

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 6, 1883.

Telegraph Poles in Cities. The mayor of Chicago has taken prompt action against the Mutual Union telegraph company...

Needs Readjusting. An "Inquirer" from Marietta is not singular in his desire to be informed as to how it happens that the properties of the poor are generally assessed at full value...

It is no answer to Judge Black's complaint that the people of York pay too much freight on coal for Mr. Gowen to say that his company has no line to York...

THE legislative committee, which has been considering the work of the geological commission, reports that "upon the whole the work is well done and is a credit to the state...

THE Pittsburgh iron manufacturers say that they must reduce wages to get a living. No doubt they need to "reduce wages to make iron at less than two cents a pound...

THE Republican politicians who propose to take time by the forelock are already preparing a slate for their next state convention. State Senator Leo is on it for state treasurer and Capt. Potts, of the House, from Chester county, for auditor-general...

THERE is something absurd and essentially wrong in a system of revenue laws under which whisky made here can be shipped across the seas and brought back again, carriage paid both ways and storage abroad, cheaper than it can be meanwhile kept in the warehouse here.

THE Luzerne county bar unanimously approves the bill to pay county officers with salaries instead of fees; but the Schuylkill bar declares against it. The passage of the measure now depends upon the members of the Legislature from Berks, Luzerne and Lancaster.

NOTWITHSTANDING Arthur's inclination for dining and wining he got his work in during the last session of Congress, having sent in 872 executive messages and making more political appointments than any other president ever did in the same space of time since the war.

OVER in the old world, where monarchies quake before the pebbles and a republic trembles at a poster tacked on a bill board by a remnant of royalty, they carry their timidity into society and seek to gloss it over with pride. At Cannes, in France, where Mr. Gladstone finds recuperation for his shattered health, "society" has become very indignant with Lord Wolverton, for introducing M. Chamoncel to the English statesman...

NOTHING can exceed the vulgar greed of ex-Speaker Keifer in removing Stenographer Tyson at the adjournment of Congress and appointing his own nephew to the place during vacation. There are two official stenographers of the House, and upon Mr. Tyson has devolved more than one-half the labor and expense of reporting committee proceedings during the long and short terms of the Forty-seventh Congress, he being obliged to pay his assistants for their services...

SOME years ago the INTELLIGENCER pointed out how cigars, free from internal revenue tax, could be exported and reimported at a customs duty less than the internal revenue tax. Under the new law the whisky men have begun to do something like the same thing. They are preparing for extensive shipments abroad under the provisions of the law by which they can withdraw their whisky from bonded distillery warehouses, ship it to the seaboard in bond, export it to Bermuda or Liverpool, and reimport it whenever a market is presented in this country on payment of a tax equal to the internal revenue tax of 90 cents per gallon. It may remain in a custom house warehouse after being reimported for twelve months before paying the tax, and it can even remain in bonded warehouses two years longer by payment of 10 per cent on the tax, as a penalty. When whisky is withdrawn from bond for home consumption the tax of ninety cents per gallon is paid on the quantity originally entered. No allowance is made for the whisky that has meanwhile escaped by leakage. But when whisky is reimported the tax of ninety cents per gallon is required to be paid on only the actual quantity of whisky contained in the barrels.

TU-DAY'S TIDINGS.

THE BORDER OF THE MAILS.

"From East and West From Merchants to Dan."—Incidents and Accidents of Current Life.

The steamer Ontario, which arrived at Baltimore on Sunday, brought from England one of the finest lots of thoroughbred cattle ever imported, and consisting of 161 Hereford bulls and heifers, 14 polled Angus and 13 Shropshire sheep. All the sheep, 14 of the Herefords and the polled Angus go to Missouri; the rest go to Cheyenne, Wyoming territory. Among the Cheyennes is the bull Rudolph, purchased for 700 guineas.

A very large and brilliant motor was seen early on Sunday morning at Petersburg, Va. It is described as "an immense ball of fire darting across the heavens, brilliantly illuminating the entire city, so that a newspaper might have been read with ease. Its course was northern, and its explosion was heard shortly afterwards."

The corner-stone of the "Great Saengerfest Music Hall," in Buffalo, was laid Monday, the mayor and prominent German citizens making addresses. The building is to be a grand structure, and cost \$160,000. The next festival of the North American Saengerbund is to be held in the new hall in July.

