

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 13, 1882.

A Railroad Rivalry.

Railroad rivalry is a good thing for the people, whatever it may be for the stockholders...

amnation will show that this excess was almost entirely due to the fact that in Luzerne and Juniata counties the Democratic candidates for jury commissioner ran behind the head of the ticket on account of local troubles.

It must be admitted that the so-called Independent Republican state senators have not shown any ardent desire to embrace the opportunity which has been freely offered them in some quarters to avail themselves of Democratic aid in organizing the state Senate.

SEVERELY as the licentious and sensational press is to be reprimanded for malicious attacks and reckless libel of private character, or even of public officials, the courage and popular service rendered by journalists which fearlessly expose and lash wrong doers is all the more commendable.

It's an even dip that Kries comes on runners this year.

FULL many a sleigh ride was born in fond anticipation only to waste its contemplated sweetness in mud.

POSTMASTER GENERAL HOWE has already made arrangements in New York for the manufacture of two-cent postage stamps.

MAJOR PIPPS will eat his Christmas turkey and cranberries in Canada. So will the amiable and erratic Spencer. This is a coincidence of statesmanship.

THE defeat of the False Prophet is telegraphed as an item of news to the papers to day. Just as though the people hadn't heard of it five weeks ago when the whilom cheerless Cooper was observed digging himself out of the wreck of his shattered predictions.

THE National Republican of Washington has made the startling discovery that Governor-elect Pattison of Pennsylvania is a formidable candidate for president in 1884.

What Some Figures Show.

There has been considerable speculation indulged in since the election as to the amount of aid rendered the Democratic candidate for governor by the votes of Republicans cast directly for him, and a number of very wild guesses have been made upon this subject.

MORE than one ardent suitor has found the able-bodied big brother an insurmountable barrier in the way of his heart's aspirations, but the expectant Kentucky bridegroom who hastened to the home of his fiancée with the purpose of making her his wife, but who received instead a mortal bullet wound from the girl's recalcitrant brothers, will serve to point many a moral and adorn the tale of love as it courses in the blue grass region.

BURNING MILLS.

OPERATORS LEAPING FROM WINDOWS.

The Enterprise Cotton Mills at Manayunk Destroyed - The Inmates Compelled to Slide Down a Rope for Safety.

The Enterprise cotton and woolen mills at Manayunk were totally destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Owing to the absence of fire escapes sixteen persons were injured, at least three of whom are expected to die. The total loss is estimated at \$75,000, upon which there is about \$30,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Enterprise mills were on the main street, between Shur's land and Wissahickon, and were built in 1873. They were of stone and brick, very substantially built and owned by Samuel S. Keeley, whose loss is placed at \$115,000, fully covered by insurance. The mills were two in number, the larger one being 180 feet long, 40 feet wide and 5 stories high. The other was 40 feet square, with an addition 50 by 4 and a dye house, 20 by 30, 11 feet high.

Only a Rope as a Means of Escape.

The fire started in the pickler room on the fourth story of the mill, occupied by Lord & Conner. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have been the origin of the flames. In an instant after the fire blazed up in the pickler room, the wooden bridge connecting the two mills was in flames, and all egress by means of the staircases was rendered impossible.

William Dempsey tried to escape by the stairway, but was struck on the head as he slid down the rope and got away with severe burns, all the hair on his head being singed off. Robert Marsh, who attempted to slide down the rope, met with poorer success. His arm caught near the top of the rope and he fell into the iron hook at the end of the rope and was gashed to the wrist, making a dangerous and ugly wound.

Neglect to Erect Fire Escapes.

The absence of fire escapes is claimed to have been the cause of most of the injuries. It is the opinion of the Thirteenth police district, says the Thirteenth, owner of the building, was notified by the police last spring to erect suitable fire escapes, but that he had failed to comply with the notice. The only means of egress from the upper story was by passing across a small plank bridge to the top of a large embankment directly in the rear of the bridge. This plank "bridge" only extended from the upper story and left the second, third and fourth floors entirely unprovided with fire escapes.

Rumored Made Homeless by Fire.

