

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1, 1882.

The Retirement Law.

The United States attorney general decides that the new law which retires all officers of the army at the age of sixty-four, not only opens the retired list to them, notwithstanding its maximum of four hundred is exceeded, but causes them to crowd out of this limited retired list officers who are disabled in the service and who, under existing laws, would be retired for that disability.

This is not an encouraging prospect to young officers. The hope of promotion which caused them to so heartily favor the retirement of their elders is all gone. Promotion comes no more rapidly than before; the old cripples go out but the young cripples stay in. The army is as full as ever and promotion as disgustingly slow; and disgustingly slow it certainly is in these piping times of peace.

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Just now when bilious colic is one of the multitudinous ills that flesh is heir to, and gripping sensations in the lower part of the human anatomy most effective in compelling suffering mortals to indulge in contortions worthy of the mugs finished acrobat, it might not be altogether unwise to follow the proceedings of Fan Chew, who, being attacked with colic, shot himself fatally. It cannot be questioned that this cure is most effective to end pain, but in view of other and weighty reasons the majority of us would rather "bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of."

It looks now as if Keifer's renomination is assured. The news from his district is to the effect that he has probably been successful at the primary elections, and one interesting feature of the same news is that the result was accomplished by the most lavish use of money ever known at primary elections in Ohio. This was a part of the fund which Hubbell has got out of the clerks and scrub-women and navy yard laborers and letter carriers. By the time it has been used to salt Keifer's district and Roberson's district and to help Hubbell get Ferry's seat in the Senate the party in general will probably wonder what the fund was raised for.

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people of all parties in making the issue of our state politics the overthrow of boss rule and the spoils system, and the establishment of an honest and fair apportionment. Who is for these things can stand with the Democracy, and where the Independent and Democratic votes can be united on this platform against Ring candidates for the Legislature it may and most likely will be done.

The Democratic pledge of a fair apportionment is honestly made and is intended to be honestly kept. This is what the Independents want and what they can never get from a Cameron Legislature. Such an assembly would crucify them at all cost and eliminate all the districts in which Independent Republicanism asserts itself. This would be the Cameron game if that domination got the Legislature this year. The Independents need to watch it carefully. They can consistently strengthen candidates, who are for an honest apportionment, to beat those who are not. There are many counties in the state in which all the voters who are interested in honest legislation can unite to elect honest legislators.

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PERSONAL.

MR. BRADLAUGH will lecture in America during the coming fall and winter. ARCHIBALD FORBES, the war correspondent, is at Alexandria.

GENERAL SHERIDAN is on a summer tour through the Yellowstone country. MRS. BUTLER, aged one hundred and twelve years, was baptized last Sunday, in Marion county, Ga.

EMIL MEYER, who was once President Tyler's coachman, is now a gardener near West Chester.

OSCAR WILDE did like Long Branch, though he was good enough to admit that there were some pretty girls there.

HENRY C. WHITE, a prominent citizen of Hartford, Conn., died yesterday in that city. He was father of Lieutenant Commander Henry C. White, jr., now stationed at League Island.

GRACE GREENWOOD says that Garibaldi left a sadly divided family. "The children of Anita do not harmonize well with the children of the peasant woman, Francesca, still less with the widow herself."

SENATOR EDMUNDS denies the report that he intended to resign. Because of a recent domestic affliction he will not attend the present session of Congress unless his presence is imperatively demanded, but he has no thought of resignation.

QUEEN VICTORIA sometimes gets as many as forty telegrams a day, and yet each one nearly throws her into a fit, and she nervously examines the hand which sends the message. It will not be before she can summon up courage to open it. Queens are only women after all.

MISS KATE PATTON, who will accompany Mrs. Langtry to this country and be a prominent actress in her company, is a beautiful and vivacious young English lady, beloved of excellent society.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR, Gov. Hamilton, of Maryland; Gen. Beaver, W. U. Hensel, and other gentlemen, have written to the managers of the "Angels' Revue," to be held at Williams Grove, Cumberland county, accepting an invitation to attend the meeting, which begins August 21. It will continue in session four days.

