

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING DEC. 15, 1882.

Civil Service Reform.

The Senate is engaged in discussing the civil service reform bill of Mr. Pendleton, which is intended to make fitness instead of party service the test of office holding; a very good object, indeed, but one which we fear is beyond the control of legislation.

To get a civil service reform which will be wholly satisfactory, we must commence at the head, and retain the power to remove a chief executive who is not satisfactory.

The system proposed of making the subordinate officers of the government dependent upon competitive examination and promotion upon competitive examination is a good deal more plausible in its theory than it will be likely to be valuable in its results.

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It appears that the regular ring Republicans of Philadelphia do not number enough votes in councils to reelect the present city officers, of whose terms Commissioner of Highways Baldwin's expires in January, and those of Superintendent of Water Works McFadden and Commissioner of Public Property Dixey expire in February.

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HENSEL COMPLIMENTED.

DINED BY THE COMMONWEALTH CLUB.

Disturbed by the Senate's Resolution in Honor of the State Chairman and Liberator of the Slave.

To testify appreciation of the services, during the recent political campaign, of William L. Hensel, chairman of the Democratic state committee, the Commonwealth club had a dinner in his honor last night, in the club house, Broad and Chestnut streets.

This is a strange world, in which, for instance, General Pope—whom nearly everyone believes to have abundantly demonstrated his lack of capacity for generalship, and who, moreover, unjustly secured the dismissal from the army of General Porter, who is now universally considered not to have done the things of which he is accused, but to have ably and patriotically discharged his duty as commander of an army corps—is promoted to be a major general in the army of the United States, while General Porter is unable to secure the return of the colonel's commission which was taken from him.

Looks as though Jay Hubbell had been caught in a regular northwestern blizzard. A noxious cork from a soda water bottle knocked the eye out of a teetotal bridegroom and ribald drinkers of champagne declare that Pomery Sec has never been guilty of such reprehensible conduct.

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STAVING HIS CHILDREN.

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Contested Election Cases. William P. Black, Democrat, has decided to contest the seat of George H. Davis, Republican, who has received a certificate of election from the King of the court district of Illinois.

Cholera's Frightful Ravages. Letters from Chiapas, Mexico, dated October 20th, say that the "cholera" has raged with such violence in that district that the negro owners of plantations and laborers on plantations have all died and that, as it has not been possible to bury their bodies have been burned.

The City's Young Admirer. A Bostonian, who had obtained admission to the theatre on a general admission ticket, in some way eluded the vigilance of the back door keeper and got into the green room.

Four Children Drowned While Skating. "Abbot's Dam," near the Falls of the Scuykill, was frozen over yesterday, and was used as a playground by a number of children, who, after a heavy snowfall, precipitated into the water. Before they could be rescued four were drowned, namely, Johanna Casey, aged 10 years; Violet Parker, 14 years old; and Thomas Kendall, aged 12 years. The fourth, whose name is not given, is a child of mill hands, employed at Dobson's carpet mills, in the vicinity.

A Lady's Terrible Death. Mrs. William Wynne, a highly respected lady of Mahoney City, who was on her way to the Lehigh Valley depot, had just ascended a steep embankment and stepped on the track when she was struck by a coal train. The engine and forty cars passed over her body, which was cut to pieces and scattered in every direction, and placed in a sheet. The train was passing round a curve and the engineer was powerless to prevent the accident.

PERSONALS. OTIS LOCKE has been appointed postmaster at Tiffin, Ohio. He is a brother of "Nabby."

A SON'S INHERITANCE.

QUITE A SURPRISE FROM THE SOUTH.

The Reasons Why Senator Williams' Son Asks for the Control of His Property.

Mr. Ernauld Williams, a young man about twenty-three years of age, has filed a motion in the circuit court of Baltimore to set aside a deed of conveyance by which he conveyed to his father, Hon. George Hawkins Williams, president of the state Senate, all of his property, in consideration of an annuity of \$2,000 per annum.

It is said at the time there was a stormy sea between father and son, and that the bride and groom having been pronounced man and wife, Rev. A. S. Leinbach, father of the bride, followed with an earnest and impressive prayer, closing with a benediction.

Demolishing Part of a Brick Store and Tear-Down of the Front of a Saloon. While on the way, the train consisting of twenty cars belonging to the Iron Mountain railroad and hauled by two locomotives, was being taken up Poplar street grade, St. Louis, it broke in two, and the rear part, consisting of fourteen cars, dashed down the grade toward the river.

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Catherine Howarter testified that after this occurrence she had a conversation with Lizzie McClarren; the latter said that on this night she first met Mullen at the depot; with him she walked to beyond St. Joseph's hospital, and upon their return met Muenroe; she invited them to accompany her to the reservoir, where Kiehrst and Tammy brought the liquor; she saw nothing about any one having anything improper to do with her except Kiehrst. The witness saw the girl out of the house on the day after the alleged rape (Sunday) and on Monday following being sent to the hospital she was playing the common with a dog.

Mr. Amos Duty testified that the father of the girl said that the clothes the girl had on on this night were worn by her two weeks before. The girl told witness that she had been in the company of her father and against her consent.

Mr. Mary McMillen testified that she saw Lizzie the morning after the alleged rape, at which time there were no marks of violence on her. She did not have the appearance of being in any ill health. The witness said she was the mother of the young man referred to as Mullen, but whose real name is McMillen; she believed that he is now in Scotland.

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