

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 1883.

A Tough Struggle.

The noisome and scandalous struggle for the control of the little estate left to the historical community at Ephrata, known as Seventh Day Baptists, which has been dragging through the local courts for some years, broke out again today in an unamiable contention between our esteemed friends, the president and associate justice of the Lancaster county court. It will be remembered that some years ago the distracted membership of this association was so evenly divided that it was a question which of the two factions had a majority, the one which counted the fewer members maintaining that it had a lawful majority of one, as the other had been improperly increased to a like slender majority by the irregular admission of members for the purpose of making this majority, but that such members had no rights in the church and to its franchises. Rival claimants to the trusteeship presented their bonds to the court, which must approve them to be effective. The judges of the court divided as evenly as the Baptists, Judge Patterson approving one faction's bond and Judge Livingston dissenting. The question as to whether the approval of a bond by one judge is "approval by the court," is a peg on which was hung an appeal to the supreme court, and in the voluminous testimony taken in the case, the master's report, the different opinions of the court and the undertow of discussion in legal circles there has been developed not only an unchristian condition of things in the Ephrata community, but a degree of professional recrimination which is very distressing. The case was so delayed last year that the supreme court laid it over until this year, and meantime, there has been another dual election of trustees; both boards came before the court with bonds to approve, and each has a judge on its side as our court proceedings show. Each board can now claim, with equal truth, that its bond has been approved "by the court" and if they don't go to each other again with hoe handles and dung forks it will not be because the division of the judges has indicated which has the better right to till the glebe and carry the bag for the Ephrata Baptists. Mean while, everybody is agreed that it is a sin and shame that the annals of a community of such historic fame, established in brotherly love, should be stained with an unseemly wrangle for the bit of property left to the remnant of its members. But while there is a bit of meat on the bone and three lawyers and a judge tugging at each end of it, the coultart may be expected to continue.

CHAIRMAN COOPER, of the Regular Republican state committee, reminds the state that he has not gone out of business, by sending to his committeemen for an expression of their preferences as to the place of holding the next state convention, the time being fixed by the new rules at July 11. At the same time the public is advised that Cooper and some of the Independent leaders have patched up a truce by which there is henceforth to be but one Republican party in the state; the Regulars are to hold their convention and nominate Independents, who are then to be endorsed by the Independents and peace and harmony are to prepare the way for united action in the presidential year. Whereupon and wherefore some wiseacres precipitately conclude that the occupation of the Democratic party in this state is gone. We beg them not to rashly forming this judgment. The Democratic organization does not depend for success on Republican division. Had Stewart withdrawn last fall and Beaver remained the only Republican candidate, Patterson's majority would have been larger. The hopes of the Democratic party rest on its own integrity and harmony. While these abide it can successfully meet and whip the Republican party united under one leadership in which the Cameron-Cooper element must be the predominant element. It may in this year make a faint retirement or concession. But it will only let go to take fresh hold. And the real independent portion of the party is not likely to be deceived.

It must have been in a fit of gross thoughtlessness that the House passed the bill adopted by a previous Legislature and vetoed by Gov. Hoyt, allowing cities of the third class to adopt a code or system of ordinances as a whole in the form of a printed book, without other publication, and also repealing all laws requiring the advertising or recording of ordinances or the printing of the same for the use of the members of councils. Such a loose form of law-making is in the highest degree objectionable, and at variance with the constitutional system of our state government, and therefore met with the peremptory opposition of Gov. Hoyt. The present executive, in an admirably expressed veto message, follows with equally emphatic disapprobation of the measure. The bill is full of faults of detail, such as a failure to provide for distribution of copies of the new code, but in its general character highly offensive in substituting an inadequate way of publishing municipal laws for the present proper method of making the public acquainted with them by advertisement in the newspapers. As the bill was limited to cities of the third class and to such as might accept its provisions, it is likely it covered a private and local job, which is additional good reason for the coup de grace which the governor has given it.

HIGH LICENSES are proving an efficacious temperance measure in the West. They reduce the number and improve the quality of the drinking saloons. The better class of proprietors, in view of the expenses of a legal prosecution of their business, have special incentive to suppress illegal competition. High license tax may be the meeting ground of real temperance men and intemperate prohibitionists.

