

Intelligence.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUG. 8, 1882.

Unfruitful Legislation.

Congress adjourns after a very long session, which has not been fruitful of good works. It would not be easy to point to the profit which the country is to reap from the labors of the session.

We do not recall anything that Congress has done that has been of more account to the country than its dealing with the subject of taxation. The House has been especially ineffective and slow.

The measure for the retirement of the officers of the army is a fair sample illustration of the works of this Congress. That bill was introduced and passed to increase the efficiency of the army by putting its incapable officers on the retired list.

We are of the opinion that the average efficiency of the police force of this city is not what it should be. The work of the force often fails to be what it should be.

It is not at this date especially that we have had cause to complain of our policemen. It has always been so. We know that our town would never have suffered to any extent from incendiarism if its policemen had always been intelligent, zealous and brave.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN.

A TALK WITH CHAIRMAN HENSEL.

What some Representative Politicians Said to the New York Herald Correspondent—Strict Democratic Stanzas.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, who has been sent into Pennsylvania to keep an eye on the campaign here, sends the following to his paper under the date of Lancaster 6th inst.

The active campaign begins earlier in Pennsylvania than in New York, because the registration of voters is completed on election day, but only after great trouble in getting affidavits as to their right to do so.

This is evidently a campaign of the young Democracy. The candidate for governor is barely thirty-two. The candidate for lieutenant governor is not much older.

Mr. Daniel Westcott, was so overcome by exasperation and the weight of "blighted affection" that came crushing down upon him in Philadelphia the other night, when the young woman he had been "sitting up" with showed him an engagement ring which an other admirer had given her.

GENERAL WALLACE, the United States minister to Turkey, has gone to Athens. EMMA THURSTON positively refuses to sing in opera.

THE NEWS OF TO-DAY.

STUCK DOWN BY THE LIGHTNING.

The Presbyterian church spire at Stamford, Conn., was struck by lightning at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, and by 4 o'clock the whole building was on fire.

One of the summer houses on the bluff, opposite Jauch's hotel, at Long Branch, N. J., was struck by lightning during the storm. The end of the building was torn off, and four persons who had sought shelter in it were prostrated, one of them, Police Officer John Connors, being seriously injured.

A large barn, owned by William Light, near Harrisburg, was struck by lightning and was entirely destroyed, with its contents, including this year's crops.

Recent heavy rains at Lynchburg and throughout southern Virginia have flooded all the arable lands and done great damage to the crops and other property.

Indian Agent Miles telegraphs to the commissioner of Indian affairs from Reno, in the Indian Territory, that he has the 5th inst., that Indians from that and the Kiowa agency "had bought breech-loading guns of the best pattern from traders at Caldwell, Kansas, and he asks "what course shall be pursued to prevent such dangerous practices."

The weather throughout the United States and Canada continued very warm yesterday, the temperature at many places ranging far above 90° in the shade. The death rate, especially among children, is unusually high, in consequence of the heat of the last two weeks.

THE "LATTER END."

Being a Disquisition on a Familiar Colloquialism.

It is proper, or allowable, in writing, or in speaking, to use the words latter end under circumstances, and especially when applied to a day, a week, a month or a year? Can any of these divisions of time have more than one end? A rope, a chain, a wire, or a piece of timber may have two ends, but it might be difficult to determine definitely which was the former and which the latter end of any of these objects; the case would be entirely under the control of circumstances.

A day, a week, a month and a year have each a beginning and an end; but as it would be absurd to say and the truck in the former beginning of any of these periods of time, it would seem equally absurd to speak or write about the former or latter ends of any of them; for, if they really have a latter end they must, necessarily have an end that is not the latter one. We remember of being exceedingly amused in our boyhood at an old "foreigner" who was in the habit of saying "latter end" when he used this phrase.

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YESTERDAY'S STORM.

MAKING BAD WORK IN THE LOWER END.

The heaviest rain that ever visited the lower end and middle of this county fell yesterday afternoon. It began about two o'clock and poured in torrents until five and the results are very serious losses to those living along the streams as well as to all the farming community.

The tobacco fields are washed over, and in some cases it would be hard to tell that there had been anything planted. The Quarryville railroad is badly damaged from Refton down. No trains have been able to run nor will they be likely to get into Quarryville for several days.

At New Providence where the railroad company had put up only a short time ago a first-class passenger house, as they call it, has been washed away. This will be a serious loss and will take some time to rebuild it. All along the road from this point to Quarryville the whole of the culverts will have to be overhauled.

The bridge at this point was all of first-class work and is the most important on the road outside of the big bridges. It was built of red sandstone from Lebanon valley and cost at least \$6,000. It is a total loss. From the end of this mill stream the scene is terrible. All along Big Beaver the tobacco is all drowned out; all the corn is ruined, and at Refton the county bridge is washed down to Reynolds' mill and has cut its way through the willow trees, at 13 o'clock yesterday morning, being some eight feet higher than the county bridge, but it is very badly damaged.

The houses alongside the bridge are badly damaged, and no fences are left to be seen. The scene is a total loss. The corn is ruined, and the tobacco is all gone but the stones.

John Hildebrand's fine place is badly damaged around the grounds. The large house is, in part, washed away, and the trees near it are gone. His loss will be heavy.