

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1883.

Time to Halt.

The bill to transfer the proceeds of tavern licenses in the counties to the county treasuries, which finds favor in the Legislature, is a good measure, but this should be a sufficient diversion of the state revenues for the present. The proposition to likewise give the counties the tax on moneys at interest will do to hold over for a season, lest it be found that the state is surrendering a larger revenue than it can spare.

By the breaking of a car wheel on a coal oil train, on the Lehigh & Susquehanna railroad in this state, yesterday morning, the explosion of eight tanks of oil was caused, a great fire ensued and great dangers were only averted by the prompt arrival and strenuous efforts of firemen and their machinery.

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Many years ago the face of "Box and Cox" was very popular. The author of it is now a charity patient in a Philadelphia asylum.

To what base uses may we come at last! A great grandson of John Quincy Adams and a son of August Belmont, freshmen at Harvard, ambitious to serve as sapes on a theatre stage in Boston, were ignominiously ruled out for undersize.

A SMART Philadelphian in rummaging over the old ledgers of the treasury department has discovered that Washington's account with the government was never closed and that there is an unsettled balance against G. W. of \$161,339.

It is done in the name of humanity; but nevertheless wrongly done. The state's charity should be equally dispensed to all its people through its own institutions; and such as are privately established should be reunited for their support to the charitable impulse that created them.

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or made a Republican his private secretary, and appointed another recorder in Philadelphia; his successor and appointee in the controller's office made the general secretary of the Independent Republican state committee his chief auditor, and the governor's secretary of state made the western secretary of the same committee his deputy.

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THOUGH such honors are invariably bestowed upon the governor of Massachusetts ex officio, the Harvard college trustees are much averse to giving Butler the degree of LL. D. at the approaching commencement.

THE selection by President Arthur of the familiar but significant names "Boston," "Chicago" and "Atlanta" for the new men-of-war is a sensible reaction against such nomenclature as the "Moshulu," the "Naumkeag," the "Shokoken," the "Sagardo," the "Unyqua" and the "Waxsay."

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growing that the act was assassination. The witness from whom Thompson learned the story of his wife's dishonor and his own shame is reported to have had visions in her own experience for wishing to involve the Davis and Thompson families in trouble, and as the suspicion grows that Thompson made a mistake the feeling strengthens that men prone to such mistakes should not run at large.

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THE Philadelphia Ledger thinks it a curious case of "moral strabismus" that of James Carey, the informer, who belonged to a murderous secret society, plotted with his fellow members to commit murder, and then, when in danger, betrayed them, but whose Sabbatarian scruples prevented him from attending meetings of the society on Sunday!

REPORTS from the lumber regions of Aroostook, Me., show that spruce trees are dying at a rapid rate. Last winter operations were begun on a part of a township where it was expected that 700,000 feet would be cut, but only 75,000 feet of sound spruce could be found.

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THE Pittsburgh Leader points out that cigar makers, alone among workmen, are getting an advance of wages because the tax was reduced.

THE Pittsburgh Post sounds the alarm against a proposition to secure a legislative declaration that the provisions of the act of April 29, 1874, apply to companies formed to furnish the public with natural gas.

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LABOR'S STRIKE.

ADVANCED WAGES DEMANDED.

Iron Workers and Coal Miners—Cigar-makers and Stone Cutters—Shoemakers Displaced by Machinery.

According to a telegram from Milwaukee, many shoemakers are idle in that city in consequence of the introduction of machinery. "In one establishment, where over twenty men were lately employed, there are but half a dozen working at present."

The coal miners of the Belleville, Ill., district struck yesterday for higher wages. They have been receiving from 1 1/2 to 2 cents per bushel. They now demand 2 1/2 cents, which the operators refuse to grant.

A few of the cigar manufacturers of St. Louis, Mo., are paying a slight advance, but the majority of the men are working at the old prices. The striking cigar-makers of Philadelphia are getting on well, it is understood, that similar action will be taken in all the districts of the state.

The conference committees of the iron manufacturers and Amalgamated association, to settle the rate of wages for the ensuing year, will meet again in Pittsburgh to-day. The general belief is that there will be no agreement, and that a strike is inevitable.

A telegram from Chattanooga says the trouble in the Daily Times office will be ended to-day, a sufficient number of non-union compositors having been secured.

ALARM AMONG LUMBERMEN. Spruce Trees Rapidly Dying From Some Mysterious Cause.

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Prince, who was riding at a pace much slower than that of the preceding, and before evening Leroy had overcome the odds against him and was leading. At the close the score stood: Leroy, 463 miles; Biocles, 448, of which 211 stood to Prince's credit, and 237 to Woodside's. Prince says he had a bad cold, and that he was very excited.

Western Weather. The North Texas reporter for the national agricultural bureau, in his report for May 1, says: "Our season and planting this year are about twenty days late, notwithstanding which prospects are good. The recent rains have given new life and plinters are cheerful and hopeful."

A Pretty Milliner's Death. In San Francisco, a death, involved in much mystery, has just been discovered. Lottie Hausinger, a pretty milliner of 20 years of age, suffering from neuralgia, visited the office of Seth Cook, brother of the late millionaire Daniel Cook, for what purpose is unknown.

Losses by Fire. The Union hotel, two dwellings and barns, and two large stores were burned at New Milford, Pennsylvania, yesterday. Loss, \$40,000. The building occupied by John H. Stocker as a turpentine factory, and by Green & Holland as a corn mill, in Atlanta, Georgia, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$25,000.

