

# LANCASTER DAILY INTELLIGENCER TUESDAY JULY 31. 1883.

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### Constitutional Construction.

The judiciary apportionment bill received just the number of votes necessary to pass it in the Senate. It had Republican and Democratic supporters and Republicans and Democrats voted against it. Among those supporting it were good lawyers, and it is to be presumed that they had faith in the constitutionality of all its provisions; which leads us to say that a constitution that can have its plain injunction so diversely construed by intelligent legislators is not of very great value as a restricting force upon them. That constitution of ours is as clearly expressed as constitutions generally can hope to be made; yet the governor during this session has not been able to read it with the eyes of the Legislature and has repeatedly vetoed its bills because of their unconstitutionality. How this present measure will strike him we will not venture to say, because the correspondents declare that he intends approving it. If he does he will necessarily endorse its constitutionality. In our judgment it is not in accord with the constitution; but in view of the contrary expressions of opinion on this subject it is necessary to concede that it is one, upon which two opinions may be held. The governor will have the conclusions of Democratic members of the Legislature to sustain him, whatever side he takes, and can give the construction of the constitution an entirely non-partisan consideration. In his position he will have to bear the brunt of the criticism which his conclusions and arguments will receive from the public, and we hope that he will be able to make them sound and a lid. If he can discover how a county may be made a judicial district when it has less than 40,000 population he will get over the plainest stumbling block in the way of finding this legislative apportionment to be constitutional; and if the thing can be done we shall be glad to see its demonstration, as it would be an interesting feat of words and figures. These instrumentalities can be made to do a good deal in skilful hands, we know, but there must be a vast deal of color blindness in an audience which will permit itself to be persuaded that white is black. The reason which the correspondents give for their belief that the governor will approve the judicial apportionment is that he desires to have some fruit to show for the extra session; but such very poor fruit as a judiciary bill which adds half dozen judges to the already too numerous corps, and makes districts as the constitution never intended them to be made, had better be left ungathered; it will not pay to take it home, we fear.

### An Unreliable Land.

Ischia is a land to be forever hereafter avoided, one would think. Certainly no residence more unsatisfactory could be conceived than one where the land subsides under the feet, and topples its buildings over. Seemingly, however, people can get used to even this state of affairs. Ischia has been known to be an unreliable land, and has before now suffered from earthquakes. But they do not come every year and the inhabitants have demonstrated that they are willing to take the risks. But this time the catastrophe is so appalling that it will take a very courageous man to cling to his Ischia fig trees.

It may, however, be possible that earthquakes may be enjoyed by some people. Certainly earthquake countries are not generally deserted when their peculiar unreliability has demonstrated itself. There may be a pleasurable excitement in expecting to be swallowed up at some uncertain period in the distant future. On earthquake lands may have some compensating advantages not elsewhere found; just as the ague districts along the Carolina coast are cherished by the inhabitants, because, as one of them told us once, when you have the ague you do not have any other disease. Ischia may be a particularly healthy country when the earthquakes are not around, and if the average mortality for a hundred years is not high, a residence in this unstable land may be logically defended. Upon the whole, however, we prefer a country where death and burial are not simultaneous. Such a method of final disposition is too unceremonious to be agreeable to the average taste.

The various and variegated statesmen of Indiana seem to be doing their level best to destroy whatever influence as a state they might unitedly command in the Democratic presidential convention of next year. Scarcely had the McDonnell boom got fairly started, sweeping across the prairie of Indiana and threatening adjoining states, when Mr. Hendrick's proclaimed the convalescence of his toe and the rejuvenation of the old ticket. And now arises the tall sycamore of the Wabash to excite a suspicion that he is after the presidential nomination. Mr. Holman has scarcely begun to be mentioned as a promising candidate before it is announced that "Landers is just waiting for his scalp." Altogether things are not lovely. Statesmen and presidential timber like corn grow rank in Indiana. The crop is too abundant to be duly appreciated. And, by the way, it was thin sort of business that lost the Democrats Indiana last fall. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Hendricks and Mr. English had a kind of a monkey and parrot time all through the campaign, and but for that even Dorsey's benevolent shower of two hundred thousand two dollar bills would not have availed to carry the state against the Democrats. They have been keeping it up ever since. The New York and Ohio Democracy show signs of greater prudence and more disposition to harmony. In Pennsylvania the red lines are erased and fractious spirit has been quieted. The Democracy here having carried their state last fall are preparing to do it again; they will participate in making a presidential nomination after that. There will be time enough.