The House was inexcusably dilatory in getting through with the appropriation bill, but that is no reason why the Senate should not pass some kind of a measure and let the conference committee begin the inevitable wrestle with it. The Democrats will interpose no obstruction, as they want the matter to be made the subject of conference at once. The delay in the Senate looks like an effort to defeat any apportionment this session. If that occurs the Independents must take the responsibility for it, and the Democrats can well afford to demand an extra session for the performance of a constitutional obligation. Their hands will be clear of the necessity for this expense to the state, but if it arises it is the duty of the governor to meet it, and we have no fears that he will fail to do so.

It would be just like Bill Chandler to so frame the bids of the naval department for the new steel cruisers as to exclude the ship yards of Commander Gorringer by bidding for them, for Chandler hates Gorringer and fears that his shipbuilding establishment may be a rival to Roach's. Gorringer says that by inserting in the proposals that bids by inserting "from either American shipbuilders whose shipyards are fully equipped for building or repairing iron and steel steamships or from constructors of marine engines, machinery and boilers," the department meant to slap at his works, which are the only shipbuilders in the country that do not construct steam engines. The secretary of the navy is a very fertile genius, and if there is anything he can do to let in his friends and keep out his enemies he may be relied upon to do it.

The House has passed the bill to divert the moneys received from liquor licenses from the state into the county treasuries, and as the state treasury has been represented to be overflowing with money and the receipts from all sources far greater than the necessary expenses, this diversion seems to be about the most sensible and practicable that could have been made. The public expense occasioned by the violations and abuse of the liquor traffic falls upon the counties and they should properly have the revenues accruing from the privileges granted to vendors. Besides, the counties have to collect these taxes for the state, and they may as well keep them, as the proposed change in the law provides, and by so much reduce the county tax.

PHILADELPHIA is getting to be quite a clever town. Nearly as many internal revenue stamps were sold there yesterday as in Lancaster.

The president has the naming of the new steel cruisers that are to be built. Ungrateful man if he overlooks the fraternal names of Robeson and Chandler.

The Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany will shortly visit Rome in the strictest incognito. The incognito of royalty is something very considerable. It always lets the world know just what it is doing when on its travels.

It will be five years before the scientists have finished their calculations upon the transit of Venus, and there are no arid circles in which they may be hurried up. Sullivan engrosses the attention of the culchawed in Boston, and Barnum monopolizes the rest of the country.

LOWA'S prohibitory law has been declared unconstitutional, but the high license system works well and is working its way eastward. Danville, Illinois, has adopted a \$600 license. The general effect is that the liquor dealers who pay the big license suppress those who try to sell without license.

YESTERDAY'S cabinet meeting was devoted to civil service reform matters; the first social reunion of the civil service reform association of the Fifth congressional district, Massachusetts, was held in Boston last night, and there were eloquent speeches delivered and thrilling letters read from Eaton, Schurz, Curtis and others, not including Keim; Commissioner Thoman clears Pendleton from all responsibility for Keim's selection; the Reading Herald disavows all responsibility on the part of Berks county for Keim; and still Keim's paper, the Harrisburg Telegraph, keeps on praising Keim, and Keim does not decline, while his commission is in suspense.

HAD Shakespeare been in the flesh to be present at the opening of the dramatic festival in Cincinnati Monday evening his great heart must have swelled with emotion at the grand popular recognition there displayed of his immortal genius. The splendid scenic deceptions, the crowded house, the large and brilliant cast, not more than once or twice surpassed for dramatic ability in the theatrical history of this country, including in it James, Skinner, Murdoch, McCullough, Barrett and a number of others of the brightest stars in the galaxy of American dramatics, and the magnificent play itself, "Julius Caser," united to constitute an occurrence that will long remain memorable in the annals of dramaturgy.

PHILADELPHIA is to have a series of choral and orchestral concerts on a grand scale, in the second week of May. Seven concerts are to be given in that week under the auspices of a chartered association of public spirited Philadelphians, the music to be performed by a chorus of five hundred and fifty thoroughly trained vocalists, and an orchestra of one hundred skilled musicians. The scheme is not a money making one, but is designed to put Philadelphia in line with New York, Boston, Cincinnati and other centres of musical culture in the patronage of this art.