The Greenback state committee met yesterday in Harrisburg, and resolved to hold a state convention in Williamsport on the 30th of August next. T. S. Heath, resigned the chairmanship of the committee, and P. H. Byrnes, of Altoona, was chosen his successor.

Highway robberies and murders, usually by negroes, are daily occurrences in Havana. The rabble of the city are said to be armed with knives and revolvers, yet no step is taken to disarm them.

Cardinal McCloskey, in New York, yesterday received Mr. Alexander Sullivan, president of the Irish National League of America. There were present Archbishop Corrigan, Very Rev. Isaac T. Hecker, Father Farrelly and Mr. C. A. Hardy, of Philadelphia.

WASHINGTON NEWS. Official Visitors to the Naval Academy. The president yesterday selected the following board of visitors to the naval academy for this year: Eldridge G. Lapham, U. S. Senate, New York; Johnson N. Camden, U. S. Senate, West Virginia; Fred C. Hawley, House of Representatives, Pennsylvania; Thomas Updegraff, House of Representatives, Iowa; Roger Q. Mills, House of Representatives, Texas; Rear Admiral John C. Howell, Major General Irvin McDowell, Edw. V. Kinsey, West Point, New York; Rev. John W. Dinsmore, Bloomington, Illinois; General Anson G. Cook, New York; Prof. George Janan Riche, Philadelphia; Dr. Samuel Abbot Green, Boston. Secretary Chandler has requested General McDowell to visit the academy with Rear Admiral Howell and Mr. Kinsey before the 20th inst., and the meeting of the board of visitors on June 1, "for the purpose of informally inquiring, first, whether the standard of scholarship adopted is too high, and second, whether the discipline during the past year has been too severe."

LADY HARCOURT, the American wife of the English home minister who has only one son of whom she is devotedly fond, received the other day while at dinner, her husband being absent, a large official-looking envelope addressed in a clerical hand, and marked in the corner "immediate." She opened it, and found a square piece of blanket with a note in a feminine hand, which was evidently that of the two days of hard work she had just had and sore. Leroy gained lap after lap on Prince, who was riding at a pace much slower than that of the preceding, and before evening Leroy had overcome the odds against him and was leading.

CITY COUNCILS.

PROCEEDINGS IN BOTH BRANCHES.

Monthly Report of the City Treasurer.—Action on the Purchase of the Humane Hose House. A stated meeting of select and common councils was held in their respective chambers last evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Present—Messrs. Baker, Baldwin, Dilley, Evans, Wise, Wolf, Zecher, and Berger, president. The monthly report of the city treasurer and receiver of taxes was presented and read. It shows a balance in the city treasury on the 1st inst. amounting to \$5,673.63.

Ordinance No. 1, providing a clerk to the committee on fire engine and hose companies, prescribing his duties and fixing his salary at \$100 per year was read a second and third time and passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2, appropriating the public moneys for city purposes, for the ensuing year, was read a second and third time and the several items of the appropriation were adopted seriatim unanimously. The ordinance as passed finally has as follows:

An ordinance appropriating the public moneys of the city of Lancaster to the several departments thereof for the fiscal year ending on the 31st of June, 1883: To wit: Street cleaning, \$10,000; Police, \$15,000; Fire department, \$25,000; Jail, \$10,000; Public works, \$10,000; City tax, \$10,000; City water, \$10,000; Percentage for collection, \$500; Ages of city tax, \$500; Contingencies, \$500.

A communication from the owners of the Humane hose house to the committee on fire engine and hose was read, wherein they offer to sell to the city the Humane hose house for \$5,200.

MR. EVANS stated that at a meeting of the committee on fire engine and hose, held last evening, a majority of the committee were in favor of purchasing the property at the price named.

MR. BAKER thought the price reasonable and moved that the committee be instructed to enter into negotiations with the Humane owners for the purchase of the property at the price named.

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Common council concurred in the action of select council.

THE AMERICAN MECHANICS. Close of the State Council's Sessions. The state council of U. A. M. met at 2 1/2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. State Councilor Sanderling presiding. The first business of public interest was the passing of a resolution allowing all councils of the order to wear their regalia in case any desire to participate in the ceremonies of Decoration Day in any part of the state.

From the report of state council officers we obtain the following figures: For the year ending June 30, 1882—number of councils in Pennsylvania, 157; number of members initiated during the year, 1,600; total membership to date, 20,335; amount received by subordinate councils during the year, \$89,972.43; amount paid out by subordinate councils for benefits and relief, \$50,455.14; moneys in treasuries of subordinate councils, \$224,708.64; receipts of widows' and orphans' fund during the year, \$2,486.07; number of widows of deceased members, 700; number of orphans, 985; amount of relief paid to widows during the year, \$1,657.64; total amount in widows' and orphans' fund, \$50,085.39.

By request of the state council National Secretary James N. Call, of Philadelphia, exemplified by a resolution of the order for the benefit of the members and representatives. Considerable other business of a private nature was transacted, and the session adjourned at 5 o'clock by singing and prayer.

There are several cases of smallpox in Harrisburg. A charter has been granted to the Heilmund creamery association, of Lebanon county. Capital, \$6,000. Land has been purchased in Phoenixville upon which a needle factory will be built.

Patrick Grant, of West Chester, aged 50 years, was struck by a runaway horse on Tuesday and almost instantly killed. At Harrisburg, Thomas Mazurek was yesterday struck by a train. His head received a ugly gash, while his arm was broken and his fingers and hand injured. He died a few hours later.

Wednesday morning Margaret Shaw, a highly-respected lady, aged 83, residing at the home of her sons, Francis and William Shaw, at Chew's bridge, West Bradford township, Lancaster county, committed suicide by hanging.

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