An exhibition game of billiards, 300 point straight carom, balk line game, was given yesterday in New York by Maurice Vignaux and William Saxon. Vignaux was victorious by a score of 300 to 141. His last run was 24, 38, 85 and 55. The best run made by Saxon was 49.

The police of Bridgeport, Connecticut, yesterday discovered "a nest of thieves" and arrested two families of six persons, in whose possession were stolen goods to the value of \$1,500. The articles were stolen from seven different houses. Wm. Ruppert and Augustus Jabolt, the principals of the gang, made a confession.

Local elections were held yesterday in Maine. In Portland, Deering, Democrat, was elected mayor by 174 majority over Libby, Republican incumbent. Lewiston elected Dr. Garcelon, Democrat, mayor by 319 majority, and gave the Democrats a majority of the council. Auburn elected Geo. A. Woodman, Republican for mayor, by 10 majority. In Rockland, George Gregory, Democrat, was chosen mayor by 20 plurality, his opponent, Republican, carried the council. In Saco, the Republican mayor was re-elected by 198 majority. In Gardiner, Perkins, Republican, was elected mayor without opposition. The Citizens' party control the council.

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THE ARSON CASES.

JURY VERDICT ON THE TRIAL.

Monday afternoon.—Couch vs. John Lichtenberger and others. The defendant who lives somewhere in the neighborhood of Manheim, was charged with having obtained a three spring wagon, from Philip Doersom, carriage maker, this city, in April, 1882, by means of false representation. At that time, it was alleged, he represented himself as being the owner of a brick house and five acres of land in Englestown, Lebanon county. He obtained the vehicle and gave in payment a judgment note for 90 days which was not paid. Mr. Doersom then made inquiry and found that the story defendant told was entirely untrue. The circumstances were false. Defendant had purchased a buggy and a sleigh from Mr. Doersom before this; for one he paid cash and gave a judgment note for the other, which he paid.

The defense was that Lichtenberger did not make the representation alleged, but merely stated that he had a life estate in a property of which he and his sister were heirs. The jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to an imprisonment of one year.

A verdict of not guilty for want of evidence was taken in the case of Wm. L. Smedley, of Columbia, charged with adultery. The cases of Frederick Bletz, ar. and jr. for violating the auction laws, were not proseed.

Court adjourned at 4 o'clock for want of business. Tuesday morning.—The first case attached in court to day was that of John Wertz, of this city, charged with arson, in setting fire to the Onestoga cork factory, owned by Mrs. Henry Baumgardner, on Locust and Lime streets, on the morning of January 15, 1882. Before striking the jury the counsel for the accused asked for a bill of exceptions to be filed on their behalf, on the motion of the accused to quash the indictment on the ground that the grand jury who returned the bill was illegally sworn. The court had discharged this rule, as the bill had been found at the November sessions, 1882, and no exceptions were then taken. The commonwealth objected on the ground that the defense were late, they having entered a plea at the January session of not guilty and taken a recess on the morning of January 15, 1882. The court denied the objection. The accused denied that he ever pleaded to the indictment, through his counsel or otherwise. The court granted the bill of exceptions.

THE BOROUGH BUDGET. Vigilant fire company business meeting to night.—Columbians who went to Lancaster to see "The Mascotte" were pleased.—Merchants in Philadelphia this week laying in spring goods.—Jos. Samuels' catarrhal catarrh, which has been on for some time, has been cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The building and machinery were worth \$25,000 and the stock \$40,000. It was a total loss.