The individual members of the association with others subscribed to a "guarantee fund" of fifty thousand dollars to make the undertaking sure. If there shall be money loss in it, the loss will be theirs—it there shall be profit it will go to the establishment of a force of choral and instrumental musicians in Philadelphia on a scale worthy of the city. Ultimately it is expected to build a great music hall with full appointments such as Cincinnati has.

PERSONAL. MR. JAMES McHENRY has been adjudged a bankrupt at London.

DR. H. B. WILBUR, of the New York state board of charities and superintendent of the Idiot asylum in Syracuse, dropped dead in that city yesterday morning. He was 63 years of age.

S. TREASURER GILLILLAN has been vindicated. The error of 3 cents in his accounts of millions of dollars, it has been discovered, existed when he took possession of the office.

SITTING BELL and some one hundred and fifty of his Uaupia Sioux, mostly women and children, however, have quit loading at the port of New Orleans for the Northern Missouri to undertake farming.

SECRETARY TELLER said yesterday that he did not intend to reply to Senator Hill's charges, except so far as they related to his management of the interior department. "The personal allusions of this letter," said the secretary, "I do not intend to dignify by an answer."

THOMAS MACKENZIE has on fifty years been connected with the Johnson type foundry, Philadelphia, and the semi-centennial anniversary was fittingly celebrated last night by a public meeting of the employees at which there was the presentation of a silver plecter to Mr. McK. Speeches by the president, a poem by Eugene H. Munday in his characteristic and happy vein.

REV. GEORGE HENRY CONSOR, dean of Windsor, whose death is announced, held the exalted position only about six months. He was the first occupant of the office in a long time who was not of high family connections. He was a native of New York and a member of the Episcopal church.

ELIM G. SNYDER'S pen portrait in the Bellefonte Watchman's Harrisburg correspondence: "A slender man, with hair and eyes of a golden color. This is his second year as a member. He is an industrious, hard working man, occasionally taking the floor, but only when he has something to say, which he does concisely and intelligently. He received a common school education, then learned the trade of a book binder, and has been a clerk in the oldest and one of the largest hardware establishments in the state. He is fifty years of age, but is a much younger looking man. When first nominated for the Legislature he was taken up as a sort of 'foreign hope' by his party, several prominent gentlemen having previously declined what they conceived to be an empty honor."

Constable Dryden was shot dead by Constable Steeves, whom he was trying to arrest for alleged illegal seizure of a horse at Moneton, N. B., yesterday. Steeves escaped arrest.—An unknown scoundrel yesterday broke into the engine house of the Truro railroad yards, causing the locomotive tender and three freight cars to be wrecked. The loss is \$25,000. No lives were lost.—Dr. Robert Eustace, of Canis, Nova Scotia died suddenly yesterday with a heart attack, but was raised to a suspicion that he had been poisoned.

Four attempts to burn the Glendou house in Boston, were made on Monday night and two last night. The culprit was discovered in the 12-year-old daughter of one of the boarders, who gave as a reason that she "liked to see a blaze."

Municipal Elections in Indiana. Municipal elections were held in Indiana yesterday. Vincennes elects the entire Democratic ticket for the first time in several years; at Delphi the Democratic ticket was elected by a handsome majority; at Terre Haute a Republican mayor was elected, with a Democratic city council; at Greencastle the Democrats claim that their entire ticket is elected; at Greensburg the Republicans claim to have elected their ticket; at Muncie the Independent ticket was elected on local issues; at Kokomo the Democrats elect their mayor and marshal. The rest are Republicans; at Columbus the entire Democratic ticket is elected; at Richmond the Republicans were successful; at New Albany the Independent candidates for mayor and clerk are elected.

Heavy Tobacco Shipments. Two special trains with twenty-two cars left Petersburg, Virginia, yesterday for Norfolk with 4,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Sixty-five per cent of the New England states. A large quantity was also shipped to different points in the Southern states. The sales of tobacco and cigar stamps footed up \$33,811.90. Several hundred thousands pounds of tobacco were also shipped from City Point to New York.

