

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 31, 1882.

A Harmless Boomerang.

We print elsewhere an address purporting to be issued by the Pensioners' League, located in this city and rejoicing in John A. Walters as its secretary. We have not heretofore heard of this association and we incline to think that it is nothing more than a name. Nor have we the pleasure of the acquaintance of Mr. John A. Walters nor any knowledge of him. John, too, may be a myth, but we sincerely trust not, for if he is the scribe who prepared the address of the Pensioners' League and who invented the institution, he would like to meet him, if for no other reason than to urge upon him the propriety of going to school to study the English language. John is too bright a fellow to be so ignorant of the proper way of expressing his ideas; John has ideas, as his address shows. He has an idea that a Democrat is a very bad man, and another that an Independent Republican is not any better. He conceives that the issue in this campaign is as to whether men should be bought and sold, or whether the better plan of obtaining their labor is not to hire it. It also strikes John that General Beaver is entitled to the vote of the government pensioners, because he is one himself. To create a political party out of the pensioners, is the particular idea which marks Mr. Walters as a great man, who should be furnished with a first class education that his brilliant mind may have its proper effect in moulding the public opinion of the time. Few men would have thought of erecting the pensioners into a party. It is rather a risky business for the pensioners, for naturally if they set up for themselves and fail to carry the election, they will try the generosity of the people they have tried and failed to keep out of power. On a superficial view of the matter it would seem to be a matter of prudence for the pensioners, who have profited so greatly by the generosity of all parties in Congress, to keep their hands off in the contention of the parties whose friendship they have had. But if they are not satisfied with what they have received and are inclined to take from the government and divide up all its income among themselves, they will do right enough to follow the bold banner of Walters and form an alliance with the regular Republican organization, which has fully demonstrated its aptitude for using the national treasury for individual profit. When the Republican spoilsmen and the pensioners join together with the purpose of helping themselves to what they want, there will, moreover, be full notice given to the rest of the people of the division line upon which parties are formed, and all the people who are not spoilsmen or pensioners will get upon the other side of the line from them. As there are a big majority of the voters we doubt whether the division line is one that would be advantageous to Mr. Walters and the Pensioners' League; and so probably will the pensioners think to whom Mr. Walters' address comes, and it will hardly turn many of their votes to Beaver notwithstanding its forcible presentation of the reason why every pensioner should favor him. Of course we understand that there is no Pensioners' League and that it has been created on paper by the machine Republican managers to help them to catch the pension vote. Like most of their devices it is a boomerang which will hurt those who use it, far more than those it is aimed at. The citizens of the country, who are taxed to pay the pensions which the liberality of the country provides, are not likely to relish the idea of those who enjoy their bounty assuming to be their masters. It is this very idea which public sentiment is now in revolt against. It has been justly outraged by the undertaking of its public servants to use their places for their own benefit to the general injury; and the word now is that public opinion should be administered for the general good; and the pensioners, no more than the officeholders, can be permitted to run the country for their own benefit.

It Should Not Be Necessary.

Eckley B. Cox representing the Luzerne and Lackawanna district in the state Senate, has offered rewards aggregating \$1,500 for the convictions of all who interfere with an honest poll in his district at the coming election. He says that in doing this he is following the example of the Philadelphia Committee of One Hundred. Mr. Cox's offer is unquestionable and commendable, though we regret that he should feel that there was any necessity for it. It does not speak well for our institutions of justice that it should be thus expedient for individual citizens to offer rewards for the detection of offences against the election laws. We cannot deny that such offers are necessary, however much we may affirm that they should not be. Vigilant officers of the law would render them unnecessary; but we do not enjoy such vigilance anywhere from those who ought to exercise it. The fault runs down from the bench to the lowest officer of justice. There is not that hearty cooperation among them for the preservation of the integrity of the ballot which is needed to secure it. In our town just now we know of the stealing of tax receipts, but no one is yet in jail. The stimulus of a reward in money seems to be needed to move the wheels of justice. It is a scandal that it should be so. It is a reflection upon every man who is commissioned to keep the peace of the commonwealth within its borders. With good men holding these commissions this scandal would not exist. The laws suffice, but the law's executors are insufficient.

CONTROLLED PATTERSON will to night address the citizens of Lancaster at the court-house, and an intelligent and dispassionate discussion of the real issues of the campaign may be expected from the fearless champion of reform, whose words of wisdom spoken in his brief hour of the state have left their impress wherever heard. The Lancaster Democracy

will give their candidate a rousing reception, and good results may be anticipated from his visit.