SOME of our contemporaries seem to think that the INTELLIGENCER's approval of the action of the Democratic state chairman is simply the approval of the chairman himself. If they will recollect that he is associate editor and not editor of the INTELLIGENCER, they will see a difference.

A GROWING jealousy is said to exist among plumbers owing to the high salaries paid to baseball players.

JERSEY justice has received another striking exemplification. Two of the scoundrels who assaulted an Orange bank cashier in a car in Hoboken, on Saturday, with intent to rob him of a safe containing a large sum of money, were yesterday sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Jersey penitentiary. The jury that convicted Polk must now hide their diminished heads.

The fate of Carey, the informer, will be the subject of but little regret. The conduct of his associates in the Phoenix park murder, hot headed Irishmen with more blood than brains, was despicable enough, but it almost gains dignity when compared with Carey's deep dyed betrayal of his companions in crime. Though it is to be regretted that he did not die by process of law, yet being equally if not more guilty than his fellow conspirators, it was right that he should be called upon to suffer the same penalty.

FASHIONABLE circles in New York and Washington are about to transplant from England to this country a novel method, as timely as it is sensible, of determining the antecedents and general standing of all those who desire an introduction to a good society. The person introduced a stranger must be prepared to supply all necessary information concerning him, his character, family and general eligibility. These facts, together with the source from which they are derived, are furnished to each member of the particular set, so that all may be well acquainted with the previous history of him who seeks their acquaintance. This is a step in the right direction. Some precautions should be taken to protect our daughters and sisters from the wiles of adventurers, who when possessed of a pleasing address, often succeed in penetrating the inner sanctuaries of the best society.

SOME discussion having arisen some months ago concerning the statement of a naval officer that Admiral Farragut was not lashed or tied to the rigging while directing the movements of the fleet during the engagement in Mobile harbor, as pictured in William Page's famous painting, the artist asserts that his authority for the conception was none other than the admiral himself. The latter visited Page's studio frequently while the picture was in course of preparation, and in compliance with the artist's request detailed his actual position during the conflict. His intention in ascending the rigging was that he might be in a better situation to give orders to the men below. While in this elevated position he noticed a piece of shell strike a few feet above his head and cut away a portion of the maintop, beneath which he was standing, with his feet resting on the rope ladder. Thinking that if killed his body would roll overboard and be lost, he obtained a piece of rope and lashed himself to the shrouds, where he remained calmly issuing his orders during the whole of that memorable engagement. This plain tale should serve to put at rest all doubts concerning the historical accuracy of the painting, and at the same time silence the iconoclasts who would destroy one of the most picturesque, as well as dramatic, situations in the naval history of the war.

**FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.**  
The best way to distribute the surplus revenue of the country, in the opinion of the Norristown Register, is not to collect it. The Eastern Express asks for a larger liberty for the small boy as being more conducive to his physical as well as mental expansion.

The Philadelphia Times thinks the expected encyclical letter of the pope against marital laxity will be productive of much good in the moral world and that it cannot come too soon.

The proposition that the debts of states whose bonds are depreciated shall be guaranteed by the general government excites the righteous indignation of the Lancaster New Era.

The Philadelphia Record adopts the opinion that the Saviour used the Greek tongue, and not the Hebrew, in his discourses, the former being the popular language of Palestine in the time of Christ.

