

Public Intelligence

MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 7, 1882.

Not Very Distant

The Philadelphia Press, with marvelous lack of discretion, continues to invite a discussion of the preparation for the duties of the office of governor which Mr. Pattison has had in the discharge of his duties as controller of the city of Philadelphia.

be put on duty to that end. When an incendiary fire has taken place, such as these have been, which were without motive of profit to anyone, it is clearly apparent that it is attributable either to a crazy person or to the rowdy element which finds sufficient inducement to incendiarism in the excitement of a fire.

The Wilmington Gazette has the biggest snake story this blackberry season. Where's the Reading Eagle.

PERHAPS the greatest contrast in English society compared with American is that in the former a woman's importance grows with years, whereas in the latter it declines.

WILLIAM HENRY RAWLSE gives this simple explanation of his nomination for supreme judge on the Republican ticket: "Last Christmas week an inquiry came from Mr. Cameron whether I would take the nomination."

THE distribution of the effects of the lamented Jesse James is still going on, and it is remarkable how large a part of the country paid toll to him during his career. Of two gold watches restored to their owners by his widow, a few days since, one went to Louisville and the other to Philadelphia.

THE position of the respectable element of the Republican party, with Mahone omnipotent in the Senate and Keifer and Robeson in the House, reminds the World of the experience of the young doctor with his case in obstetrics. He, it will be remembered, lost the mother and child, but with the blessing of heaven had hopes of saving the old man.

THE New York Tribune says "there never was a time, probably, when Senator Cameron was so busy at his trade of a 'Boss' as he is now. He is harder at work than ever in the traditional Cameron groove, building up the 'machine' and breaking down independence and individuality in the party."

A MAN named Darlington, a staunch Republican, of West Chester, displays in his window a photograph of Beaver with this appended: General James A. Beaver, Cameron Candidate for Governor. Never be Governor.

His action at Chicago, killed his independence by the plunder from the State College, his defeat in November, killed his pluck.

IT is not about time that fac simile engravings of the 306 brass medals so generously furnished by Senator Cameron to Beaver and the other third terms in 1880, were furnished the press irrespective of party, so that the public can see at a glance what they represent? It would not cost more than an extra assessment of one cent or two upon office-holders to pay the expense. If it did, they could assess the page boys and servant women around the Capitol.

At a recent Sabbath evening service in Chicago the pastor, who was going to Europe for the summer, took a very affecting leave of his congregation and at the close requested that all should join with him in repeating the Lord's Prayer, "after which" the choir would "sing a hymn."

THE great heaps of coal dust which have been collecting for years in the mining regions are at last to be attacked in a practical way by several railroad companies, which have purchased coal dust locomotives to consume this refuse. The local banks of the Philadelphia & Reading coal and iron company have been surveyed, and it is estimated that they contain six million tons of coal dust, about forty millions of which can be used as fuel in the shape of buckwheat coal and stove coal.

GEN. SHERMAN seems to make an apology for the government "going to the verge" of extravagance in granting pensions. Had the matter stopped there the people might have pardoned the indulgence of Congress, but there is a wide-spread popular suspicion that the pension business is honeycombed with fraud. Honest soldiers and deserving pensioners are reticent under this suspicion and demand a thorough investigation.

ACCORDING to the Wilkesbarre Record the leading Republican paper of its section, "The course of General Beaver at the Chicago convention, in adhering to the 306 Grant enthusiasts, in obedience to the personal wish of Senator Cameron and against the positive instructions of his Congressional district, and in opposition to what he must have known to be the Republican sentiment of the state, indicates what may be expected of him as Governor, and explains the support of Senator Cameron."

How did General Beaver act toward General Hancock, when the latter was the Democratic nominee for President of the United States? Did he vote for the hero of Gettysburg? Not much—he didn't. Oh, no. He said Hancock was on the wrong side, and made speeches that were very bitter against him.

Watch the Incendiaries. We had hoped that the incendiary spirit, from which Lancaster has so long suffered, had died out; but the fires of Saturday showed differently.

MR. ANTRUM, has decided upon a strict enforcement of the eight-hour law, as that law was construed during the administration of Gen. Grant. The attorney-general in a recent opinion, held that the present law is imperfect and that its proper enforcement would require additional legislation.

THE INSANE ASYLUM.

THE DIRECTORS IN SECRET SESSION. The Farwell Case Discussed—Superintendent and Directors Indignant in Bitter Recriminations—Who is to be Responsible?—The Board of Directors held a meeting at the almshouse on Saturday.

A NUMBER of Chinese have been at the Grand hotel, New York. Young Mr. Smith, who wanted to have some fun, said to one of them who was making a puzzle out of the wooden toothpicks on the counter: "Intendee stoppes here long?"

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FRANKLIN county is considerably agitated over the recent discovery of a human skeleton in a secluded place in the mountains which is believed to be the remains of the young son of one Devoney, a hard character generally feared by his neighbors for his vicious disposition.

THE distinction which Mr. Plunger Walton would draw between the act of paying a jockey to win a race, and bribing him to lose, is not so manifest as he and his champions would have it appear.

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PERSONAL.

CARDINAL MANNING celebrated his 74th birthday lately, and on the following Sunday he officiated at three churches and preached twice. A vigorous beginning this for a 74th year.

GEN. W. T. SHERMAN, in speaking recently of the kindly feeling of the public for the veteran soldiers of the Union, is credited with having used the following language: "We have gone to the verge of extravagance in granting pensions to our veterans, but I believe the people are satisfied that we should err in the direction of too much rather than too little."

MR. SPURRIER was recently invited to attend a luncheon to commemorate the centenary of Rowland Hill's Surrey chapel and deplore the decomposition of the building, which is henceforth to be used for manufacturing purposes, but declined the invitation, declaring that if Rowland Hill were to rise from the grave it would not induce him to leave his study on Saturday afternoon.

SIDNEY SMITH'S son's inclinations were all for horses and horse-racing, and on one occasion, when seated next the archbishop of York at dinner, he was at a loss for an appropriate topic of conversation.

CHAS. A. VOELGER, managing partner of the firm of A. Vogel & Co., of Baltimore, proprietor of patent medicines, died Saturday quite unexpectedly, of typho-malarial fever, in the thirty-fourth year of his age.

KING COTTEWAY, England's captive, reached London too late to become the lion of the season. Through official desire as little fuss as possible, he is an interesting object to the populace.

JAMES ERISMAN, Joe Sailor and Henry Nail, were arrested on the charge of beating Charles Boon, in the southern part of this city on Saturday night. They were brought before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, where the case was compromised by the defendants paying all costs, &c.

JAMES MAHONEY, the tramp who stole from Potts & Bro's brick yard, a vest belonging to Jacob Potts, in the pockets of which were \$70 and a silver watch, had a hearing before Alderman A. F. Donnelly, in default of bail was committed to answer at court.

THE INCENDIARY TORCH.

FOUR FIRES SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Keystone Stables Destroyed and the Hotel Engendered—Stewart's Stable Burned Down and Trimmer's Fire Injured.

The people of Lancaster were startled on Saturday afternoon by not less than four fires, three of them being incendiary origin and one of those involving a very heavy loss and endangering much valuable adjacent property.

About half-past 4 o'clock the extensive stabling connected with the Keystone hotel, owned by Uriah Bittzer and leased by Horning & Ammon, was discovered to be on fire.

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