

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 31, 1883.

Figuring on Apportionment.

There are apportionments and apportionments. And there will be diversity of opinion on this subject until both Houses of the Legislature have agreed upon a bill and the governor has signed it.

It is rather a pretty way in theory of collecting the cost of government. All property is to be taxed, while all tax is to be collected by one authority, and a common fund is to be provided for all expenses, whether of state, county, city, township or school district.

Several apportionments have been suggested for the consideration of the present Legislature. One of these, communicated to the Philadelphia Times, was especially faulty in that it aimed exclusively at almost exact equality of population in the several districts, mangleing counties and grouping together the most ill-fashioned and discordant districts to accomplish this.

It is of course, easier to criticize an apportionment than to construct one; as will be readily appreciated by any one who takes the census table and map and tries to make an apportionment that will be shapely and fair.

We have before us what is called the "Granger Tax Bill," which is to be presented to the Legislature for its consideration. It is a very remarkable measure, indeed, and in our judgment, remarkably bad.

by the probable results of their practice. They propose to overturn wholly our system of taxation and to substitute for it their own invention. This is always a hazardous thing to do in legislation.

It is better and safer to amend and patch the old law, which has exhibited its defects, than to substitute a new law which has its faults as yet undemonstrated; but which, as all experience teaches, are certain to be demonstrated in some measure, no matter how good the law may be.

It proposes that all property shall be taxed, visible and invisible; the invisible to be disclosed to the assessors by the owners; every evidence of debt not so disclosed to be uncollectible while it so remains. The assessors are to make their returns to the commissioners of counties and to the boards of control of cities.

SECRETARY TELFER has written a letter to a Pennsylvania informant in which he says: "Soldiers are entitled to land unless they go on a tract and settle upon it and improve and cultivate it."

THE enterprising editor of the Columbia Herald has sent a circular to every member of the county committee of this county to ascertain the feeling of the representatives of the Democratic party, in relation to the appointment of Lewis C. Cassidy, esq., as attorney general.

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reverse is a large Roman numeral ("V") indicating the denomination of the coin, surrounded by a wreath composed of cotton, wheat and tobacco, typical of the three great agricultural products of the country.

THE Legislature keeps pegging away at business of minor importance to the public, the Senate being mainly occupied with discussing and voting upon the Philadelphia appointments. Having voted to abolish the delinquent tax collector's office it has now been agreed to ask Judge Sharwood if the bill is constitutional.

AN esteemed local contemporary finds fault with the proposition to close the soldiers' orphan school in 1885 and call it "a crusade against seventeen hundred children."

FROM this place we know of two children, a boy and a girl, aged seven and nine years, now in one of the schools, whose mother died four years ago, and whose father was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a pensioner, receiving \$18 per month.

AN interesting reminiscence of Webster in Congress. Your reference to the disposition on the part of Congress and the Legislatures to expunge unpleasant proceedings from the record, brings up vividly to the mind of the writer the scene presented in the U. S. Senate chamber on the occasion to which you refer, nearly fifty years ago.

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THE DAYS NEWS.

WHAT HAPPENS IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

Various Accidents Upon the Waters - Various Phases of Recent Fatalities on the Land.

A telegram from Halifax, Nova Scotia, reports that 15 men, from the schooner Wolfville, and 100 more at various points on the bay, all having cargoes of potatoes, which are not expected to get out before spring.

The worst storm of the season" set in yesterday at St. Paul. The snow fell heavily and was accompanied by a high wind. No local passenger trains arrived during the day, and the through trains to and from Chicago were several hours late.

The steamer Grace from Norfolk for points on the Rappahannock river, was run into and sunk by the Old Dominion steamer Luray near Norfolk, Virginia, Tuesday morning. R. H. Wood, of Lancaster county, Va., was drowned, and Jas. Hobson, one of the crew, was severely injured.

Two coal trains on the Shenandoah branch of the Reading railroad collided yesterday afternoon. Both engines were wrecked and the cars were piled up on the track, obstructing it for several hours.

A snow slide on Ruby Peak, near Irwin, Colorado, on Monday night, carried to the top a large shaft of timber, and machinery of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Extension, Durango and Oakes mines, and buried eight men. One of the men was afterwards taken out dead, and two others were rescued, perhaps fatally injured.

The fire in the Bear Valley shaft, near Shamokin, was found yesterday to be burning higher in the roadway, but it was subdued by turning on water. In the evening fire was discovered in breast No. 10, adjoining the roadway, but it was said the flames can be extinguished in a few days.

On the farm of Mr. Hart in Blackhoist Valley, Lycoming county, a number of men were engaged in threshing grain with a machine, and a young man named Derr was driving the horses. By some means the harness of one of the horses, which had his legs caught in the gears of the wheels, and before the machinery could be stopped the leg was crushed into a jelly, necessitating amputation below the knee.

JAMES BLACK, esq., of this city, was yesterday elected president of the Pennsylvania temperance union.

WALTER F. POOL, congressman elect from the First district of North Carolina, is reported dangerously ill at his home.

among the 50 streets which is fitted up in luxurious style, but in exceeding good taste, and here one evening of every week Mrs. Leslie is at home to her friends.

A FIRE ON NORTH SECOND STREET.

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The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is attributed by several of the occupants to incendiarism. Mr. Levi Knowles, who was interrogated by Fire Marshal Wood, said he had heard the fire was first discovered among the bags of clover on the second floor of the building occupied by his firm.

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THE WIFE SLAVE. Bartley Campbell's latest play at the Opera House last night.

A fair sized audience greeted the first appearance of Bartley Campbell's latest play "The White Slave" in Fulton opera hall last evening.

PROFESSOR E. OTIS KENDALL, LL. D., has accepted a position as professor of the University of Pennsylvania, vice professor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Krauth.

MR. GEORGE DEBENNEVILLE KEM, sheriff of Philadelphia, was united in marriage last night to Miss Lillie Archer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Kem.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Events Along the Susquehanna - Items of Interest in and Around the Borough - Pickers of the Anti-Slavery Cause - Reports.

Miss Annie Patterson, of New York, is visiting friends on 3d street.

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COYLE-SPEAKMAN.

Wedding Gifts and Orange Blossoms at Coatesville.

Jno. A. Coyle, esq., of this city, and Ida Frank, daughter of Col. F. B. Speakman, of Coatesville, were married last night at the residence of the bride's parents in the presence of a large and most brilliant assemblage.

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