

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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A Marked Retrogression.

And all the reforms which are in an active state of ebullition in these days, we note one marked instance of retrogression in political methods. It is in the matter of the cost of elections. In former times far less money was expended by political committees than seems to be considered necessary now.

"Public office is a public trust to be executed for the benefit of the whole people, to whom alone officials owe their responsibility and of whose will they should be the faithful exponents. When this conception of duty is lost sight of or modified, the way is open for an immediate, certain and constant degeneracy of the public service."

ON Beaver's visit to Connellsville, Fayette county, the Stalwarts engaged two carriages to take him and escort to the hotel on arrival. One of these conveyances was procured from a well-known liverman of the town, and the other from an undertaking establishment, the owner thereof being a relative of the postmaster.

MR. HERBERT SPENCER'S philippic observations on public affairs in this country, as published in the morning journals, are having a wide reading. There are but few thoughtful persons who do not recognize in them a new proof of his powers as an acute analyst of the men and events of our time, and of the impelling motives which shape their courses.

After the Reform committees get the abuses amended which they are now successfully contending against, it will be necessary to get up other Reform committees to reform them. There is certainly no necessity, in the nature of the thing itself, for a political committee to have any more money than will pay for the printed ballots. They do not need to pay anything to circulate political information; and the newspapers do that for nothing.

THE Bi-Centennial celebration next week promises to be a great success so far as numbers in attendance will make it. There will be a great influx of visitors to Philadelphia from the surrounding country, if the feeling here is an indication. Our workshops will generally be stopped by the desire of the workmen to visit the city and see the pageant.

THE RETURN TRIP.

THE Largest Outpouring of the People Ever Seen in Harrisburg - The Candidates' Visit to Carlisle.

After having traveled 1,100 miles, addressed an average of six meetings a day and shaken hands with thousands of native and earnest friends, the Democratic campaign tourists have made the first short-range attack on the citadel of Carlisle. Since the party left Philadelphia a succession of magnificent ovations, party leaders and polite young men have been awaiting their reception and without a single error read to their prophecies or upon which to hang a reflection.

The holding of a meeting in Bradford Thursday night, an afternoon reception in Carlisle Friday and a meeting in Harrisburg Friday night seemed a physical impossibility, the program of the party being in the evening of the trip. The task consummated is abundant testimony Thursday that even so formidable a barrier may be overcome. When the meeting closed at Bradford, at midnight, Thursday, the regular trains had all gone. Senator Gordon had secured a special engine, which, attached to the Pullman coach occupied by the party, ran on wildcat schedule to Hornellsville, N. Y. Arriving at that point the first notice of invasion of the Empire state was given by the arrival of a man, who started out in search of breakfast for the party. After an hour's delay the train moved off for Elmira, where three hours later the special car was transferred to the Northern Central and headed again for Pennsylvania.

Within the memory of man there has been no such Democratic demonstration as that in Harrisburg. One ardent Republican referred to a meeting in 1864 which he claimed superior to the present one, but the preponderance of sentiment was against this individual, and the same judgment was rendered by the streets were crowded and evidences of enthusiasm were everywhere apparent.

PHILIP'S Astounding Theft. The Record publishes an exposure of Philip's dishonesty. The article says that Philip's total of \$650,000 in nine years was not a bargain when elected superintendent in July, 1877, to divide the profits of his office with four members of the board of guardians of the poor, and that under this agreement \$25,000 was stolen every year.

MAHONEY AND THE POSTMASTER. An official charged with sending his Assistant Postmaster to the Postoffice at Money. Some days since George H. Helm the famous anti-boss postmaster at Helm's Postoffice in Franklin county, Pa., received a mandate from the Hon. J. M. Hubbell managers calling on him for an appointment of twenty dollars for campaign purposes. Mr. Helm at once wrote a formal letter acknowledging the receipt of the Hon. J. M. Hubbell's favor and winding up with the words "I have done so, and find the amount asked."

PHIPPS Gets a Habeas Corpus. Edward P. Helm and B. B. Oiler, counsel for Phipps and Helm, were granted a writ of habeas corpus from the court of the Lancaster county jail on the ground that they were unlawfully detained there.

PENN'S FAMOUS TREATY.

PROOF OF THE TRUTH OF THE LEGEND. Records Which Show That Shackamaxon is Entitled to His Historic Honors - The Old Elm Tree.

The statement of Westcott, the Philadelphia historian, that the story of Penn's famous treaty of friendship with the Indians under the old Shackamaxon elm is a myth, has created a sensation in Philadelphia and elsewhere, and Charles S. Keyser, a Bi-Centennial historian, comes forward with an elaborate historical pamphlet (published by D. McKay, 33 South Ninth street) covering all the supporting facts, to show that such a treaty really did take place. Mr. Keyser claims that the treaty was made in November, 1682. Shackamaxon was then the site of an Indian village and the old tree was a hundred and seventy years old.

The Democratic conference of the Thirty-fourth congressional district, composed of Clinton, Clearfield and Centre counties, which nominated William A. Wallace, passed a resolution that the conference would refuse to reassemble to consider any declination by the candidate. Mr. Wallace has not yet accepted.

THE Lancaster County Mutual Mail Insurance Company. At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Lancaster county mutual mail insurance company, a resolution was adopted making a change in the insurance two per centum on all premium notes of the company, payable to the secretary by check, draft or postoffice money order on or before the 1st day of December, 1882; and providing that in cases of failure to pay said assessments on or before that date, ten per cent. will be added to the amount to cover cost of collection.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. Court met at 10 o'clock this morning. In the case of Louise Selver (nee Mentez), divorced, and her husband and Mary Jane Mentez, for the use of the former, vs. Samuel Staffer, the jury agreed last night at 8 o'clock. This morning they rendered their verdict, which was in favor of the plaintiff for \$200.

THE Dauphin-Lebanon Judgeship. The judicial conference of Dauphin and Lebanon counties met for the last time Friday without coming to an agreement. The Lebanon county conference withdrew from the conference after it had become evident that neither side should yield. The Dauphin county conference adopted resolutions, that as the Lebanon county conference appointed Judge J. B. Chubb, and withdrew from the conference, the county of Dauphin could have made

COLUMBIA NEWS.

ONE REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE. Events Along the Susquehanna - Items of Interest in and Around the Borough Picked Up by the Intelligencer's Reporter.

Miss Alma Hickle is visiting Mrs. J. Vanhook, on Ferry street. It is of great interest to her to see the place where she was born on a visit to Palmyra, Pa. A farmer was bitten on the shoulder by a vicious horse, this morning, on Locust street.

The Columbia wrecking crew were ordered to the scene of the wreck in Lancaster last night, but were held at Dillsville without being called into service. A butcher named Kelly was a busy man through his hand, Thursday, while opening and cleaning pigeons. Dr. Kay dressed the wound, which is an exceedingly painful one.

A little son of Mr. H. F. Yorgie, lost a white bull yesterday. It is of grey color, with a white blaze on its face. The finder will confer a favor by returning it to Mr. Yorgie at his jewelry store.

The name of the man who died in Washington borough on Thursday night from exposure, was Michael Scamling. He was about 65 years old. Deputy Coroner John Frank, of the borough, is in charge.

Over \$50 were realized at the Presbyterian supper and package party last evening. All who attended were greatly pleased with the arrangements.

A lad of 12 years, named Harry Teisinger, was arrested at the market this morning, for stealing a basket of produce from J. P. Batt. He was placed in the lockup to await a hearing before Squire Grier. Several other baskets have been taken from Mr. Batt's market basket lately, and young Teisinger was marked by this morning's capture, with the stolen produce in his possession.

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