

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 1883.

The Purpose of a Tariff.

Senator Bayard and ex-Senator McDonald have been giving their views on the tariff issue to the editor of the New York World. They are both in favor of a tariff for revenue only.

Senator Bayard, we understand, to argue that a protective tariff is unconstitutional, because the federal constitution does not authorize the taking of private property except for public use and then not without compensation.

But the government does not take the people's money in levying a protective tax. If the tax is thoroughly protective the government gets no revenue from it.

The question in the tariff discussion is as to whether the government has a right to lay an embargo on foreign products. It has nothing whatever to do with the issue which we understand Senator Bayard to present, that it is unconstitutional to take property for private and not for public use.

We suppose that the majority of people will not deny that the United States should prohibit the importation of slaves and convicts, lepers and those having contagious diseases, to say nothing of Chinese and barbarians. If it may prohibit objectionable people from coming into the country it may forbid the importation of objectionable things, infected clothing and cattle for instance; and if things objectionable may be kept out of the country, those which are objectionable by reason of their effect upon the country's industry may by the same logic be excluded.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch very pertinently calls attention to the fact that while the House is disturbing itself and working up a deal of futile popular excitement over measures of secondary importance or that have no possible chance of passage this session, a number of other bills that are of primal consideration and have gone over from the Senate to the House, ready for enactment, are left to slumber and die.

OUR estimable contemporary, Gen. W. W. H. Davis, of the Doylestown Democrat, after twenty five years in the editorial harness, indulges in a very pardonable and satisfactory review of his experience and the success which has attended his efforts at making a creditable local newspaper.

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A TERRIBLE WESTERN TRAGEDY.

Murder and Suicide.—A Boy Lewis's Ven-geance on His Love.—Three St. Louis Dispatch to Times. There was a double murder and suicide yesterday at Cedar Hill, a little town on the river bank just 25 miles below St. Louis.

The Russian czar has been crowned and still lives; which is a matter of surprise, considering the view that has been entertained that the czar could not appear to the people without being pelted with bombs.

GEN. CROOK feels quite certain that Gen. Drum will not let himself be led into a trap, and the loyalty of the Indian scouts who are with him is, in some measure assured by the fact that their wives and children remain in the custody of the U. S. authorities as hostages.

ONE of those blunders, which Richard Grant White has classified as attributable to "heterophony" led to the error in our columns last night that Judge Sharrow had been the Democratic candidate for governor in 1863. Of course that was a mistake. Judge Woodward was the candidate.

The Bullitt bill, for providing Philadelphia city with a new scheme of government, has finally failed in the House and will not become a law. The active support of it by the Republican boss politicians, made Democrats generally distrustful of it as a plan to centralize and consolidate power in the city government in such a way that it would be dangerously subject to gross abuse by the dominant party there.

THE Republicans had another caucus of their state senators last night and failed to come to any conclusion upon a congressional apportionment, Stewart and Lee standing out against the McCracken gerrymander. The Democrats need no better issue upon which to go into the next state campaign than the determined effort of the Stalwarts to pass this thing into law.

COLORADO, a bran new state, seems to be no better than hony Massachusetts. A legislative committee has found the penitentiary system out there to be so cruel that the application of it often results in insanity. "The hose bath has been the favorite method of punishment. Victims are tied to a post and a stream of cold water from a half inch nozzle at fifty pounds pressure thrown into their faces for half an hour at a time, with only short intermissions to prevent their becoming insensible."

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

IN NEW YORK AND LANCASTER.

Seed Leaf, Sumatra and Havana? The Week Ending Saturday, May 26, 1883.

Seed Leaf.—Notwithstanding the intervening holiday of Thursday, the transactions in our market foot up to a respectable size. Contrary to general expectation, the large sales of '82 Pennsylvania did not bring large manufacturers into line for an operations onslaught upon this crop.

Among all the crops, the '82 growth has grown very cautious. They no longer put in stocks to last for a season, nor does the action of one in reference to leaf purchases incite the other to imitation. The market is so unaccommodating, so full of all kinds of crookedness, and so full of inspections, often lasting for days and weeks, exhausting the patience of sellers, that the manufacturers make investments; and even then in limited quantities only.

THE sales of the week were as follows: Connecticut—'82, 700 cases; about 400 consisted of one packing, balance of open cases. The former was sold on private terms.

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VISITING KNIGHTS.

GENERAL DISPLAY OF DECORATIONS.

Flags and Banners Flying to the Breeze.—The Expected Arrival of the Commandants. The lowering clouds of this morning have not passed away without a good deal of blustering wind, but the signs of preparation for the reception and entertainment of the visiting Knights Templar are visible on every hand.

THE DECORATIONS. A General Display of Flags and Banners. The town has already assumed a very gay appearance, the hotels, restaurants and many business places, and private residences being decorated with flags, banners, bunting and evergreens.

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