UP, boys, and at them. PATTERSON will be here to-night. So will the gallant Democracy of Lancaster.

THERE will be music along the line next Tuesday and it will sound sweetly in Democratic ears.

We learn of an individual, a commercial drummer it was, who had heard of the comet not to go to Lancaster, and he was so sorry he wouldn't be able to see it, as he had to leave the town the same night!

DEMOCRATS will keep a sharp lookout for persons attempting to vote on the fraudulent tax receipts stolen from the office of Collector Vanderstegen. A number of them have been traced and the holders of them are known. All such might as well know that if they attempt to vote they will be arrested.

THE discovery of an attempt to vitiate the ballot in this city by the theft of a large number of tax receipts and their distribution among persons not entitled to vote should be followed up by an effort to ferret out the sounders who have undertaken the monstrous fraud and bring them to punishment. The Times points out that there are men who formerly occupied high seats in the boss synagogues, who are now serving terms in the penitentiary for crimes very similar to this one that has been traced close to the doors of some of the Stalwart boss right around home.

SENATOR COXE supplements the offer of rewards made by the chairman of the Democratic state committee, by proposing to advance from his own private means a liberal sum to be given to any person who shall expose attempts to corrupt the ballot by the diversified means so well known to the return tinkers, ballot-box stuffers and others of their ilk. Mr. Cox's evident means business, and it is believed his offer will have the effect of checking the vile schemes of fraud and corruption that were contemplated by the Stalwart bosses in the Luzerne and Lackawanna region.

BEAVER'S campaign of tergiversation still goes briskly on. He denied ever having said at Doylestown that Don Cameron was "a little man," or rather he insisted that his remark had reference to his physical and not his intellectual being. He denied the bitter and unmanly attack he made on the Independents in his speech in this city. And now he denies in toto a conversation which is alleged to have taken place during his recent visit to this town, in which he admitted his subservience to Cameron. Poor Beaver, with his endless evasions and silly drivels about "standing shoulder to shoulder, touching elbows in this fight," presents a more pitiable spectacle than Grant, who, as a warrior, won the highest honors in the gift of the American people, and as a citizen lost them all.

Mrs. LANGTRY has had an unfortunate introduction to the American stage in the burning of the theatre in which she was to have appeared on the very eve of her first performance. In contemplating the disaster that has for a time deprived the New York public of the opportunity of judging the dramatic capacity of the new histrionic star that has so lately flashed upon the theatrical firmament on the other side of the Atlantic it is well to contemplate in a spirit of thanksgiving the narrow escape that has been made from a holocaust such as shocked the civilized world at the burning of the Brooklyn theatre or the more recent destruction of the Hink theatre in Vienna. Had the flames in New York broken out a few hours later, when the building would have been crowded with human beings, the sacrifice of life would in all probability have been terrible, as the fire is said to have spread with frightful rapidity. It view, therefore, of the possibility of the latter catastrophe which providentially did not come to pass, the people of the country, with full sympathy for the Jersey Lily's financial disappointment, and the heavy financial losses of her enterprising manager, may feel a certain sense of relief in the thought that it is not so bad as it "might have been."

PERSONAL. MADAME ADELINA PATTERSON arrived in New York yesterday by the steamer Servia.

Mrs. SCOVILLE and her child, Bertha, have arrived in Canada.

JAY GOULD had a narrow escape from being run over by a moving engine in the new depot at Rochester, New York, yesterday morning.

Mrs. SUSAN PETTIT, 75 years of age, has applied for a divorce from her husband, Asa Pettit, 82 years of age, of Christian Hook, Long Island. She alleges cruelty on his part.

Col. MICHAEL STRONG, who is in Washington to offer to wage his plantation of 1,000 acres, in West Virginia, valued at \$100,000, against \$5,000 in money that Gen. Butler will be elected governor of Massachusetts.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BREWSTER has recently dismissed his confidential messenger, who is none other than the colored man Simms, whose arrest in Boston as a fugitive slave before he was created such excitement throughout Massachusetts and other free states.

Mr. STANLEY is in Brussels, the guest of King Leopold II, under whose auspices he has for some two years been carrying on his labors along the Congo. He looks worn and aged, but his youth seems to return to him whenever he talks about Africa.

MISS ANNANDALE, a popular contralto singer of the Abbott opera troupe, took a dose of morphia in Cincinnati. A physician was summoned, but she insisted that his services would be useless. He, however, saved her life. Miss Annandale has been heard in Lancaster several times and has many admirers here.