SENATOR VANCE, of North Carolina frequently illustrates his speeches with anecdotes, or, rather, parables, which he relates in a manner that seldom fails to bring down the house, no matter how much the majority may disagree with him politically. Speaking not long ago against a bill which he considered "penny wise but pound foolish," he pointed out a man at the top of a hill in North Carolina. One day a wagoner came by, and unluckily got his team "stalled" at the foot of the hill. To the old man's house he went, asking the loan of a mule, which he called "fifth chain," to help him up the hill. Said the kind old man: "My friend, I have not got a pair of mules or a fifth chain to save your life. But I am always anxious to help a man in distress; I can lend you the best fiddle you ever drew a bow across."

JEFFERSONIAN DEMOCRACY. Letter from Chauncey Black to the Jefferson Association. Special Dispatch to the Inquirer.

HARRISBURG July 31.—Chauncey F. Black, Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, has written the following letter, accepting the election as an honorary member of the Jefferson association of Harrisburg:

When the Federalists in the closing years of the last century had well nigh revolutionized the government established by the constitution, transcended its most important limitations and invaded many of the fields of power expressly reserved to its operation, the latter, in order to save the government from the anarchy which would have resulted from the disintegration of the republic, like the present, was a most unequal struggle between power, patronage, money and monopoly on the one side, and the masses of working people on the other. The latter, who were gone down, and all that they contended for must have been lost in one protracted disaster but for the character of their organization and leadership. These were wisely adapted to the nature of the conflict.

Jefferson, Madison, our own Gallatin and their devoted compatriots were not content with merely sounding the alarm. They called the people together in their primary capacity, and urged them to organize in the most efficient manner like the popular committees of the revolution, where they might take counsel with another respecting the public dangers and the means of defense. These were the Democratic societies, which filled the Federalist ranks with bold agitators, and which it was once actually proposed to put down by the strong hand under a statute to be passed for the purpose.

The first society established in Pennsylvania was formed in Philadelphia in 1793, with David Ritzenhouse president, and a list of other officers, some of whose names are only less illustrious than his. The Democratic societies were, as Mr. Jefferson has said, "the most efficient means of organizing the people, and of maintaining the principles of the constitution," and to them, with the widespread influence of their discussions and publications, and the "rousing of the people" by frequent meetings in small bodies, where every man had a voice, and the names of Jefferson and the great defender of 1800, and the defeat of the infamous scheme to exclude Mr. Jefferson from the office to which he had been elected, as Mr. Tilden was excluded in 1877.

The Democratic societies of our day are called Jefferson associations, not merely in veneration of the personal character of the great apostle of American liberty, but to indicate our devotion to the body of political principles which he formulated by the name of the man who formulated the principles of simplicity, and illustrated them practically and personally in those two administrations of the government which all men agree to be the "Golden Age of the Republic." The name of Jefferson stands, not for a man only, but for a faith, not merely for the revered shade of the leader, whose name is consecrated wherever the language of freedom is known, but for doctrine as certainly and as essentially essential to political salvation as any for which men ever fought or died. The hour of our second deliverance from the Bourbon Federalists, the boss, the spoils system, the monopolist and the corrupt ring, with the centralization in which all have their beginning and their end, draws near. To this most desirable end, nothing can contribute more directly or more powerfully than the establishment of Jefferson associations in every quarter.

The method of Jefferson himself, and I hope to see the same method followed by the people, defrauded in 1876, make itself ready for the final conflict before it by the formation within its ranks of thousands of these Democratic societies, or Jefferson associations, which, being closely affiliated and in intimate correspondence with each other, would keep the Democratic party democratic and put it in a posture to meet another electoral conspiracy like that of 1876-77, as our forefathers met that 1800-1.

A woman killed on the Railroad. BORDENTOWN, N. J., August 1.—As a train was approaching Hartford, on the line of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad, last night, Mrs. Mary Gillingham, while in the act of crossing the track, was struck and killed. The woman was deaf.

FOUR SPURIOUS BABIES.

A FATHER WITH A WOODS FAMILY.