Thomas Bigelow, alias Ward, and his wife, Louisa Bigelow, alias Jordan, notorious forgers, who were arrested in Baltimore, Tuesday afternoon, on the charge of having picked the pockets of three persons. They visited the savings bank of Baltimore, from which they lowered parties who received money.

PERSONALS.

GENERAL STORMON is the first soldier ever elected governor of California.

LAYD LAYD says he is tired of public life and will withdraw at the end of his present term.

TOM OCHILREE, of Texas, promising some elegant entertainments in Washington, where she is a great social favorite.

ROSCOE CONKLING failed to call on the president during his recent visit to Washington, and all the gossips are wondering why?

STRAUSS, the composer, has recently purchased a house in Paris, and declares that he will end his days there. The cause of his removal was domestic infidelity and a consequent divorce suit.

MISS EMMA TRUBSY has been visiting in Washington, where she is a great social favorite.

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SHELDY CULLOM, the governor of Illinois, and probable Republican candidate for senator, is a tall, somewhat Lincoln-like man, with a beard, and a careful, but he has made such an acceptable governor for two long terms that the Republican column remains unbroken in the midst of disasters elsewhere.

MRS. NISSON was told at Omaha that she would have a fine view of the scene of a sensational affair on Monday, the principal actors being the Rev. Dr. Gulnaha Anderson, the venerable president, and a young man named Allen B. Seaman, a member of the senior class. The latter having had a difficulty with another student whom he struck in the face, the president called him into his private office, and took him to task for what appeared to be ungentlemanly conduct.

YOUNG SEAMAN'S TEMPER.

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LATEST NEWS.

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THE HUNDRED NOT TO DISBAND.

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THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

THE DECEMBER ADJOURNED TERM.

The Marietta - Register's Libel Suit - The Editor Wins - A False Pretense Case That Did Not Pass Out Well.

Tuesday afternoon - Comth's vs. Percy B. Shock, libel. The defense offered to prove that he had received information from a number of persons, besides those mentioned, and whose names he could not recall, that Vogle's hotel was a resort for lewd men and women whose conduct was indecent. This was not allowed by the court, as they thought it was too general and the witness should give the names of his informant.

JAMES SMITH, a boatman, who had stopped at and visited Vogle's hotel, testified that at different times he had seen disagreeable women at the house of Vogle; the witness gave their names and testified that they mostly came out on the creek way. Vogle and his wife both knew that these parties were there. Rooms were kept up stairs for improper purposes, and witness had seen them occupied by men and women; money had been paid Mrs. Vogle for the use of the rooms. The witness told of one man he had seen there and refused to call any other names for fear of embarrassing Vogle, who and his wife were in those rooms at times when they were occupied, and the latter carried in beer.

SHIELDS testified that he had often seen parties of disagreeable women and men at the hotel of Vogle. They would talk and talk and act in an indecent manner. Wm. McElroy, another witness, testified that he had seen disagreeable women at Vogle's, at different times. He had seen conduct of the most indecent kind in the rooms with Mrs. Vogle's knowledge, and he described the same. Mr. McElroy, who acted as witness by himself, Scott Hamaker also testified to having seen crowds of women there drinking and carousing.

THE JUSTICE COUNSEL for the complainant stated that they were surprised at the testimony which had been offered by the defense; when they took the case they were assured by Vogle that nothing of this kind had been carried on at his house to his knowledge; very little of the testimony in regard to the conduct of the complainant did not think it worth while to waste any more time on the case, and they were satisfied that a verdict of not guilty would be taken, with the county for costs and costs of this term; this was satisfactory to the counsel for the complainant, through his counsel, state that they had made this publication for the public good, and he only desired to be vindicated.

