

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 10, 1883.

Mr. Gowen's Future.

The very positive statement lately current that Mr. Gowen proposes immediately to resign the presidency of the Reading railroad company, was quickly found to be false on inquiry being made of Mr. Gowen himself.

It is understood that Col. Preesly N. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh, has been tendered by Governor-elect Pattison the position of adjutant general of the state, which office has the direction of the National Guard.

The gratifying news comes from Harrisburg to-day that the Democratic House caucus this morning resolved to defer filling thirteen offices established by law until it is ascertained that they are indispensable to an efficient and legal organization of the House.

A Chicago plumber has committed suicide. There is such a thing as conscientiousness.

The Harrisburg Telegraph is out for honest legislation and good government. Can the Ethiopian tan his hide?

There is no reason why the list of pensioners should not be published. It is a matter of record and the records should be open to the people who pay the paper.

Now that Mr. Pattison has not appointed Latta adjutant general Major General Hartman's resignation may be expected. Let it come. The state will survive.

The Senate Committee. There is a semblance of fairness about the composition of the state Senate committees as made up and announced by President pro tem. Reburn.

On the other hand, the Independents have been wonderfully and it seems, in a spirit of sarcasm, grouped upon the committees of constitutional reform, centennial and accounts; they have been rigorously excluded from the committees on railroads, corporations and legislative and congressional apportionment; the Republican part of the committee on municipal affairs is not made up with a view to promote Philadelphia reform; and, while Senator Cox is assigned to those of such importance as his ability and potentiality in the affairs of this state should have commanded for him.

It pleases certain ignorant or malicious newspapers, which never have anything but sympathy for public plundering and a kindly fellow feeling for public thieves, to insist that because reform begins with lopping off superfluous offices at Harrisburg it must necessarily end there. As we have said before, most certainly the dispensing with a dozen or more superfluous employees and officers, and the saving thereby to the state of ten or twelve thousand dollars, will not be the most important test of fidelity to public trust to which the Legislature will be subjected.

If the bill introduced by Mr. Buttermore into the state House of Representatives, reducing the number of employees and officials of the Legislature, is correctly reported it is not judiciously framed. The House can much more easily dispense with doorknockers than with transcribing clerks, and the journal clerk is far more necessary than the numerous janitors allowed by the new bill. It is doubtful whether any of the clerical offices now provided for can be spared unless it be the message clerk, but the janitorships might well be included under some new regulation by which the care of the House and all its

SENATE COMMITTEES.

The Reformers. Messrs. Reburn, Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee. The Unionists. Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

The Senate having met at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening President pro tem Reburn announced the following standing committees:

Constitutional Reform—Messrs. Stewart, Lutz, Evershart, McGee, and McGee. Federal Relations—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

Public Printing—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee. Railroads—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

Legislation and Congressional Apportionment—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee. Municipal Affairs—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

The following special committees were announced: On the death of Senator Ordway—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

On the inauguration of Governor-elect Pattison—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee. On the ratification of the new Constitution—Messrs. Evershart, McGee, Stewart, Lutz, and McGee.

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ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT

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PERSONAL.

John H. Hays, the well-known sculptor, is dangerously ill with an affection of the heart.

Senator Ben Wade used to say that religion would hold his pork without him.

Chief Justice Cockran and Senator Stephen have our thanks for official courtesies, likewise Congressman Randall and Smith.

Hon. John P. Rice, passed through Lancaster today on the limited express, making a short return trip from New Minerva, Md.

Editor Chas. A. Dana is said to be worth a cool million. Editor Watterson, they say, has his eye on the Louisville mayoralty.

Mr. Twain's plan has had a decided success. His agent, Mr. J. B. Packer, has secured a contract for the use of his name for a year.

Ben Butler and George Penland seem to be the booming Democratic candidates for the presidency in the opinion of the Unionists of Lancaster, Pa.

M. T. Polk, the defending state treasurer of Tennessee, was recaptured on Monday afternoon, at Webb Station, Texas, by a deputy United States marshal.

Attorney General Palmer yesterday appeared before the Supreme court and submitted an argument for a reargument of the case of the Commonwealth vs. the Standard Oil Co. It is generally believed that Palmer gave too much away in his case stated.

THE SUIT AGAINST HOPKINS.

What the Defendant Has to Say About It. The Lancaster Leader was published the fact that in Leidy was held liable for divers parties who were mentioned in the article against the Hon. Jas H. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins had made money out of the Pittsburgh Southern road, whereby they were paid \$100,000 for the lease of the road, and to-day our reporter interviewed Mr. Hopkins on the subject.

I might take a month or so to answer this charge," said he. "But I will not. I have to go away shortly and it will inconvenience me to answer it but I propose to do so."

What have you to say in regard to it? "I have this to say: That every allegation made in improper conduct on my part is unfounded and that the whole proceeding on the part of these people is most shamefully unjust."

How is that? "These people who are interested in this bill were outsiders on paper which held to the amount of \$80,000, and I was compelled to wait until the boat reached the slip before he could obtain his title, and when he recovered it looked like a concertina in repose, and he had to try it on his foot before he could use it."

COLUMBIA NEWS.

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