

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, 1883.

Off the Track.

The editor of the Philadelphia Times is now sibilantly assailing the General Assembly for its action in the Dukes case.

The constitution forfeits the office of anyone who refuses to take the oath; and without this constitutional forfeiture, it would be plainly inherent in the power of the Assembly to vacate a seat which is declined by one who was elected to it.

But the distress of the Times seems to be that the General Assembly vacated Dukes' seat upon constitutional authority and well established precedent.

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not heroic." "Weakness and indecision" on all crucial questions characterize the executive; while his cabinet is a collection of antiquated fossils who exercise a paralyzing influence on his

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The placidity with which a great part of the suicides of the present day are committed is a consideration which naturally occasions much surprise and possesses a peculiar significance.

The jury in the Western lunatic asylum poisoning cases, at Staunton, Va., on Thursday rendered a verdict that "the patient was poisoned by acetone administered in mugs of medicine, but by whom placed in the mugs is unknown."

The sheriff of Mississippi county, Mo., arrived Thursday evening at Stanford, Ky., having in custody William Shadown, a Confederate soldier in the county in 1862, and for the murder of a then prominent citizen—Berry D. H.

The Reading Herald foresees the time when toll gates will be shaking on their hinges and finally drop off.

The Reading Herald ascribes the prevalence of dyspepsia to hasty eating and pie.

To oblige many anxious readers the Carlisle Sentinel pensively inquires when, and for what purpose, was the largest body of men ever gathered together?

The Pittsburgh Post unreservedly approves of the commission of Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson to institute inquiries and report relative to the condition of the bands of mission Indians in California, who are a legacy from Spain.

The Philadelphia North American rubs its sleepy eyes, and regardless of law or facts, declares the release of Conkling to be a "disgraceful surrender to a sentimental and unreasoning clamor, and moreover, a flagrant abuse of magisterial authority."

The Harrisburg Independent wants voters who call themselves by its name to make the office hunter without regard to his position; strike him wherever he intrudes himself and scratch them off tickets and discard them in conversation.

NEWS BY MAIL.

A MURDEROUS HUSBAND'S ANGER.

Charles Tighman's Unprovoked Attack Upon His Wife—Various Events of Late Occurrence.

The story of an unprovoked murderous assault comes from Hecktown, a small place eight miles northwest of Easton. Charles Tighman persuaded his wife, who had lived at the almshouse, to leave the institution and accompany him, saying they would keep house again. They were walking along the different country roads, and appeared to be entirely friendly, when near the farm house of Benjamin Robb, Thursday morning, the man suddenly threw his wife to the ground and cut her throat nearly from ear to ear.

The woman, still alive, was cared for by Mr. Robb's family until afternoon, when she was taken to the almshouse. The doctors say she cannot possibly live. Her wounds were severed by the knife, and though trying to speak, could not make herself understood more than to say she knew of no reason for the act.

The family of John Franklin Wolf, of Manassas, in a severe distress over his mysterious disappearance. The attending circumstances are particularly sorrowful. On the 18th Mrs. Wolf became the mother of twins, one of which was still-born.

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Jerome Leland, one of the proprietors of the Starvation house in New York, died yesterday at the Lenox hotel, in Newburgh, Ohio, of pneumonia.

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A Ready for "The First"—Its Novel Architecture—A Splendid Room for Business—A Description of It.

The new banking house of the Fulton National Bank, No. 11 North Queen street, is nearly finished, and the officers expect to remove the effects into it this evening and be ready to transact business therein to-morrow.

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