Mrs. Kate Scarlett Presents Her Husband and Three Babies Not Her Own, After Attempting the Trick with One that Died Before Birth.

Among the daily increasing list of victims of the Philadelphia alms-house method of disposing of surplus babies is John Scarlett, of Wheeling West Virginia. Mr. Scarlett is a member of a family highly respected in that section of the state, and prior to the year 1875 was in a fair way of becoming a wealthy and prominent resident of his native city. In that year, however, he came to Philadelphia and fell in with a woman, whom he subsequently married, and who has since the obtained possession of no less than three alms-house babies, and not content with this remarkable wife procured a fourth infant from a foundling hospital, near Fifteenth street, which she also palmed off upon her husband as his own, and the obtained a full quartette of spurious children.

Many years ago Kate Richardson was one of the most widely known women, among a certain class of people, in the city of Philadelphia. Prior to her marriage with Silas Richardson, she presented to the city, she had had an extremely fast life. Petite in figure and of prepossessing appearance, she was much sought after, and when early in the last decade she married "Sil" Richardson, much regret was expressed by her friends. After a short and stormy period of wedded life with her first husband, she left him and plunged once more into the life of her girlhood days, cutting loose from the restraints which her home life had cast about her. In the city of Philadelphia, she had a number of admirers, and was well known in the city.

Her restless disposition, however, would not permit her to be long contented with a quiet domestic life, and early in the year 1876 she returned to Philadelphia, telling her husband that she soon intended to go to New York, and that under the circumstances she desired to be among her own friends rather than with strangers. Arriving in this city she established herself with an old time friend Mrs. Jacob Atkinson, then residing at No. 1115 North Second street. Her husband at this time also was not all it should have been. Finally, either to keep up the deception she had practiced upon her husband, or to promote some ulterior purpose of her own, she decided to procure a foundling baby, which she intended to palm off on her husband as her own. Her friend, Mrs. Atkinson, was taken into her confidence, and the project unfolded to her. Mrs. Atkinson attempted to dissuade the woman from her purpose, but she would not be possibly result in any good, and asserting that it would be impossible to keep the truth long from her husband. Mrs. Scarlett, however, had made up her mind to carry out her deception, and she was determined to succeed.

She succeeded in procuring a baby from a foundling hospital, and she carried it to her home, where she intended to keep it until she could find a purchaser. She then carried it to her home, where she intended to keep it until she could find a purchaser. She then carried it to her home, where she intended to keep it until she could find a purchaser.

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SALISBURY ITEMS.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Successful Harvests.—Personal Notes.—News of the Neighborhood.

Our farmers have finished the wheat harvest and are now turning preparatory for the oats harvest; some few have already cut and stored away their oats crop. The wheat crop this year was a very heavy one, the heaviest that has been raised for a number of years, and the oats crop is reported to be equally as good. Some places the wheat averaged nearly 40 bushels to the acre. The hay gave a better yield than was expected, and the corn crop is in an excellent condition, and if nothing unforeseen occurs there will be the largest yield of corn that has been for some years. The tobacco is coming along finely, although some of our growers experienced considerable trouble in getting the delicate weed started, but after it managed to get a little way it grew finely. We know of one farmer who re-planting his crop four times, and then he plowed up the ground and sowed buckwheat therein. There is plenty of tobacco in this neighborhood that will average 30 by 18, and a great deal has been prepared already. The potato crop is an exceedingly fine one this year, and in fact, every thing is in such a flourishing condition that we can see no cause for the farmers to complain about their crops this year.

As the intensity of the hot weather increases and the atmosphere becomes almost still, along comes Vennor's prediction of "snow storms and remarkably low curves of temperature for the month, which for absurdity and ignorance perhaps cannot be equalled. Not much confidence has been placed in these predictions by our fellow-countrymen, who do not intend to be among the stay-at-home brigade and be looking enough to wait for this predicted cool weather, but intend purchasing a round trip ticket from the Gap, for the low sum of \$2.70, and go with Havertick & Clark's grand three day excursion to Atlantic City, on Thursday, the 31st inst. Every passenger will be provided with a first-class seat.