A Mother Kills Her Child. About three weeks ago Lizzie Harnel, of near Taylorstown, Washington county, Pa., gave birth to a child. On Saturday last the girl's parents went away and when they returned on Sunday the babe was dead and buried. The neighbors learning the facts became suspicious and dug up the body, sent to Washington for coroner Greer and guarded the corpse until the inquest. A verdict was returned that the child died from violence. The girl and the man suspected as father of the child have departed.

Hanging in the Garret. In Allentown, Valentine Shoemaker committed suicide by hanging himself in the garret of his house. His head was injured years ago by an accident, and though he has never been watched with apprehensions of doing himself harm it is supposed his mind was most probably deranged. He was married a great deal, and the running away of a son a week or so ago. He leaves a wife and three children. He was 46 years old.

A BIG MINERS' STRIKE.

THE Bituminous Coal Miners Refuse to Labor for Less Than Ten and One-Half Cents a Bushel. The largest miners' strike that has ever occurred in Western Pennsylvania began Tuesday morning at six o'clock when over 5,000 bituminous coal miners laid down their picks and laid the mines. The demand is 31 cents per bushel for mining while the operators are willing to give only 3 cents. Tuesday morning the men at six pits refused to leave and join the strike. The six mines that had not joined in the strike were the Penn gas No. 4, Scott Haven and Waverly, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Primrose, on the Pan Handle, and Keeling and Castle Shannon, on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston road. No special fight has been inaugurated on the Baltimore and Ohio. It is thought, however, that the miners will quit work on the Pan Handle extra efforts have been made to get the men to join in the strike. Mr. Schaming, president of the Miners' association, has been at Primrose trying to induce the coal diggers to leave their pits and join the miners. The meeting held at Keeling and Castle Shannon, on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston railroad, and the miners urged to strike. It is thought by those at the head of the action that all men who are now holding back will be persuaded to participate in the strike given encouragement to participants who believe that operators cannot afford to keep their mines closed. What orders they will fill will be with river coal. A miner who has worked in England said that the pay of the coal diggers in this country is less than that in England. Operators seem to feel as confident of success as do the miners. They say they can stand a strike as long as the men. Some of the men feel somewhat sore because they have large contracts on their hands that they are unable to fill. Three and a half cents has been considered by some, but no definite action has been taken.

Last night large mass meetings of the miners were held at Mansfield and McDonald stations, on the Pan Handle road, and at Scott Haven and West Newton, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. These gatherings were held late in the afternoon or early in the evening. At the meetings last night on the Baltimore & Ohio an unusually large proportion of the men were composed of women and children, members of the families of the strikers. They took the liveliest interest in the proceedings. It is asserted that they are urging their husbands and fathers to prosecute the strike to the end, and they say they cannot live on the three cent rate.

The strike covers an area of county fifty miles long by twenty-five miles broad and at least 20,000 people are involved, counting the families of the strikers. A very large number of strikers with their families are now in the mountains. If there is prospect of a protracted lock-out the men will go into camp. If the pits are closed for a week or more, out of the strikers, with brass bands and martial music, will make an attempt to make them strike.

Other Labor Movements. At a large meeting of the coal miners of Bradwood, Illinois, held yesterday it was decided to accept a proposition of the operators for a reduction of five cents per ton for digging.—The printers in the Daily Times office, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, quit work yesterday because the management announced that non-union printers would be permitted to work in the office. A reduction of ten per cent. in the wages of wire drawers at the Tronton (New Jersey) iron works, to take effect after this week, has been announced.—About 100 vessels cleared yesterday from Chicago for the Great Lakes ports.—The Allegheny steamship company has brought out 150 ship laborers to load their vessels at Montreal and Quebec during the summer season.