There is a general call, says the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, for information concerning the relation between John Stewart's latest attitude towards the apportionment and his independent professions of last year.

The Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald is out of patience with the Republican legislators who persist in refusing to justify apportionment and his independent professions of last year.

In the opinion of the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, the Republicans of Ohio have enough to carry without shouldering the additional odium that must attach to the invention or retailing of personal slanders about a man like Judge Headley.

The Pittsburgh Times concludes that in view of the unpopularity that attached to the Dukes jury, few citizens of Fayette county will care to sit in judgment on James Nutt, Dukes' slayer; and that at all events, the jury will be governed more by sentiment than reason in their decision.

**Strikers Who Got Left.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Thirty-two printers, members of the typographical union, struck work last night in the Morning Call printing office and insisted that ten others, who are non-union men, should be discharged. This the proprietor refused to do. The place of the strikers were quickly filled with non-union men.

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## THE EARTHQUAKE.

### THE TREMBLING CALAMITY AT ISCHIA.

SEARCHING THE RAISES FOR THE DEAD AND ALIVE—KILLED BENEATH A STONE—4,000 PEOPLE KILLED.

The hospitals are crowded with the wounded and dying victims of the earthquake on the island of Ischia, near Naples, Italy. The dead houses and sheds adjoining are filled with corpses. People arriving at Naples from the ill-fated cities describe the scenes as terrible. On all sides can be seen partially buried persons crying for help, while thousands who have friends missing are scouring through the ruins in search of them. The latest reports put the number of dead at four thousand, with one thousand more wounded. Boats from the island filled with dead bodies are arriving at the port daily. One boat arrived from the bodies of forty-four infants. There were very few English visitors on the island at the time of the disaster. None of the special dispatches mention American names among the killed or injured.

The municipal authorities of Naples are sending relief to the island and are doing all in their power to alleviate the distress of the people. Fifty wooden boats will be built immediately for the accommodation of the survivors. A few persons were taken from the ruins alive last evening. Eight hundred more troops went to the scene of the disaster last night. A detachment of sappers has been sent to the scene of the disaster to assist in rescuing people who have been buried but are still alive. But five houses remain standing at Cassamicciola. Cries for help can be heard coming from the ruins. Of the foreigners at Cassamicciola only those were saved who were at the theatre on Saturday night. Survivors say they were obliged to pass Saturday night in absolute darkness without daring to move, even to assist those calling for help beneath the ruins. There is now little hope that many of the latter can be rescued alive. Three soldiers searching for victims were fatally injured. Subscriptions have been opened throughout Italy for the relief of the distressed.

Survivors say that thirty-seven persons were entombed in the ruins in the Hotel Piccola Santissima. Count Zangardi, after three hours' exhausting labor, rescued eleven persons, but failed to accomplish the principal object of his efforts, the saving of his sister. The play at the theatre Saturday night was a grand exhibition of fireworks which had been long in preparation. The whole audience missed the fire-picture of Niagara Falls because it didn't contain a portrait of Webb. Murphy, the Preston butcher, who has often challenged Webb, and who had always contended that Webb would never succeed in breasting the Niagara whirlpool, has also met with a death similar to that which overtook the captain. Murphy or more than one occasion challenged Webb to dare with him the Pebble whirlpool. Murphy undertook to swim this fearful pool on the very day Webb attempted the Niagara, and was drowned.

**Professor Palma's Death.**  
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**Ad for the Victims.**  
In the absence of Chevalier G. R. Raffo, the Italian consul general, a subscription will be opened at the Consulate office, No. 27 State street, New York, by Count de Revel, the vice consul. Subscriptions will also be received for the same object at the offices of the Italian newspapers, L'Espresso d'Italia, at No. 51 Liberty street, and Il Progresso, at No 2 Centre street.

