

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1883.

The Apportionment.

The independent senators cannot free themselves sufficiently from their partisan bias to recognize the obvious fact, which proves itself by the statement, that a fair apportionment state into representative districts requires the division lines to be so run as to give the political parties representation according to their numerical strength.

SENATOR THURMAN'S friends in Ohio are said to be fighting the Pendleton-Hoadley combination with Durbin Ward as the Thurman candidate for governor.

ARCHBISHOP WOOD has refused to grant the petition of the Catholic members of the Grand Army of the Republic relative to privileges sought in Catholic churches and cemeteries in connection with the burial or decoration of graves of their deceased comrades.

SENOR ELMORE, the Peruvian minister in Washington, discredits the report, telegraphed from South America, of the conclusion of peace between Chili and Peru.

The partisan legislator in mapping out his districts is guided by a desire to give his party as great preponderance as he can while making the districts compact and contiguous; and most of them incline strongly to sacrifice compactness to their controlling disposition to strengthen their party.

REV. DR. HERRICK JOHNSON, one of the most thoughtful and influential divines of the Presbyterian church, spoke with exceeding frankness at the opening of its general assembly concerning the perils which beset the church in these days.

It is a forcible commentary on the infamously character of the present congressional districting of this state that nothing to compare with it in gerrymandering qualities has any chance to pass the approval of a majority even of the Republican state Senate.

The death of Bishop Peck makes another vacancy in the Episcopal college of the Methodist church to be filled at the next general conference of that denomination. At no previous session have there been as many bishops chosen as will have to be elected next year and the discussion of the claims and fitness of the ministers for this high place will engage the attention of the church, in an undetone, of course, for the next twelve months and invest with special interest the meetings of the district conferences next year which choose the delegates to general synod.

MR. CALISE, of Kentucky, has come to the same conclusion as the state convention of his party, and the great body of it throughout the country, that the pet phrase of Mr. Watterson is not the best with which to describe the attitude of the Democratic party to the tariff question.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE PRESBYTERIANS AT SARATOGA.

Breakers Ahead for Presbyterianism! The scholarly Oscar Wildes Are Picking the Pentateuch to Pieces—North and South.

In his opening sermon at the Presbyterian general assembly, Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson proceeded in earnest words to depict the dangers that threaten the spirituality of the church. The perils within the church are, it is more zealous for forms than in combating errors.

At the recent tournament in the Villa Borghese, at Rome, in honor of the marriage of the Duke of Genoa, the privileged citizens of the Eternal City revelled in the amusements that filled her streets with clamor in the days of her pristine greatness.

THE sultan of Turkey has decided to convoke a parliament which will resemble the assembly of 1876. In the formation of it he will demonstrate anew the progress of religious toleration in Eastern Europe, since it will be composed of representatives of all religions.

REV. CALVIN W. STEWART, D. D., will preach his 25th anniversary sermon in Union church, Colerain, on the second Sabbath in June, giving a historical sketch of the church from its organization.

COLONEL WASHINGTON A. ROEBLING, the Brooklyn bridge engineer, is still at his home in Brooklyn and does not expect to be able to take part in the opening ceremonies.

JOHN G. WHITTIER was so affected by reading the Carle letter that he set to work and destroyed the major part of his correspondence, covering over a period of 30 years, lest it should be published after his death and bring suffering to any.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM, the well known patent medicine proprietor, died at Lynn, Massachusetts, last night, aged 64 years. She began business as a manufacturer of medicine in a tea-kettle, and attained the distinction of being the subject of the most prominent illustrations in the "patent medicine" newspapers of this country.

MR. RICHARD, of Herrnhut, Germany, who has been sent on official visitation to the American province of the Moravian church, by the union's elders' conference, the highest governing board of the church, will visit the Moravian church in this city on Thursday, 24th inst., in company with Bishop Selwintz. On Friday they will visit Leititz.

LEGALIZE THE TRIAL, AFTER WHICH IT ADJOURNED UNTIL TO-DAY.

THE MANAGER OF THE NORTH CHICAGO ROLLING MILL AT CHICAGO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "NO MATTER WHAT ACTION IS TAKEN AS TO HIS FUTURE, HIS WILL WILL BE WELL FOR THE MILL TO CLOSE, BUT MILL MANUFACTURING RAILROAD IRON ARE NOT AHEAD OF THE MARKET, AND CAN CONTINUE TO RUN ON ORDERS RIGHT THROUGH THE SUMMER."

The Lowell telephone syndicate yesterday closed the purchase of the Southwestern Bell telephone and telephone company with a capital of \$2,000,000, covering for all telephone purposes the entire states of Arkansas and Texas.

THE Wisconsin legislature passed north of Lake Erie railroad. The price paid was \$175 per share, the total amount being \$3,125,000. This gives Vanderbilt a controlling interest in the roads.

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SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

THE SCHOOL IN MOUNT JOY.

The Annual Exam Session Yesterday—Sept. Higbee's Annual Exam—Mr. Brecht's Keep One.

Yesterday was examination day at the soldiers' orphan school at Mount Joy. Everything around the institution teemed with life and gaiety. The large yards surrounding the building, thickly set with trees and shrubbery, were in their new garb of leafy activity to that within.

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THE LUTHERAN MINISTRY.

Business Transacted at the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Session.

In the meeting of the ministerium yesterday, President Reiss announced the following committees: On President's report—Rev. G. P. Kuehn, Dr. P. Platt, Knending, Berkomer and Groff; Laymen Baer, Frank, Lehman and Daub.

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ATTEMPTED INQUIRY.

Caught in the Act of Frying a Hot Potato.

This afternoon an attempt was made to fire the stables attached to the Fountain Inn, which are situated on Beaver street. About half past one a young man named Jerry Dungan was seen loitering around. One of the men knew him and, as he thought he might steal something, resolved to keep a watch on him.

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NARROW ESCAPE OF RAILROAD TRAIN.

Employed after a number of men employed at the Pennsylvania railroad company placed a hand car on the track at Koberstown, for the purpose of riding to their work after dinner.

They were proceeding quietly along, utterly unconscious of the fact that a freight train was following them on the same track at a rapid rate. Suddenly one of the men looked around and saw the locomotive. All were frightened, but had sufficient presence of mind to jump from the car just in time to save their lives.

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