THE CIGAR TRADE. A General Advance in Wages. The committee appointed by assembly No. 33, Knights of Labor, Philadelphia, to investigate the wages of cigar makers to ascertain the feeling concerning the advance of one dollar per thousand demanded by the working men, made a report to the assembly last night. The report sets forth the success achieved with the cigar makers in securing a general advance of one dollar per thousand, and concludes by stating that if a general strike results the public can judge of the guilty party, as the committee had advised the makers to accept the advance further trouble in reading and writing, some of the manufacturers granted the advance asked for, and others refused it. In the latter case the men quit work. The same condition of affairs exists in Troy, New York. At Wilkesbarre, Pa., all the manufacturers of cigars refused to accept an advance of fifty cents. The increase demanded was granted by the manufacturers at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Louisville, Kentucky; Columbus, Ohio; Boston, Massachusetts; and Trenton, New Jersey, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

The seven and a half striking cigar makers of Kinney Brothers, of New York, half of whom are women, met last night and formed two organizations, one for each sex. Resolutions were adopted declaring their determination to remain out until their demands are granted.

Various Items of Divers Interests. The committee appointed to examine the property offered for a site for the new postoffice in Brooklyn, has recommended the purchase of a lot measuring 241 by 210 feet, bounded by Washington street, Myrtle avenue and Adams street, at a cost of \$50,000.—The committee appointed to select a site for the new postoffice at Scranton, Pa., recommends the property at the corner of Washington avenue and Lincoln street, for which \$35,000 is asked.—The coinage of the United States mints during the month of April amounted to 7,811,000 pieces, valued at \$4,600,000.—Standard silver dollars 2,350,000 were turned out, and of the five cent nickels, 2,666,000.

A bill was filed in the supreme court at Boston yesterday, for an injunction against the removal of the big organ from Music Hall. The organ was subscribed to by the original organ fund, Work on the Washington monument, in Washington, will be resumed next week and pushed vigorously during the summer.—The job bridge at Cape Rouge, Quebec, remains firm, and the military authorities will attempt to blow it up today.—A northeast rain storm prevailed all day yesterday at Charleston, South Carolina.

Recent Disasters. An incendiary fire in Waxahatchie, Texas, on Sunday night destroyed an elevator and four other buildings, causing a loss of \$40,000.—Fry and Mathis' distillery near Manor, Pa., was burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$25,000. The bonded warehouse caused damage.—An incendiary fire near Yazoo City, Mississippi, on Monday night, destroyed the stables on the plantation of Frank W. Haynes, killing 35 mules to death.—Nine houses in the lumbering town of Nine Mansfield, Wisconsin, were burned yesterday morning and fifteen families rendered homeless.—Half the business portion of the little town of Phelps, Missouri, was burned yesterday. The buildings were destroyed.—A forest fire is now raging on the Marshfield plains, Mass. It is estimated that three thousand acres of wood land has already been destroyed. Several dwellings are in danger. It is supposed the fire started from a match thrown among the leaves of a soda water fountain in a drug store in Syracuse, New York, burst yesterday, fatally injuring Clarence Howland, the proprietor, and less seriously injuring two others.

Strange Death of a Bridegroom. In Corvina, Mo., George Parkman, a man of irregular habits, who had been married but a week, complained of being ill early Monday morning. He jumped out of bed and through the kitchen window, and savagely attacked his wife and her mother and nearly bit a neighbor's thumb off. He had to be choked before he could be overcome. He died shortly after being secured.

Neighbors' News. Events Near and Across the County Lines. The Lehigh Valley railroad company is putting down a third track between Mauch Chunk and Bethlehem. A delegation of members of the Northampton county bar are at Harrisburg to urge the retention of the additional law judge in that district. A committee from a Lutheran church in Harrisburg waited upon the mayor of that city to confer with him relative to the crying of Sunday papers on the streets by the boys employed by the publishers. A cañary is to be established on the farm of Hugh Ross, Upper Oxford, in a short time. It will be operated by James A. Andrews, of Oxford, and Everett E. Ross, of Upper Oxford. The firm will plant about 50 acres of tomatoes. Edward Lafferty of Boyars, Berks county, has made a wager with Dr. J. H. Funk, of the same place, that he can eat five goose eggs at one meal each day for a period of thirty days. The conditions of the wager are that should Lafferty fail to eat the five eggs he shall forfeit \$10 and pay for the eggs. Should he accomplish the feat the doctor will be liable for the same. Harrisburg citizens are suffering under the too rigid enforcement by the police of the ordinance which prohibits persons from standing on the sidewalks. Ladies "stopping for a minute or two are told to 'move on,'" and "business men who stop on the sidewalks for a short business conversation, friends who have not seen each other for weeks are 'hustled' along as soon as they stop."