THE COURT in charging the jury said that it was satisfied from the evidence that the article contained of had not been too broad or severe in regard to the character of the house. The prosecutor had been granted a license from this court to keep a respectable house; how far he had done so was now shown. The court then directed the verdict to be taken as had been agreed upon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING - This morning the case of Comth vs. N. E. Arnold, charged with false pretenses, was taken up. The prosecutor was J. C. Walker, of the firm of Walker & Son, lumber dealers of Gap, this county. It appeared from his testimony that in the early part of last he went to Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he became acquainted with the defendant. They talked of business matters and the purchase of lumber by the prosecutor returned home he and the defendant had considerable correspondence. Finally the latter wrote a letter and sent a drawn up contract to Mr. Walker for a certain amount of lumber, and a request that if the terms were agreed to (and Arnold did not return with the lumber) that Mr. Walker should send three notes of the firm for \$250 each, for 30, 60 and 90 days, to the defendant, making them payable at the bank. Previous to this the defendant had assumed to pay for the lumber, but when Mr. Walker therefore they did not hesitate to agree to the terms of the contract. On this representation they sent on the notes, as requested. They were discounted at the Columbia National bank, and were protested without their being paid. Mr. Walker received all of the lumber extracted from the contract. At this point the complainant's counsel stated that they would abandon the case, which had, however, been brought in good faith by Mr. Walker. They did not think there was sufficient evidence to make out a case of false pretenses. The counsel for the defense stated that they were willing, ready and anxious to go on and were ready to show that the defendant, who has paid the notes, is a reputable lumber merchant, worth \$50,000, and that the prosecutor would lose \$25,000 in the notes, if he did not want to push the case, however. The court charged the jury that they must find a verdict of not guilty, but as this is a misdemeanor they would have to dispose of the case. The jury put the costs on the prosecutor, Joseph C. Walker.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

A NEW CHURCH BEING ERRECTED AT HOUNT JAY.

That part of the congregation of the Mount Jay Presbyterian church, which adhered to the cause of Rev. Mr. Whitcomb, late pastor, during the recent fall sessions in the church, have succeeded in forming a new congregation, and chosen Rev. Whitcomb as their pastor. They have purchased a fine lot of ground on the corner of Main and Market streets, and are erecting thereon a frame chapel some 30 by 40 feet. The new building will be a permanent place of worship until a more substantial and convenient structure can be built. The frame work of the chapel is up and will be under roof within a few days.

THE SUELL LIVES.

DR. J. J. HENNINGER, of this county, appears among the deceased members of the late constitutional convention, in an article in your issue of yesterday, copied from the Philadelphia Times. This is a mistake, as Mr. Carter is still living in his home in Patton township, honored and respected by all who know him.

FOUR CASES.

THE mayor had five inventors this morning, all of whom were arrested for drunken and disorderly conduct. Two of them were committed to the county jail for ten days each and the others were discharged on payment of costs.

A WINDOW IN FLAMES.

Last evening while one of the attendants at Samuel E. Ball's confectionery store, corner North Queen and Walnut streets, was in the act of lighting the gas in the front window a lot of fancy colored glasses with which the window was decorated took fire for a minute or two there was a great scare in the store. Mr. Eisenberger, who lives next door, hastened to the scene of the lighting the gas, and extinguished the flames. With the exception of the burning of the glasses and the soiling of the paint not much damage was done.

STRIKING AFTER THE SUELLS' WORK.

The heaters at the Deane works rolling mill, in Phillipsburg, N. J., struck Monday night against a reduction of wages. Nearly one hundred men are idle. The puddling department is still working. This mill started up Monday morning after being idle several weeks on account of the heavy assignment of mechanics to the Lewis, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad company, arrived at Phillipsburg and will have the Morris and Essex shops, which were abandoned several years ago, resume operations until the heated shops at Kingland, N. J., are rebuilt.

THE BEASTS OF THE COUNTY.

A young steamboatman.

At Erie, Hattie Burdick, sixteen years of age, who claims to be the daughter of James Burdick, of Union City, a few days ago preferred a charge, next to murder in the gradation of crimes, against a young man named William Mingoard, of Erie. He was arrested, but stoutly maintained to be a case of blackmail. He admitted being at the house of the complainant at the time stated, but said he was there by earnest solicitation, the girl claiming to be on the verge of starvation. The court discharged the defendant with the remark that it was a clear case of blackmail. The girl made the monstrous statement that her vicious course of life originated in the weakness of her own father.

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