

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1883.

Keim Steps Down.

Mr. Keim declines to be the examiner of the civil service commission, for the assigned reason that this is the best evidence he can offer of the interest he feels in the success of the work.

The President and His Wine.

Senator Nelson is hard on President Arthur. The senator does not seem to understand how one can drink wine and be decent.

PERSONAL.

ROSCOE CONKLING is said to use Truth as the organ for his political utterances. Mr. PALMER, Michigan's millionaire senator, has given in advance his first year's salary (\$5,000) to the city of Detroit to found a public museum of art.

Ireland's New Friend.

Like all the European states Russia has been the enemy of every other country, and may be so again; but she has only two nations with whom she will inevitably have to enter into a struggle for life or death—these are Germany and England.

A Slick "Dummy."

Two Boston ladies are joint owners of a model or "dummy," such as makers use, which they have named Miss Grace, and which has to be frequently transferred from one to the other according to the terms of the partnership.

Tax the Oil.

The representatives from the oil region do not make a good appearance in opposing a tax on crude oil. They are loudly demanding a free pipe line upon the ground that it is demanded by the interests of the state, to check a monopoly in the control of one of its great products.

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How They Met Their Fate—A River of Blazing Oil—Loss Over a Million.

The oil tank struck by lightning at Communipaw, near Jersey City, Thursday stood among a number of others, and when smitten by the bolt, exploded with a deafening roar, scattering the oil in all directions.

SIX VICTIMS OF THE FLAMES.

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PERSONAL.

EDWARD JOHNSON, the night watchman, who was one of those who escaped in the explosion of tank No. 7, says that the approach of a thunder storm the engineer gets up steam, and we are in readiness to attack a fire, with the aid of a large chemical engine.

PERSONAL.

JEFF DAVIS says: "McClellan was a grand engineer and a great general; Mead was a steady fighter, and his movements were more of a genius to Lee than those of any other Federal general."

PERSONAL.

MISS LILLIAN SPENCER, the actress, is lying at the point of death at a hospital in Cleveland. Her disease is spinal meningitis, and since Sunday she has been in a comatose state.

PERSONAL.

REV. SHOWMAKER of Crozier theological seminary, will preach at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening, instead of Sunday week as announced at the last meeting.

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THE NEW ENGLAND HOMELESS OF Spring field, Massachusetts, publishes reports of the state of the land, which indicate a large yield of land and grain.

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THE STEAMBOAT LAUNCH. The "Robert Fulton" was successfully launched yesterday afternoon, a short distance above Wiltmer's Bridge, in the presence of over two hundred spectators.

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THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE. Contract awarded and work begun. Following are the bids made for the erection of a new four-room public school building at the corner of Ann and Grant streets: J. A. Burger, \$7,947.00; D. Rapp, \$8,763.50; R. M. Morrow, \$9,194.50.

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NEWS NOTES.

Cleanings from the Senate. The forty-seventh anniversary of Lane Theological seminary in Cincinnati took place yesterday. The degrees were conferred on ten graduates, one of whom, William H. Franklin, is a colored man.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIES.

The 26th anniversary of the death of Stonewall Jackson was commemorated yesterday in Richmond, Va. The light infantry blues paraded in Capitol square, where they fired a salute in front of the Jackson monument.

LOSSES BY FIRE AND STORM.

During a severe storm on Wednesday afternoon, lightning struck the house of James Egan, in LaCrosse, Wis., severely if not fatally injuring the young daughter, aged 13 years.

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The damage at Denver, Col., by Tuesday's hail storm, will probably amount to \$75,000. Scarcely a building in the city escaped injury.

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Governor Black of Kentucky, yesterday pardoned James S. Sizemore, who was sent to the penitentiary charged with murder. It is said that Sizemore made no defense. His brother, a man with a large family, being the real criminal.

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Governor Cleveland, of New York, yesterday signed 18 bills passed by the late Legislature, among them the following: To encourage the planting of shade trees along the public highways; declaring oil wells and their fixtures exempt from all purposes except taxation; to prevent the sale of toy pistols, and to authorize corporations to invest in the stocks, bonds or securities of other corporations of other states.

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Governor Daniel, of Georgia, was installed yesterday. In his inaugural address he called upon the people of the state "to sustain him by a healthy public sentiment in maintaining the credit of the state and the enforcement of all good and wholesome laws."

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The proposals for connecting the West. Last evening the proposals for tearing down the building on Church and East King streets, the site of the Eastern market house, and for digging cellars and leveling up, were opened by the building committee at the office of Allen A. Herr.

