mulligan, an actor, was fatally stabbed by Arthur Sheppard, stage manager, in the Tivoli variety theatre, in Denver on Saturday night.

Thomas McDonald, aged 27, was fatally cut by his brother John, aged 24, a saloon keeper on Covington, Ky., in a drunken quarrel on Saturday night.

During a light squall, ruffians in a "moonshine" whisky shop at Frenchburg, Ky., three men were wounded, one mortally, and another, whose body cannot be found, is believed to have been killed.

A. C. Patrick shot and killed his wife, and then attempted to kill his two sons, slightly wounding one of them, in Seward, Nebraska, on Saturday night.

Sir Robert Michael Laffan, governor of the Bermuda, died on the 23d ult., at the government house, Mount Langton, after a lingering illness.

SUNDAY'S GALE.

TRAGEDY IN SEAS CASE.

Water Tower Blown Down—Three Persons Crushed to Death and Four Others Wounded—Boy Killed Near

About two o'clock yesterday Reading and vicinity were visited by a terrible wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain, lasting for about one hour, during which time there was great destruction of life and property.

The storm was in the country, the only damage in the city being the blowing down of signs, &c., and the wrecking of the cornice at the Grand opera house.

The day being fine a large number of citizens were out with their teams on the drives adjacent to the city.

The Angelia land improvement company had built a large tank for holding water with which to supply the surrounding territory.

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VANDERBILT'S SUICIDE.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A MILLIONAIRE.

The Great Railroad King's Brother Ends His Life by Shooting of His Head.

Cornelius J. Vanderbilt, brother of William H. Vanderbilt, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at the Glenham hotel, in New York, yesterday afternoon.

Deceased will be remembered as having contested the probate of the will of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, his father.

He had been a sufferer from epilepsy for several years, and this is supposed to have caused the act, as his financial affairs were said to be in the most prosperous condition.

He did not regain consciousness after he committed the fatal act, and after lingering for several hours he breathed his last just before six o'clock, surrounded by many of his friends and the members of the family.

He last entered the Glenham hotel some time Saturday. He was in a weak condition then and went to bed.

He occupied room 79, which is situated on the avenue. His only companion was George Terry, who has traveled with and attended him for years.

At a short time before two o'clock Mr. Terry left him lying in his bed in room 80 and went to the adjoining room No. 79, which is separated from the other by folding doors.

He noticed nothing peculiar about Mr. Vanderbilt's appearance. He had been in the room only a short time when he heard the report of a pistol.

He ran into Mr. Vanderbilt's room and found him holding a revolver in his hand, and blood streaming down the right side of his face.

He had shot himself through the right temple. He was lying on his back, and made little movement.

He had used a small Smith & Wesson revolver. He was wearing a blue coat and a hat. He was about 40 years of age.

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DEATH IN A CISTERN.

SUICIDE OF A WELL-TO-DO FARMER.

His Determined Efforts at Self-Destruction.

Yesterday morning the people of Quarryville and vicinity were startled by the report that Jacob Snavely, a well-known and well-to-do farmer, living in Drumore township, about a mile and a half south of that village had committed suicide.

A representative of the INTELLIGENCER immediately repaired to the scene of the tragedy and the following facts were gathered: Mr. Snavely was for several years been melancholy, and twice before has attempted to take his life.

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THE NEW DEAL.

ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCILS.

Mayor MacGonigle Inaugurated for a Third Term—The Republicans Take Control of the Departments.

Under the provisions of the act of Assembly of May 10, 1875, the new city council, elected in February last, met this morning for the purpose of organization and the inauguration of Mayor MacGonigle.

The proceedings, as detailed below, were without incident, each party having held its caucus beforehand, the Democrats on Friday night and the Republicans on Saturday.

The roll was called and all the members answered to their names.

Nominations for president were next called for, and Mr. Power nominated Dr. Davis.

Mr. Reich nominated Mr. Lichty. A ballot was taken and Dr. Davis received the votes of the sixteen Republican members, while the eleven Democrats voted for Mr. Lichty.

Dr. Davis being elected took the usual obligation, and made a brief speech, in which he urged the importance of conducting the affairs of the city on business principles, and reminded the members that they were sent to council to legislate as citizens and not as partisans.