**THE SCENE OF THE SLAUGHTER.**  
A Famous Resort Which is in the Centre of the Earthquake Zone.

Cassamicciola, the scene of the last terrible slaughter by an earthquake, has been a watering place and summer resort for two thousand years. It was celebrated for its baths long before the coming of the Christians, having been described in the year 474 B. C. by its inhabitants because of an eruption of the volcano Epomeo, which has been quiet and harmless since the year 1302. The freedom from volcanic eruptions was purchased at the expense of increased damage from earthquakes. It is situated on the island of Ischia, fifteen miles westward from Naples, and is reached by sailing down the bay. The population of the island is less than thirty thousand, of whom something more than four thousand are residents of Cassamicciola, which is the town of third importance on the island. It is farthest to the westward on the island, but this is compensated for by the possession of a fine harbor, which has made it the landing place for travelers. The town lies at the foot of the quiescent volcano and is built on soil formed from the many eruptions of past ages. The island lies almost in the center of the earthquake zone of the Western world, which is subjected to three thousand convulsions at all times. Cassamicciola has suffered severely many times before this, though never so seriously as upon the present occasion. It was almost entirely destroyed in February, 1828, the shock only continuing three weeks. The next and most serious visitation until the present one was in March, 1881, when a shock lasting seven seconds, accompanied by a noise like subterranean thunder, visited the town, destroying 300 houses and leaving 400 people killed or injured.

**FATAL JOKE.**  
James Conneron, aged thirty-three years, living at the southwest corner of Fifth and Poplar streets, Philadelphia, killed himself Monday by taking laudanum. He went to L. P. Reiman's drug store, on the opposite corner, about 9 o'clock in the morning. He was apparently in the best of moods and cracked a joke with the drug clerk as he asked for ten cents' worth of the poison, handing him a tumbler to put it in. When he reached the halfway of his residence he swallowed the laudanum and, going into the liquor saloon on the lower floor, he and the glass party filled with whisky, making the remark that he had just had a good drink of something else. Going upstairs he told his wife that he had just taken a dose of laudanum. She ran to Dr. Gruel, at 903 North Fifth street, and told him what had occurred.

When the physician arrived he found Conneron lying on the bed, but without any visible signs of illness. When asked why he had taken the poison he replied with a laugh: "I only did it to frighten my wife; that little does not kill me." As the potion contained only two grains of opium, being half strength laudanum, the doctor did not consider the matter serious, and instructed Mrs. Conneron to give her husband two or three cupfuls of strong black coffee and walk him up and down the room. After the physician left, however, Conneron refused to get up, and had to be moved by force. He grew worse, and shortly after noon, Dr. Gruel took the chair, and it was a bogus coin.

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**BLIND TOX IS STILL AN ENTHUSIASTIC OVERLORD.**  
He is now said that it has become more a man than him as to notice his mind. He is out doors eight to twelve hours a day, muttering and gesticulating along the streets, accompanied by his manager.

**JOHN S. BARRY.**  
John S. Barry was governor of the state of Michigan when there was about an acre of ground around the capitol building upon which the grass had been allowed to go to seed every year. Governor Barry took great pains to have the grass cut at the proper time, and when properly cured he sold the hay and put the money into the state treasury. There was only half a dollar in the state treasury when Barry took the chair, and it was a bogus coin.

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not being home, several other physicians were called in, but their efforts were unsuccessful, and the man died at 2 o'clock. To the last he insisted that he had only been trying to play a joke on his wife by frightening her. He was a driver for South Wethersfield, just below 21 South Second street. His employer said Conneron was always a diligent and steady workman. He and his wife have, as far as the outside world knows, lived happily together and had no quarrels.

RUSTING DOWN A MOUNTAIN ROAD.  
The six mule team belonging to Josiah Boltz, ex-prisoner, of Barkers county, became unmanageable yesterday in descending the Blue Mountains near Strasburg, and ran down the steep declivity at a frightful speed. Mr. Boltz sustained various bruises, while one of the mules was probably fatally injured. Several years ago one of Mr. Boltz's sons was run over by the same team, which cost him the loss of his leg and a portion of the remaining foot.