Personal Notes. Mrs. G. W. Orendorf, wife of the P. R. R. company's genial ticket agent, at the Gap, and her two sons, have gone to Brooklyn Mass., to spend some weeks there visiting friends and enjoying the rest in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Walker have returned from Atlantic City and E. Enfield Walker, esp., in company with Mr. Reese Himes have gone to the same place to spend a few days. Mr. and Mrs. John Madliver and their two sons from Philadelphia and Misses Hattie and Minnie McQuone of Lancaster are summering at the Gap Mansion house. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hershey of Philadelphia have just returned home after visiting their friends at the same place. Mr. Clement A. Livingston who hails from the same place, and his family are the guests of Mr. B. P. Livingston. Miss Sue Walker has taken a trip to New York, and Isaac B. Sweigart has gone to Washington D. C., where he will be the guest of Mr. Clarence Forrest.

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THE TOBACCO MARKET.

TRADE IN SEED LEAF AND HAVANA.

For the Week Ending Saturday July 29, 1882.

The market is still as before and no change in the policy of buyers can be reported. New tobacco is not offered—at least not publicly—and old tobacco can only be sold as "bargains." The offers buyers are making for '80 Pennsylvania are causing heart-ache to sellers. For the lots for which offers of twenty cents or more were made last winter, twelve to fifteen cents is now offered without a bid. With the exception of a few parcels of fine '80 Connecticut, and very little '80 state, old tobacco has no market here.

The leaf trade is demoralized. For non-accused months the greater portion of the large market has been kept out of the market. Those that came invested either in Sumatra, to use in fine cigars, or Ohio, or something worse, for cheap cigars. Since enough, the tax muddle has had a great deal to do with it, but the main cause is the non-yielding quality of the stock offered.

Those that bought '80 Pennsylvania last year at high figures have found it to be too costly for cheap and too poor for fine cigars. Sumatra was offered as a satisfactory substitute, but prices not much above the finest seed leaf wrappers in the market, and in color and quality much superior. The consequence is a market full of old stock begging for buyers.

If the new ('81) stock turns out better than the old, and holders will not sell at popular prices, the stock must be sold at the greatest sacrifice. If the new turns out badly, the old will revive and command somewhat better figures. It will be well to have an influx of Sumatra and other foreign wrappers, which will cause an enormous depression in the '82 crop.

The sales of the week were as follows: Pennsylvania—'80: 300 cases, 12 @ 16. Connecticut—'80: 200 cases; common wrappers, 18 @ 20. Ohio—'80: 200 cases, 14 @ 16. Havana—Market quiet. Sales 400 boxes. No change in prices.

Prospect of the Growing Crop. During the last week there has been very little improvement in the outlook for the growing crop, and the most sanguine cannot figure out a half acre of tobacco to have abandoned their fields entirely, and upon the whole the prospects are very bad indeed. Farmers are correspondingly out of spirits and are to be pitied. We do not think that five per cent. of the crop is now topped and August is here. In former years it was nearly all topped, and we have seen it in many cases on the farm in sheels. There have been a few local rains, but hot sun and winds have soon dried them up. Holders of tobacco are offering up in prices and will, if they have the labor to hold out, get out whole yet. '81' is pretty well picked up, and it is said to be sweating nicely; there is no doubt of its quality if its length is not so great.

DRUMMER NEWS. From the Regular Lower End Correspondent. One of the Oxford brass bands, evidently suffering from a reduced treasury, came up here week ago. The band was encamped in a woods below the town of Eldora. The length of their pilgrimage was three days and the object money, and their expectation to be a "three days wonder" to the unopinionated natives. They were to be met at the depot, but did not seem to improve the community to a very flattering degree, however, as the country folks detect a sham very readily, especially when it is thrown out as a bait for silver quarters, although a better patting was done, and the fellows that they deserved. From the town of Eldora, one wanted to sell tickets for the "concert," entitling the holder to a seat in the "parquet" circle, and expressed his business in the most ringing, highly-pitched, and earnest manner, and the policeman with his sham star, everything was marked by catch-penny characteristics.

The picnic held at Wrightsboro last Saturday was not as well attended as some of our nice ones