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Red Yester ended the great council of Red Men, which held its session here three days. The representatives elected to the great council of the United States are: John J. Redifer, Philadelphia; Wm. B. Taylor, Northumberland; and Samuel B. Myers, Franklin. It was desired by the great council to purchase a hall suitable for its use in Philadelphia, the necessary money for the purpose being voted by the body.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

The great chiefs newly elected were installed in the afternoon. Thomas A. McDowell, of Philadelphia, will fill the chair of great sachem for the ensuing year. The following subchiefs were also appointed: great sachem, Henry Kain, Philadelphia; great mishaewa, W. G. Myers, Philadelphia; G. G. of W. Oswell, Hechman, Pittsburgh; G. G. of F. Geo. K. Swain, Philadelphia.

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The may friends of the Great Sachem Wm. K. McClure, M. D. of York, presented him with a beautiful gold chain and device seal of the order to which he belongs. He was much affected by this token of the regard in which he is held by his brother Red Men.

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Resolutions of sorrow were adopted regarding the death of P. G. L. Morris Wm. Gorham, late of Philadelphia. The great council adjourned sine die at 4 o'clock p. m. Many of the delegates left for their homes last night and the remainder this morning. The town was a quiet appearance now without the jolly "injuns."

COLUMBIA NEWS.

Fire at Kaufman's quarries. A large fire occurred last night about 11 o'clock at Kaufman's stone quarries, just east of town. The buildings burned are all located in the quarries and were a blacksmith shop, a saw mill, and a brick kiln. The latter was only partly destroyed. The stock was all rescued, except one horse, which was consumed in the flames. The Shawnee fire company managed to reach the scene of the conflagration, but was unable to extinguish the occurrence of severity of water. The fire was caused by incendiaries, as the conductor of the Pennsylvania railroad freight car No. 27, whose train was going into Columbia past the quarries at the time the fire first started, saw the flames, and immediately beheld two boys running. He would not recognize them however. The loss will be between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

An attempt was made on Sunday night to fire the tool-house of the Columbia water company, which is erected at the reservoir. The people should be on the alert for the fire brands now.

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School Board Meeting. At the meeting of the school directors last evening, all present except Messrs. Gerhart and Given, the finance committee reported the receipts for the past month at \$1,397.74, and expenditures \$1,327.00; balance on hand to date, \$103.63. The superintendent reported the opera house engaged for high school commencement on June 1, and that W. U. Hensel would make the address.

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Mr. Slade was elected to the board unanimously endorsed the recommendation of Miss Kate F. Dinan, a former teacher in the schools here, for a position for which she has applied. Justice W. H. Grier remitted to the board \$5,000, fines collected from persons arrested for train jumping. Superintendent Hensel made a report of the condition of schools, and the attendance of pupils for April. The matter of diplomas for the coming graduates of high school was referred to superintendent committee, in conjunction with Superintendent American, regarding the board. Interest on bonds was reported to be \$44. The school board then adjourned.

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FRANKFORD'S CASE.

The evidence filling up against him. The West Chester papers check all the thought of Frankford being kept in prison for trial and then their good will hold him. Yesterday he was given a hearing before Squire S. E. Russell, on the charge of stealing Hoopes Brother & Thomas' horse and grain from the warehouse of Hoopes Bros., West Chester, on two occasions. The loss and a crowd of people gathered at the prison to attend the hearing and see the prisoner, but owing to the scarcity of room in the hospital, on the second floor of the prison, only the witnesses and representatives of the press were admitted. The loss and the recovery of the horse in Philadelphia were testified to; John F. Warner, of Philadelphia, testified that Frankford sold him the horse for \$100. Hugh McNeile, of Philadelphia, swore that Frankford offered to sell him a cow for \$25. Charles McGinty bought second hand harness from him; Edw. Lementor, who bought the wagon, identified him; and a seed store clerk swore that Frankford sold him the clover seed stolen from Hemphill's. In Philadelphia he gave the name of Ruth. During the hearing the defendant accepted a seat near the window in a very cool and composed manner, and when asked whether he had any questions, he replied in a faint voice, "No." He said to Mr. Hoopes that he had nothing to say, he knew no one in West Chester, and that his mind was upside down and he wanted to be left alone. He suffers very much with the eye that was shot out about eighteen months ago. The evidence being sufficient the defendant was bound over on four charges to the grand jury in default of \$2,000.

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After the hearing Justice Russell, who was originally a Lancaster county man, and who has a large circle of acquaintances in Lancaster city, questioned the prisoner about his small boy, a one-eyed man about living there, and the "squire" was not long in finding out the prisoner knew about everybody he had ever known or heard of in that city.