For clerk David L. Deon and Adam P. Oblander were nominated. The Republicans voted for Deon and the Democrats for Oblander, the former being elected by a party vote—16 to 11.

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REVISION SELECT COUNCIL RETURNED TO ITS OWN CHAMBER.

Mr. Evans offered a resolution which was adopted, re-arranging the rules heretofore in force for intercourse between council, for the government of the council and for the appointment of an executive committee to consider appointments and removals by the mayor.

Mr. Zecher presented a communication from the mayor, removing from office all the members of the present police force, and making the following appointments in lieu thereof:

Chief of Police—John F. Deisher. First Ward—Samuel Sweek, Allen Pyle. Second Ward—Geo. Cramer, Bankston. Third Ward—Chas. J. Stormfeltz, B. F. Leman. Fourth Ward—John McDevitt, James Coyle. Fifth Ward—J. P. Klinger, Samuel Lentz.

Sixth Ward—Martin Dill, Alice Henry. Seventh Ward—John Merringer, Henry Elias. Eighth Ward—George Shay, John Harman. Ninth Ward—Wm. Tish, John Ward.

The first named for each ward is the constable elect. Of the others, Allen Pyle of the 1st ward succeeds Casper Weitzel; Bankston of the 2d ward succeeds Chas. Holman; Samuel Lentz of the 5th ward succeeds James Kautz; Alice Mercer of the 6th ward succeeds Wm. Adams; John Herr of the 8th ward succeeds A. Flick. All the other appointments. In announcing his appointments the mayor adds the following paragraph:

"I some time ago notified such officers who had the collection of delinquent taxes that if they did not settle with me accounts at the time police appointments were to be sent into council, I would recommend that the appointment of such officers be rejected by council. I therefore recommend that John McDevitt, constable of the 4th ward, be not confirmed, policeman until he has made a satisfactory settlement of his delinquent tax duplicates for 1880 and 1881."

On motion, the mayor's communication was referred to the committee on executive appointments.

The president announced the following as sub-committee: Messrs. Zecher, Wolf and Bittner.

REASSEMBLING OF THE CONVENTION. Inauguration of the Mayor—His Address to Council.

At 12 o'clock the convention reassembled for the purpose of inaugurating the mayor.

Messrs. Baker and Buchanan were appointed a committee to notify the mayor of the readiness of the convention to proceed to his inauguration and receive any communication he might have to make to them. A moment later his honor Mayor MacGonigle was introduced. President Burger administered the oath of office and the mayor spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN: My views upon municipal affairs have so frequently been laid before the council of this city of Lancaster in general and special messages, that I shall detain you but very briefly on this occasion. The reports of the most important committees, embracing the practical working of each for the year ending February 28th ult., submitted to council at their last stated meeting, will be found helpful to you in the discharge of your own duties. These reports will be found fully discussed affairs belonging to the street, water, lighting city, market and law departments which will afford a good basis for intelligent legislation on the part of the council.

"I would more than anything else impress upon council the absolute necessity of confining the expenditures of each department within the amount of the appropriation.

"I would also direct your attention to an examination of the books of the assessors. Our expenditures must necessarily increase with the extension of our city and the increase of our population, but our revenues do not keep pace with these expenditures. It is the duty of the council to see that some of the assessors. There are properties in the city assessed at not more than one-third their value, while in other cases, under the same assessors, other properties are put down at their full value. For favors such as these under-valuing the real estate of the city, your laborers and the accommodating assessor the bribe of his vote.

"In 1875 our total valuation was \$13,000,000. To-day—seven years later—with the addition of all the homes, the schools, the factories, machine shops, residences, &c., the valuation is but \$11,800,000. A glance at some of our assessors' books will show how this has been brought about.

"As occasions present themselves during the year I shall communicate further with you on these subjects, and I trust that you may be harmonious, and in the best interest of those whom you represent, I leave you to the performance of your duties."

Immediately at the close of the mayor's remarks the convention adjourned. In compliance with the resolution of the government of the body as printed in the digest of 1880, were re-elected for the ensuing year and council then adjourned.