On Wednesday afternoon while a Mr. Yeiser, of Litzitz, was passing over the Cornwell hills with plow patterns, a black snake made its appearance and almost struck the animal to sky showment. The snake was soon despatched and when a measurement was made proved to be five feet in length and half as thick as a man's arm.—Lebanon Advertiser.

FUNERAL OF F. W. CHRIST. Very Large Attendance—Impressive Services. The funeral of F. W. Christ took place at Litzitz yesterday afternoon, and was most largely attended, and another funeral that has taken place in the village since that of Prof. John Beck. It is estimated that fully 2,000 persons were in attendance. The funeral services took place in the Moravian church, which was packed to its utmost capacity, while many hundreds crowded the sidewalks in front of the edifice. The remains, encased in a handsome casket, were placed in front of the altar. The floral tributes to the memory of deceased were numerous and very beautiful. Among them were noticed a large number of flowers presented by the pupils of the Sunday school, and a crown by the teachers; a cross by Mr. Taggart; a star by Geo. W. Schroyer, and an ornamental piece by the girls of Linden Hall, were also very beautiful. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Nagel, pastor of the Moravian church, of which deceased was one of the most highly esteemed members. The choir opened the service by singing "Asleep in Jesus," after which the burial litany was read by Rev. Nagel. The congregation then sang in unison "The Lord after friend depart," and Rev. Nagel preached the funeral sermon, which was both eloquent and impressive. Bishop Edward de Schweinitz followed in some pertinent remarks in eulogy of the dead and admonition to the living. The choir sang the anthem, "I heard a voice from heaven," after which the remains were removed from the church and borne to the cemetery, followed by an immense multitude of mourners. Arrived at the grave, the children of the school sang the burial hymn, and the burial service was completed by Rev. Nagel. Many distinguished persons from a distance were present, among whom may be mentioned Hon. A. Herr Smith, ex-Congressman Anthony E. Roberts and Rev. Eugene Leibert, principal of Nazareth hall.

From Our Regular Correspondent—The White Horse Hotel. The White Horse hotel property, at the Gap, is offered for sale privately by the proprietor, Mr. John Mason, who has kept it for quite a number of years, and is well known all over Lancaster county as Salisbury's most popular and estimable landlord. His neighbors can only regret his retirement from the business, as during his landlordship he has kept one of the best conducted boarding houses in the state.

Death of Wm. L. Lytle. William L. Lytle died at his residence in the Gap on Sunday after a long illness from consumption. He was in the 29th year of his age and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely death.

Gap Locals. Henry Fox has fitted up admirably and opened a restaurant at the Gap. It is one of the largest and finest in the eastern end of the county. Miss Mary J. High has opened a millinery establishment at her father's residence in the Gap. A family of musicians will appear in Christiana Masonic hall, on next Tuesday evening. O'Brien's show will exhibit at Christiana, on Saturday. Alonzo P. Kennedy has been appointed clerk of the Gap national bank. Telegraphic News Items. The Pennsylvania railroad company's telegraph tower near Kinzer's station, was entirely destroyed by fire together with all the contents, yesterday evening about seven o'clock. The fire was caused by a large hanging coal oil lamp falling from the ceiling of the tower, which exploded and igniting all combustible articles instantly. Howard McLaughlin, the operator, barely made his escape, and before help arrived the building was enveloped in flames. A temporary signal office has been opened at Kinzer's station.

Suits Against the Justices. John H. Fry, county solicitor, George Nauman and George M. Kline, esqs., counsel for the county of Lancaster, have brought suits against the following justices of the peace to recover the amounts justly due to them last year by the county: John H. Fry, \$1,000; George Nauman, \$1,000; George M. Kline, \$1,000; J. K. Barr, \$1,000; M. C. McConomy, \$1,000; P. Spurrier, Joseph Samson and A. F. Donnelly, of this city.

Quarter Granted. A charter has been granted by the court to the Union Chapel association of Ephrata.

Notarials. Prof. W. B. Hat has received his second patent on breech-loading firearms, dated May 1, 1883. Obtained through F. A. Lehman, of Washington, D. C.

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