Efforts to prevent Election Frauds. State Senator Eckley B. Cox has issued an address to the voters of Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, in which he says that it having been asserted that attempts would be made to prevent by fraud an honest election in those two counties on November 7, he has determined to offer the sum of \$1,500 in four different amounts for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of fraud in the polls, or who shall make false or fraudulent returns or commit any other crime against the state election laws. He also pledges himself to aid in the prosecution of the guilty persons without regard to party affiliations.

BURNING OF A THEATRE

THE JERSEY LILY'S DEBUT DELAYED

Mrs. Langtry Watching the Destruction of the Park Theatre on the Eve of Her Opening Performance.

The preparations for the evening performance in the Park theatre, where Mrs. Langtry was to make her American debut, were about completed at half-past four Monday afternoon, when some one cried "Fire!" and half a dozen at the same instant saw flames about the proscenium partition on the right looking from the audience.

The employees tried to put out the fire themselves. They first attempted to use the fire annihilators that were near at hand, but the effort to reach them failed utterly. Then an attempt was made to get out the stage hose, but the flames spread with frightfully suggestive rapidity. Then the men rushed to the fire alarm, which connects directly with the headquarters of the fire department. Meantime the flames had spread like fire in a bush. Stage carpenter Henry C. Smith with intrepid bravery ran up into the flies to try and beat down the burning scenes. He was enveloped in fire and, finding his retreat cut off, got out on the roof by one of the exits and ran madly toward the edge of the building.

On the other hand the Examiner vociferously and persistently declares that the New Era is edited by a "Reverend Free-trader," which would seem to preclude the possibility of its genuine Republicanism; and, as the political world goes, the Examiner ought to be entitled to the credence of the public as much as the New Era is.

This question must be determined, not by what these editors might say about themselves in regard to their own political principles—men cannot see themselves as they are—but upon what they earnestly, sincerely and persistently say about each other, because when editors speak of themselves, like other people, they would, of course, not be the case. They might not "set aught down in malice." Be that, however, as it may, two intelligent and competent witnesses have solemnly declared that, practically, at least, there is no Republican daily newspaper in Lancaster, save the New Era, the great paradox of the 19th century. Isn't it awful? This complication, however, does not ignore the fact that there may be a Republican party in Lancaster county—there are them—but upon what they vote are counted at the annual elections—but, to be made a full ball of, and to be kicked about by a howling Democrat and a Reverend Free-trader is certainly very awful. What confidence can the voters place in them—upon what they vote of the "machine," when they go outside of the great Republican party, and smuggle in a Democrat and a free-trader, as exponents and defenders of a falling dynasty? Does it not conclusively prove that the attempt to keep the present system, the safety and the peril of the protection system, is all the absurd kind of "boob"?

As to whether there is a daily Democratic paper in the county of Lancaster or not, is a matter of no very special importance. Both of the aforementioned journals are in the county—both of them are in the county—whatever that may mean—and that is about as much as renegades are wont to concede "all the world over." A Bourbon, it is said, is one who has never learned a new thing, and has his head set in the sand. Now, through out the last forty years the party in opposition to the Democracy—or at least its leaders and editors—have been harping on the "protection" string, whether it was assailed or not. Bourbon-like, it has never varied in its course, and it has never been an old one. During those forty years, and for forty years previously, there has never been a national or state election in which the tariff, or protection question, has been a distinctive issue throughout the country. State elections have been, and always will be pro and con on the question; and never, until there is a uniformity in the products and manufactures of the entire union can there be a distinctive issue. The intelligent portion of the Republican party know this, and hence they permit Democrats and free-traders to edit their journals without the least misapprehension.

Let any industrious, economical, and intelligent voter who has been casting his ballot for the last forty years, read the statement of the losses he has sustained through legislation on the tariff question; or, whether it affected our party more than the other. There are Democratic farmers, mechanics, manufacturers, and laborers, who will be sold, as well as Republican. It is to be supposed that some of these, of both parties, have an intelligent perception of the operation of tariff laws, although there may be many who have not, and it may be that the tariff question is a good one, and will not be injured by the tariff commission reports the fact that all men are selfish on this question.

SENATOR FIVE THOUSAND LIENANTENANTS Chairman Hensel yesterday put himself in communication with twenty five thousand carefully-selected Democrats. The names of these had been suggested by party men throughout the county, and the chairman, who is a man of great energy and willingness to do all in their power for the success of the ticket. Chairman Hensel informs this selected army that the party is well organized, and says that the fact that much of the organization has been done by his own party, and that the chairman is sanguine of success on Tuesday next, "and for good and sufficient reasons." But however much may be done by committees, the chairman says, the responsibility for the final results of his mission rests with the voters. The chairman cannot all be reached, so, to an extent, he will depend on his "twenty-five thousand carefully-selected Democrats." If these, he continues, will devote to Democracy the twelve hours of election day, he will be no question as to the result. Each man is requested to give special attention to polling the full Democratic vote in his neighborhood.

