

Lancaster Intelligencer

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 18, 1882.

Better Late Than Not At All.

Something has occurred to awaken Attorney General Palmer to his duty to vindicate the plain injunction of the state constitution against the consolidation of competing lines of telegraph.

Dorsey's Troubles.

Ex-Senator Dorsey publishes columns of letters from Garfield, Morton and others of the political managers of the Republican campaign of 1880, showing clearly enough that Dorsey's energy and manipulative political skill were fully relied upon, and that he was, in fact, the Republican Atlas of that campaign.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE POOR HAVE WISELY AND HUMANELY RESOLVED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LUNATIC HOSPITAL SHALL BE A TRAINED PHYSICIAN, RESIDENT IN THE INSTITUTION.

This policy has been advocated by the INTELLIGENCER and approved by the better sense of the community for many years. It is a grotesque idea that persons afflicted with mental disturbances of varying degree should be entrusted to the inexperienced of such persons as a band of partisan poor directors may happen to "pick up."

REFORM IS NECESSARY.

We reprint from P. Gray Meek's Bulletin some practical suggestions as to what can be done in the way of abolishing useless offices at Harrisburg without crippling the public service.

NEWS MISCELLANY.

AN EXPLOSION NEAR SCRANTON.

An Engine Explodes with Terrific Force, Scalding the Engineer to Death—Other Recent Happenings from all Directions.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred in the engine house at the head of No. 9 plant on the Pennsylvania coal company's gravity road Saturday afternoon, killing the engineer, wrecking the head house and demolishing a number of the Western Union company's poles and wires.

CRIME AND CALAMITY.

Clinton Briggs, for over 20 years a prominent lawyer and politician of Nebraska, was killed by falling from a train at Astor, Iowa.

The wife of John Wright, a grocer, was found by a colored robber during her husband's absence from the shop near Memphis, Tennessee, on Saturday afternoon.

An engine on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania railroad blew out its crown-sheet at Cumberland, Md., yesterday morning, scalding four men.

Sarah Keen, aged 18 years, a governess in the family of Major Chipman, at San Francisco, committed suicide on Friday night.

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THE TELEGRAPH WAR.

A NEW RIVAL TO WESTERN UNION.

The Baltimore and Ohio System to be Opened for General Business To-day.

The officials connected with the Baltimore and Ohio telegraph service in this city were yesterday busily engaged in preparing to take possession of their headquarters in the central office, corner of Baltimore and Calvert streets, in anticipation of opening for general business to-morrow.

The company was actively engaged for some time in the extension of its lines of telegraph to New York, last week succeeded in getting seven wires which were tested yesterday and found to be in fine working order.

The line beginning at the main office of the company in Baltimore, extends easterly within the city to Bay View, from which point, by a most direct route, it passes over the bridge, Elkins, Newark, Wilmington, Chester, until it reaches Philadelphia.

By means of cables, it proceeds almost by an air-line from Camden to New York, through Pennington, Hightstown, Amboy and Trenton, and thence directly along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, that of the Stateside Railroad in such a manner as to be always easily and quickly accessible for repairs.

It reaches Brooklyn at the Narrows, by cable, landing at Fort Hamilton and thence to New York, the line consists of 22 wires, which are already up, since being provided for 15 or 18 years.

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From New York, the line extends to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis, and includes points from which emanate not less than 60 to 70 per cent of the whole telegraph business of the country.

Ample provision has been made for the Baltimore and Ohio telegraph lines in all the produce, stock and cotton exchanges in all these large centers. The unprecedentedly large amount of business connected with this company in its service between Baltimore and the Western exchanges is now expected will be extended also to New York and Philadelphia.

The system, forming as it does the great trunk telegraph line of the country, has been a subject of much interest and discussion in this city. It is now expected that the system will be a great success.

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PERSONAL.

ES. SECRETARY STUART, of the Brooklyn board of education, is a defaulter for \$250,000.

MR. JOHN G. SAGE, the post, still resides in Albany, at the house of his son, and is an invalid.

DR. J. FORBETH MILLS, an authority on the treatment of the diseases of women and children, died on Saturday of pneumonia, in his 65th year.

