

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 11, 1883.

The Milwaukee Fire.

The terrible loss of life at the burning of the Milwaukee hotel, will excite a great deal of comment, wise and otherwise, on the part of a public horrified at a scene of such a terrible death.

The demand is likely to be lively for the execution of the law relating to fire escapes from public buildings. That law, being a law of course to be enforced, though it is doubtful whether it is one altogether wise. It is a dead letter now, and laws which are dead letters, generally have something wrong about them.

The Pennsylvania statute requires buildings of three stories in height and over, except private dwellings that are not tenement houses, to be provided with fire escapes. But it is in comparative few buildings that such an appliance would be really useful.

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which has already secured the postmaster, and finally placed the woman on the opposite roof. The crowd below again burst out with round after round of applause. Meanwhile the whole building had become enveloped in flames and the piercing shrieks of the inmates became fewer and fewer as each one chose his own mode of death.

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THE TENNESSEE TREASURER. Former Details of the Capture of the Abolitionist. Treasurer Polk, after his arrest by Detective Price, was liberated for something over \$50,000 and took the train for Laredo getting off at Webb station. United States Marshal Sheely learning this started in pursuit on a steamer. On arriving at Webb he arrested Detective Cameron, sent with Polk. After considerable trouble he found Polk secreted seven miles from Webb. Polk was at first disposed to fight. Afterward he offered Marshall Sheely \$25,000 to release him. Polk has very little money with him. It is reported that his nephew and servant crossed into Mexico with a large amount of money. Polk appears much distressed at his arrest. When captured by the officer, his hands and clothing were filled with prickly heat thorns, which he had got from wandering in the thicket. Cameron was also arrested and held by Officer Sheely, who after his arrest, protested, telling the officer that he had made a good thing out of the business and could pay the money to realize a few thousands. Cameron pronounced him for the insubordinate proposition and he will use these unbecoming professions against Cameron.

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