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The one-eyed man at Reading. The following letter received by Keeper Hagerly of the Chester county jail, explains itself: SINKING SPRING, May 9, 1883. PRISON WARDEN: Dear Sir,—I noticed an article in the Reading Daily Eagle of yesterday stating that a one-eyed man, who it is supposed stole the horse, wagon and clover seed from the West Chester parties last March, was a one-eyed man about 40 or 42 years old, dark hair and mustache rather long, weight say 170 or 185 pounds, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, and at times wore dark suit and overcoat, black stiff hat, German, French or English. The seed was expressed to Philadelphia from Reading depot on Saturday morning, March 17, consigned I. Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa., also same party had stopped at city of Reading Merchant's house on Thursday, March 15, and registered I. Thompson, Reading, Pa., on Saturday morning, March 15, 1883, the party called my place of business and I had suspicion on him as soon as he entered and in conversation I trapped him in telling me a straight falsehood. Enclosed I hand you card, please answer, and if it is my man I will bring him to West Chester, and him and bring him to West Chester, where justice is dealt in Chester county. I am respectfully yours, C. D. REBER.

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Presenting to a worthy teacher. Last evening the dancing academy of Prof. Ed. C. Hall closed at Schiller hall, on North Queen street, with a sociable which was kept up until a reasonable hour. There was a very large crowd present, and the scholars were all aware that something unusual was taking place. About 11 o'clock, after a waltz, Howard P. Wanner, a member of Mr. Hall's school, mounted the stage. The whole school gathered around him and they managed to get Mr. Hall in the middle of them. Mr. Wanner, spoke of the great ability of Mr. Hall as a teacher; in behalf of the members of the school and as a token of their appreciation he desired to make Mr. Hall a present. Saying which, he handed that gentleman a small box containing a beautiful gold badge. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Hall, who mounted the stage and returned his thanks in a short speech, in which he stated that he desired to meet all of the members of the school at the Schiller house next Thursday night, when he will have a social gathering. The badge, which was made at E. J. Zahn's jewelry store, is a very fine piece of work. The upper part is a cornet with pin, and supporting it are a pair of violins; connected with these is the pendant which is square in shape. On one side are flowers of various colored colors. It is the finest class of work on the badge and until lately could not be done in this city. On the pendant is the inscription "To Prof. E. C. Hall, from the scholars of his dancing academy, May 11, 1883."

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The burning petroleum poured forth in a fiery stream and flowed down toward the river. Three huge tanks, each holding 20,000 barrels of oil, stood in the way, and as the burning fluid reached them they exploded simultaneously, with a report that was heard many miles away. Pieces of iron and steel were hurled in all directions, and the flames raged with a fierceness that promised to destroy the entire works.

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Tank after tank was fired by the blazing oil and a dense, black smoke arose, enveloping the city and attracting thousands of spectators to the scene. The storerooms, an immense brick building, was soon wrapped in flames, and after it the engine house, the oil and water pump houses, two underground tanks, two warehouses, and the cooper and blacksmith shops were attacked. The tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, which run close by the works, were soon on fire and several oil tanks on cars were only saved by the expedient of covering them with a thick layer of dirt.

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A long trestle, belonging to the railroad and running to Black Horse, laid across the surface of the bay was covered with burning oil.

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The fire departments were quickly upon the scene of the fire, but a few minutes, work sufficed to show that nothing could be done toward extinguishing the flames, and all efforts were turned to preventing their spread. While thus engaged near tank No. 7, it exploded with a deafening report, and blazing oil was thrown for a great distance in every direction. The chief engineer and a number of men were scalded and injured, and when it exploded and was only saved by the fact that the burning oil passed over their heads. They succeeded in escaping unharmed, but six men, who are supposed to have run toward the river when the explosion occurred, were caught by the flames and perished. John Herbert, superintendent of the Eagle refinery, forty-two years old and married. Joseph Jenkins, engineer, twenty-eight years old and unmarried. George Davis, boss carpenter, twenty-five years old and married. Egler, carpenter, thirty-two years old and married. Richard Conkling, pipe fitter, twenty-five years old. William Curry, aged sixteen, employed in the blacksmith shop.

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Jenkins' mother and sister, who live in Carbondale, Pa., and Kiegle's wife and two little girls, who are on a visit at Carbondale, have been telegraphed to Mrs. Davis was so overcome by the terrible fate of her husband that it is thought her reason may be affected. She could not be induced to leave the house of the Eagle refinery, which is close to the fire, and which was feared at one time would catch fire, but stood on the brink of the flames and moaning, "I trusted in the Almighty," she said, "but George is gone." Curry lived with his father in the City and Con