MR. A. J. DUNN, who gave \$5,000 to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, for the endowment of a free bed in the new wing for chronic diseases.

EX-JUDGE RALPH LEE died at his home in Haddonfield, N. J., on Saturday afternoon, aged 60 years. He was for some years associate judge of the Camden county courts.

OSCAR HARTSHORN, the handsome and reckless editor of the "Tribune Journal," got a verdict of \$2,000 against him in the libel suit brought by a tobacco dealer whose stock he had misrepresented.

PRINCESS LOUISE will make a prolonged visit in the United States, taking in all the larger cities. She will not return to Canada before the expiration of the emperor's term. Her lordship, however, will return for the opening of Parliament.

JOHN G. WHITTIER reached his 75th birthday yesterday. The venerable poet remained in his room in the Hotel Waltham, in Boston, and received many callers and a number of beautiful floral tributes.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES looks across the Atlantic and sees Mr. Gladstone, only four months younger than myself, standing erect with Patrick's grievances on one shoulder and Pharoah's pyramids on the other—an Atlas whose intervals of repose are seasons of learned lectures.

ROSS RAYMOND, the journalist who has so many people in this country, is now connected with the London press. He made quite a hit during the Egyptian war as a London correspondent, so much so indeed, that when the war was over his employers welcomed him back with a big dinner.

JOHN W. MOST, the German Socialist, was expected to arrive in New York on the steamer Wisconsin, yesterday, but a reception had been arranged in his honor. He did not come, but the exercises were gone through with all the same, several incidental speeches being made.

"UNCLE" SAM WARD died with Mrs. Langtry, and he is perfectly "enthused," and a gossiping friend writes, from what I have told, the newspapers are full of it.

EDWARD E. RICE, known to fame chiefly as the composer of the successful extravaganza "Evangeline," and later as manager of Rice's "Surprise Party," and other theatrical ventures, has failed, with liabilities aggregating \$58,734, but a small portion of which is secured.

ROBERT SMILES, the negro congressman from South Carolina, of insavory repute, wants to make capital out of his seat in Congress and himself put in, although the Democrats had 8,000 majority.

JAMES G. BLAINE and wife were sitting at breakfast in the Fifth Avenue hotel at a table at the end of which was a chair tilted forward to show that it was engaged. Directly behind them a waiter and a stranger, with all his social dignity, that is a thousand pounds to the square inch, before he reached the reserved seat he saw the enemy and instantly there was a flash of light.

CONGRESSMAN GOODRICH, S. O. ROTH died at his residence in Lafayette, La., last Saturday night, after a somewhat protracted illness. He was a native of New York and was recognized his daughter, named her name, "Mollie," and the word "happy," and passed away shortly after.

The immediate cause of his death was blood poisoning, and not cancer, as has been reported. He entered the army as a private, and was honorably discharged by his illness, save a natural infirmity.

MR. OTH was a native of Lebanon, Pa., and read law under Thaddeus Stevens. He has held many public positions in Indiana, and he removed in his young manhood to the West, where he was in Congress and has served almost continuously ever since. He was 69 years old and leaves \$50,000 to be divided among several children.

THE BOARD OF POOR DIRECTORS met at the almshouse on Saturday and attended to a good deal of routine business, of no public importance. The report of the superintendent in the place of Geo. Spurrier, deceased, was talked of, and it was determined to elect one until after the re-organization of the board at the annual meeting in January. In this connection the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That for the proper management and control of the hospital and insane asylum of Lancaster county, this board deems it expedient to create the office of resident physician, and that the office of superintendent and resident physician be combined, and filled by one and the same person.

There seems to be no doubt that the board will elect a resident physician in January, as Messrs. Krewer, Messer, Evans and Keller, who voted for the above resolution, hold over, and Mr. Long, seceder, one of the member-elect, has declared himself in favor of the policy there in laid down. We have not heard what Mr. Rand, the other member-elect, thinks of it. The present board of directors has created a great flutter among the reform aspirants who expected to step into Mr. Spurrier's place, and they and their friends will do doubt do all they can to prevent the proposed change.

A Lancaster Man's Mishap in Reading. Reading Herald.