**English Impressions on the Death of Capt. Webb.**

London dispatch to Boston Globe.

The professional swimmers of London have organized a series of performances for the benefit of the widow of Captain Webb. The London press, on the first receipt of the news of Webb's drowning, bitterly denounced the American speculators and railway who, it alleged, had induced Webb to undertake a task which he could not comprehend, but which they must have known was fatal, for the motive of making money out of the excursion they calculated would be got up to witness the scene. The London papers said that the photograph of Webb was shown to the public in the Pankerton street. At the time of the drowning the spectators had agreed to give £100.00 for undertaking to swim. Officials of some of the railroads happening to be in London, at once made a public denial of the bono story, and the papers which printed it have retracted and now call Webb a fool, and say he must have been somewhat deranged before he undertook, for remuneration, a struggle with Niagara.

The common people were proud of Webb, particularly

of his success in swimming across the channel, and they have made many manifestations of their grief for the loss of the man whom they regarded as the finest development of an English athlete.

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**France and China.**

The Chinese still persist in maintaining the prohibition of the exportation of cattle for the French forces. The French squad will shortly make demonstration on the Chinese coast. The Standard's correspondent at Vienna learns that China has proposed to M. Tricou, the French minister, that negotiations be opened for a formal treaty, and that France readily agreed to the proposal.

**Special Dispatches to the London Papers.**  
That he might be in a better situation to give orders to the men below. While in this elevated position he noticed a piece of shell strike a few feet above his head and cut away a portion of the maintop, beneath which he was standing, with his feet resting on the rope ladder. Thinking that if killed his body would roll overboard and be lost, he obtained a piece of rope and lashed himself to the shrouds, where he remained calmly issuing his orders during the whole of that memorable engagement. This plain tale should serve to put at rest all doubts concerning the historical accuracy of the painting, and at the same time silence the iconoclasts who would destroy one of the most picturesque, as well as dramatic, situations in the naval history of the war.

**PERSONAL.**

**SPURGEON, the London preacher, is dangerously ill with gout.**

**CARLYLE'S HOUSE, at Chelsea, has the gloomy sign, "to let," on its closed shutters.**

**CHARLES H. NIENHaus, the Cincinnati sculptor, will sail for Rome about September 1 to begin work on his statue of Garfield.**

**YOUNG GEORGE VANDERBILT,** the fourth son of the rich man, is said to have the honest ambition to become a newspaper reporter.

**JUDGE HOADLEY,** Ohio's Democratic gubernatorial candidate, is a lineal descendant of Jonathan Edwards, the famous theologian and philosopher.

**JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY,** the poet, is a skilled boxer and fencer, who can spar with the heaviest hitters and measure foils with professional swordsmen.

**FATHER RIORDAN,** of Chicago, who has been appointed a bishop and coadjutor of the archbishop of San Francisco, is only thirty-eight, and is thought to be the youngest Catholic bishop in the world.

**PRESIDENT CARTER,** who has given Williams College two years of hard work, is going off this week for a month's rest, traveling to Canada, Saguenay and Ste. Marguerite.

**TENNISON** drinks ale or wine with his pipe; Swinburne writes while stimulated by champagne cocktails; Burns and Moore both loved "potheon," and Byron was fond of brandy neat.

**JOSEPH MILLIMORE,** a brother of the late Martin Millmore, of Boston, has taken up the unfinished work of that sculptor. He was engaged to find the statue of Daniel Webster, which Mr. Millmore was engaged to the town of Concord, New Hampshire.

**H. M. BURT,** the owner and editor of Among the Clouds, published on the name of Mr. Washington, was struck by lightning on Saturday night. He was thought to be quite serious, but recovered from the shock at the end of about three hours.

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