PATTERSON'S GOOD TASTE. Controller Patterson, the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, has just given an exhibition of good taste which is rare in candidates for public office. The Good Will fire company of Altoona, being in Philadelphia in attendance at the Exposition, communicated to Mr. Patterson their intention to tender him a serenade, in reply to which the gentleman returned cordial thanks, but earnestly asked that the intended compliment be omitted, assigning as a reason that the Philadelphia serenade was one which all the people of the city would feel an equal interest and he thought it should not even appear that festivities had been diverted to personal or party ends. Mr. Patterson was quite right but quietly does not lessen its effectiveness.

TOM BUFORD'S ESCAPE. Colonel Tom Buford, who, some three years ago, killed Judge John M. Elliott, of the court of appeals, and who was acquitted, but afterwards was declared insane and confined in the Central lunatic asylum near Louisville, escaped last Saturday, going to Jeffersonville, Indiana. It is the opinion of lawyers that he will be brought back to Kentucky on a requisition, as there is no longer a criminal charge against him.

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH. The dress of Annie Ryan, a waiter in the dining room of the Witherbill house, at Plattsburg, N. Y., caught fire in the pastry room. She was picked up by her husband, who ran into the office where the flames were extinguished by the proprietor and guests. She was fatally burned.

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RECENT SENSATIONS.

SOME QUEER PHASES OF DAILY LIFE

An Actress Escapes Before the Performance—A Romantic Young Man's Suicide—How a Prisoner Escaped from Jail.

As the Ada Gray combination left their hotel last night to go to the opera house, Miss Nettie Abbott, late of the Union Square theatre, New York, the second lady of the company managed to escape unobserved. She was met at the depot by H. Simmonds, a New York drummer, and the couple eloped on the Cincinnati southern train. Miss Abbott left all her baggage. The man had been showing the company for some time. Her absence was not noticed until the play was called, and one of the company had to hastily assume her role as second lady in "East Lynne."

Escaped from Jail in his Wife's Clothes. An interesting story comes from Gainesville, Ga. While Brit Osborne, convicted of robbery, was lying in jail awaiting a hearing of a motion for a new trial, his wife was allowed to visit him frequently. On Saturday night she asked for and obtained permission to stay all night in his cell. Next morning the jailer turned out a person whom he supposed to be Mrs. Osborne. A few minutes later a little child appeared at the door with some articles of clothing and said that Osborne had taken them to his wife. An investigation revealed Mrs. Osborne in her underclothes in her cell, her husband having escaped by her strategy. She was released. Osborne has not been captured.

A Romantic Young Man's Suicide. The body of a young man who committed suicide by jumping into the Delaware and Baritan canal on Wednesday night, has been found on Saturday, at Bordentown, N. J. From papers found upon him it is supposed his name is Edward W. Chace, of the parish of Bromley, St. Leonard, London, England. An investigation revealed Mrs. Osborne in her underclothes in her cell, her husband having escaped by her strategy. She was released. Osborne has not been captured.

A. H. Stephens Leaves "Liberty Hall." For forty years, excepting the two before the fall of the Southern Confederacy, Alexander H. Stephens has resided on his estate, near Crawfordville, Ga., known as "Liberty Hall." He has known no other home, and his slaves have known no other proprietor. Last week, on the departure of the train for Atlanta, the great house was closed up for the first time since Mr. Stephens purchased it in 1842 never, in all probability, to be re-opened. The mansion is one of the historic landmarks of Georgia. In the spacious dining hall, which was ever entertained by any other American citizen. The library is a large, unpretentious room, packed on all sides with books, mostly on topics relating to the war of the rebellion, and constitutional questions. Mr. Stephens' "War Between the States" was written in this room, which contains every conceivable treatise on governmental affairs and every history of the struggle that has ever appeared. It will well be known that Mr. Stephens is poor. He spends his income on charity and in entertaining, and has always done so. While he is scrupulously exact in his own personal expenses, he has little thought of money spent on others. It is his great grief that he has never been one away from his door. His income from his books amounts to but little. He said recently, in speaking of them: "I sold the copyright of my 'War Between the States' in 1872. I was sick then and thought I was going to die, so I sold out altogether. It is paying the publishers very handsomely. I understand 60,000 copies have been sold recently. My school history pays steadily about \$300 a year. The royalty is but 7 cents a copy, but the sales are steady. I have the state copyright on 'Reviews Reviewed' and of course on my new history of the United States, from the first settlement to the killing of Garfield. It has 1,100 pages, and is handsomely printed. It will be sold by subscription, and will be sold largely. I think I control the copyright of this of course. Had it not been for the sale of this of course, I should never have had thought of accepting the governorship. I could not get to live on the salary of the state, and I have no income except what I have mentioned."