H. B. Albright, of Lancaster, met with a painful accident in this city on Friday afternoon, shortly before noon, and taking a street car at the depot he rode as far as the Reading car, North Sixth street, where he stepped off by the car. In doing so he had a hard fall, by which his right eye was hurt and internal injury sustained. He was conveyed to the Reading hospital, where he received medical attention from Dr. Foster M. Nagle, who was summoned. Later in the day Mr. Albright began to exhibit symptoms of brain fever.

At Leadville, Col., a shooting affray occurred in a street dance hall at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, in which two men received fatal wounds. A dispute arose between two men named Miller and Cummings about paying for a drink, when both drew pistols and commenced firing. The men received one ball in the shoulder, and the other in the mouth, while a third struck a looker-on named Reardon, from Victoria, Ill., passing through his lungs. Both men will die. Miller was not touched.

TOBACCO MARKET.

THE WEEK END AND HAVANA TRADE.

For the Week Ending Saturday, December 16—Business created at a new height. The importation of Sumatra.

The most thorough canvass of the market only brings to light sales of about 600 cases. Manufacturers are paying away entirely. Jobbers here and there pick up a little lot that is offered at a sacrifice. There never has been such business transacted in the latter part of December in any year in the past, but such an almost perfect stand-still of trade has not been known for many years. Evidently the members of the industry are imbued with the idea that a reduction of the tax, if not its total abolition, is inevitable. Congress is bound to take some action on this measure at a late date, and the market has not been known for many years. Evidently the members of the industry are imbued with the idea that a reduction of the tax, if not its total abolition, is inevitable.

There certainly will be a great many buyers at the market after the tax question is settled; there will be a good many buyers in the market after January 1. The stock in the hands of manufacturers is not large, and cigars are consumed whether the tax is six dollars or six cents; but there also is a great deal of seed leaf tobacco in the market, both fine and poor, and holders have paid large figures for it. Every day it remains unsold its cost is increased.

Now come cargoes of Sumatra. It is calculated that nearly 6,000 bales of Sumatra leaf tobacco will be landed in January. The competition between holders, coupled with the reduction of duty, will tend to bring prices down to a point that is not so popular in the market as it has been in the past. The market is reported to be of very poor quality and price.

SMUMATRA—Market quiet. Sales 150 bales. Prices unchanged.

HAVANA—Market quiet. Sales 250 bales. Prices firm.

Good Stealing—The crowd that yesterday afternoon was on the bridge, taking the show and man along, was a great many ladies; every person having a pair of skates was on the ice. The weather was pleasant but it was quite cool for the hundreds of people who were on the bridge to enjoy the sport. An interesting incident occurred at the skating rink, and he did a big business in hot soup and other eatables. There was plenty of fun all day, and there were also several accidents.

On Thursday night a young man named Miller, who is a student at Millersville, went skating on the Conestoga. He broke through the ice and would have drowned had he not been rescued. The man lost a brother by drowning in the same creek. All the ice men are busy filling their houses and many of the ice cream men have finished. The ice on the creek is very fine, yet on ponds it is thicker.

List of Unclaimed Letters. The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Dec. 15: Mary Addison, Mrs. John B. Boring, Mrs. Breslin, C. K. Block, Barbara Brubaker, Lizzie Bowman, Mrs. Abbie M. Colby, Helvie Crawford, Mrs. Juliet Dillwith, Cora Elmer, Mrs. Elizabeth Funk, Barbara Ginerich, Mary Goodwin, Ellen S. Homaker, Mrs. Geo. Keith, Thad. Resler, (2), Chas. Rhoads, J. E. Ragon, N. E. Rust, David Routh, L. J. Schmidt, Daniel Shenberger, John Snyder, Wm. Steneburger, Jacob Stoffel, H. P. Williams, John C. Walter, George Zuehns, Diarco Zanfanti.

Fire in a School House. On Friday a fire occurred at the Conestoga school house, East Earl township. Smoke was discovered issuing from the building by a lot of men who were hauling ice. They went to the building and found that the fire was in the ceiling. The children were taken from the house and in a few minutes a piece of the ceiling about four feet square, which had been burned, fell down. The fire was caused by the stove pipe and the loss will probably be \$75.