THE WILBUR OPERA COMPANY WAS WARMLY welcomed in Fulton opera house last evening by an audience not too large to crowd out all comfort and demonstrative and fashionable enough to show that good opera holds a leading place in the appreciation of Lancaster's leading people. The play presented was Audran's pretty opera, "La Mascotte." Audran's music has a peculiar charm of its own, not consisting altogether of an overshadowing sentimentality in its character, but possessing a sprightly and a rich vein of the humor that give it additional excellence when interpreted by talented artists. It is not, however, a completely melodious work, there being parts here and there that jar rather unpleasantly upon the ear with their broad, heavy, but which are sometimes attributable to the failings of the singer. The Wilbur company seem to understand this idea well themselves and gave last night, on a general view, one of the best renditions of "Mascotte" ever seen here. The title of the evening was made by Miss Ray Samuels, as Fianetta, whose charming singing at once won the hearts of the audience and who were not content to let her go with less than three encores. Miss Samuels sings with an ease and grace and sets with a naturalness and freedom of expression fully comprehending her role, which in "Mascotte" is one that does not give her ample opportunity to display her powers as an actress or singer. Mr. A. W. P. MacCollin, as Prince Lorenzo, entered into his part with a vim and an apparent desire to give the role of the prince the audience the choicest of his abilities, and was eminently successful in his endeavor. His acting is good and his make-up a startling presentation of facial ugliness and reckless humor. Mr. J. E. Brand, while no doubt striving to give a just conception of the role of Pippo, palpably detracts from the general excellence of the troupe. His acting is not as spirited as the part naturally demands, and what vivacity he did throw into it was sometimes strained and difficult to appreciate. While Miss Susie Kirwin, as Bettina, the Mascotte, gave a pleasing rendition of her part, throwing into it a dash and vivacity that was as pleasing as it was unobjectionable. Her voice was pleasant, but lacking volume, which discrepancy was supplied by her animated and very natural acting. All in all, the Wilbur company seemed to meet the expectations of the people assembled to hear them, and certainly presented a surprise in the elaborate and elegant costumes that graced the wearers during the evening.

THE NEW YORK MARKET. For the Week Ending Saturday, March 3, 1883. U. S. Tobacco Journal. The end of the congressional age opening negotiations for tobacco. The market is in a feverish condition, as it is expected that an increase of duty on Sumatra will stimulate speculations, while the settlement of the tax question will bring to the market a great volume of cigar manufacturers. If the expected result does not occur, it is rumored that a number of leaf dealers and packers will abandon the trade and enter upon the manufacture of cigars. The purchase of '82 tobacco all over the country were quite active during the past week. If the prices reported by the country press are correct, most of the purchasers are insane. Those who bought in Connecticut at high figures reckon on obtaining heavy prices for seconds. Should they succeed in doing so, the prices of the wrappers will run low. There is a great deal of material for the manufacture of cigars in Wisconsin, and Western jobbers, who are relied upon as main takers of seconds, will probably act rather contemptuously when packers ask 14 to 16 cents for seconds. But there is no use in arguing with people who consider the purchasing of cigars in the country a mere once affair. Next week, when all the vested tariff and tax questions have been tried, for some time at least, we shall speak at length of the situation and prospects of the market. The only notable feature of this week's business was the inquiry for old and new Ohio by manufacturers and dealers. For some selections in wrappers as high as 15 cents was paid. The sales of the week were as following: Pennsylvania, crop '81, 150 cases, p. t.; crop '80, 200 cases, at 81 to 17; Wisconsin, crop '81, 350 cases Havana seed, at 15 to 18. Connecticut, crop '81, 150 cases wrappers, at 16 to 30. Ohio, crop '80 and '81, 1,300 cases, at 57, 7, 10 to 15. Sumatra.—Market very active. The approaching decision of Congress regarding increased duty brought a number of speculative buyers into the market. Prices are rising, and \$1.50 is now being quoted for really fine leaf in the market. Havana.—Market moderately active. Seed 500 bags, at 16 to 17. Fine leaf at 16 to 17. Prices, 90 cents to \$1.20. Cigar Report.—Sales of seed leaf tobacco reported by J. S. Gans & Co., tobacco brokers, No. 181 Water street, New York, for the week ending March 5, 1883: 1,428 cases 1880-1891 Ohio, 4@10c; 200 cases 1880 Pennsylvania, 3@14c; 150 cases 1881 Pennsylvania, p. t.; 150 cases 1881 New England, 14@25c; 150 cases sundries, 3@20c. Total, 2,078 cases. Philadelphia Market.—Seed Leaf.—Dealers report an increase of inquiry, especially for wrappers. Considerable Connecticut and Pennsylvania '81 changed hands, with quite a round lot gone into hands of manufacturers at full figures. Havana seed of Wisconsin and New York state meeting with a fair demand. Binders and fillers find about the usual demand. Sumatra leaf has fallen back somewhat.