There are seven tenants on the Stephens estate of 1,000 acres. The property pays but little more than the taxes. Mr. Stephens is now 70 years old, and his 2 years' term of office as governor of Georgia will probably end his career as a holder of official station.

A Little Dangerous Nostradamus. The Stalwarts seem to be running things in Lancaster county in the good old-fashioned boss way, just as if there had not been an earthquake in Pennsylvania within the last year or two. Stalwart tax receipts, and for that matter anything else that was lying around loose, has been considered good evidence of supreme fitness for a front seat in the boss synagogues heretofore, and it would seem that the Stalwarts are still running things in the leading lights of Philadelphia boss politics for offenses of a similar nature hasn't penetrated that old-fashioned quarter. Out of pure regard for the welfare of the bosses the Times takes great pleasure in hitting the bosses with the hammer of fact. Lancaster that such things are considered a little dangerous nowadays. Men have actually been sent to the penitentiary and are now serving out their sentences for similar offenses, and there is no telling what even a Lancaster boss might do if some naughty Democrat or Independent should have the bad taste to insist that the thing was a crime and ought to be punished.

Fall of Three Dwelling Houses. Shortly after 10 o'clock, Monday night, the houses Nos. 428, 429 and 430 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, the fronts of which had been torn off, and which were turned into stores, fell with a tremendous crash. The occupants of two of the houses, the third being vacant, were caught in the ruins and all hurt, though as known not seriously. The death of Mrs. Margaret Finney, of 438. She was very badly injured, and was taken to the Pennsylvania hospital. The accident caused great excitement in the neighborhood it being feared for a time that a number of persons had been killed.

Hall as Big as Hen's Eggs. Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, were visited yesterday afternoon by tremendous hail storms. The hail stones in Rock Island are described as "in many instances being as large as pullet eggs."

Davenport the storm was of wind and rain, and it raged in the country where it blew down and a woman was killed, two others being severely injured.

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A CAMPAIGN DODGE.

The Circular by Which the Desperate Bosses are Endeavoring to Influence the Votes of Pensioners.

The following is a copy of a circular that has been sent out to every pensioner in the state. When it is read, it is not known. The circular is called "Pensioners' League" has never been heard of before, and the identity of the alleged secretary is similarly beclouded. The card bears the ear-mark of the Stalwart bosses, and is a characteristic last-ditch dodge. It is a stupid attempt to mislead voters, and will not influence the action of a single individual who has ordinary sense and judgment. We publish the address as a unique literary production, and as a sample of the sort of readiness with which the Stalwarts are flooding the state: HEADQUARTERS, PENSIONERS' LEAGUE, LANCASTER, PA., OCT. 7, 1882.

The board of directors of the Pensioners' League met in grand session and adopted the following resolutions: 1st. Resolved, That in General Beaver, as a candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, we recognize a true friend of the pensioner, being a pensioner himself, which fact alone should make us see our own interest and laying aside all party lines, work for his election.

We should not lose sight of the fact that our interests can only be preserved by supporting the friend of the soldier. That the regular Republican ticket is the only safe guard to our interests in this campaign.

We would ask what the Independents have done for us as pensioners? Not a single act have they done in Congress, or out of Congress, that could benefit a single vote from our ranks; and therefore, we call upon every pensioner and applicant for pension, and all friends of the pensioner, to rally and work with heart and main for the election of General Beaver.

2d. Resolved, That we should not lose sight of the fact that the Democratic party, north and south, is united as before the war; and whilst there may be some Northern Democrats well disposed toward the soldier, remember that the Southern Democrats are equally so, and generally have good intentions toward the soldier, but they may toward the soldier therefore, taking these few facts into consideration we should readily see that it is to our interests to vote and work for the election of the whole Republican ticket.

3d. Resolved, That we are our utmost endeavors to bring out our friends at the election on the second Tuesday of November, in support of the Republican congressional candidates.

4th. Resolved, That we also give our hearty support to the candidates in our senatorial districts, as these men will hold over in office and have a voice in selecting a United States senator in 1884.

5th.