

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, AUG. 13, 1883.

No Defense.

State Treasurer Baily makes what he intends to be a defense of the action of himself and his Republican colleague, Auditor General Lemon, in declining to call in from the banks which are using the state moneys those deposits so that they may be invested in interest bearing state and federal securities, in accordance with the Humes bill. The treasurer says that he and Mr. Lemon, a majority of the board, passed a resolution, which was not printed in the account given of the board's meeting, to the effect that "the Farmers and Mechanics national bank of Philadelphia, fiscal agent of the state of Pennsylvania, be instructed as soon as practicable to invest \$1,940,000 in state loans at a premium not exceeding the premium on United States loans, and if the same cannot be secured on or before the first of September, to purchase \$200,000 in United States 4 per cent. bonds and a like amount monthly thereafter on further failure to purchase said state loans, until the disposable surplus in the sinking fund is exhausted, all government loans to be registered in the name of the sinking fund commissioners of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

And some of the newspapers which had been commenting unfavorably on the action of the board, seem to think this resolution excuses Baily and Lemon. Not by any means. The qualifying words in the direction to the state's fiscal agent are the make it in. Treasurer Baily and Auditor General Lemon know very well that the conditions imposed upon the proposed purchase of state bonds cannot be complied with; that the amount of their outstanding is comparatively so small, and they are held at such a premium that this amount—one tenth of the whole—cannot be secured "on or before the first of September," and that therefore the alternative presented to the fiscal agent will have to be resorted to, that is, to invest only \$200,000 per month in government bonds, so that the banks which have the state moneys will have many months in which to restore it to the state treasury. And that is the purpose which the Republican sinking fund commissioners have in view—to make time for their friends to whom they have loaned the state moneys.

If it is a good thing to invest \$200,000 of the state moneys in government bonds, why not the entire two or three millions, which are now lying idle? If all of this money of the state was earning even three per cent., the interest would amount to \$60,000 a year—enough to pay the salaries of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state and their assistants. Why is it not? Simply because the state treasurer prefers to let his friends have it, and they cannot answer a quick call for it. The state has no security for these funds. The treasurer's bonds will not cover the one fourth of them, and he has loaned millions to banks far in excess of their capital stock, for which neither he nor the state has a dollar of security. Let the story of this scandalous mismanagement ring through the campaign.

The Dorsey Dinner.

In view of the character of the details of Dorsey's story which are now made by some of the Republican authorities, especially the New York Times, it is well to recall from the columns of that journal its account of the great dinner given in New York to Dorsey, after he had elected Garfield and Arthur and before they were inaugurated. The accuracy of this report, as made in the leading Republican newspaper of the country, has never been impeached; and, in the light of what Dorsey's revelations have shown that celebration was for, the persons who were there and what they said are matters of great interest and importance in our political history. The Times now calls Dorsey an out-cast, a thief and a liar, and this is the explanation and answers mostly given by the Republicans who say anything about his story. But he is no more of a thief and liar than he was when this dinner was given him by Grant and Arthur, Beecher and Ingersoll, and the rest of that notable company. His character was well known and his Star Route operations were all antecedent to that; and, singular to relate, the speeches of that occasion confirm his story of how Indiana was carried. The "secrets of the campaign," which Arthur thought it was better to "go into" then, have since been told very circumstantially by Dorsey, but they were then very broadly hinted at by Arthur, when he so plainly stated his acknowledgment to the liberality of the rich men who had furnished the money and to the skill of Dorsey who directed its expenditure. The Dorsey dinner of two years ago distinctly confirms the Dorsey disclosure of to-day.

In a speech at Titusville, in his canvass of 1881, Mr. Charles S. Wolfe said:

The treasury had on deposit with the Allegheny national bank (August 1, 1881) \$400,000. The cashier is McCandless, Charles. Magee's right hand man in Pittsburgh. It looks as though Charles Magee and not Butler was treasurer when we know that Chief Clerk Livsey, of the treasury, was named at Magee's dictation.

This is the same Livsey who is now nominated for state treasurer. He is the same Chris. Magee's man. He is wanted in the treasury for the same purposes; The Philadelphia Ledger seems to understand the situation, as indicated in the extract which we reprint from it.

Mr. TIDEN'S friends, presumably, have secured and printed in the Sun a number of affidavits to show the dishonesty and untruthfulness of "Judge" Birdsell, who was the authority that Mr. Tilden conspired to secure the defeat of Hancock. If the persons who make these affidavits are responsible, Mr. Birdsell is lacking the veracity and good repute that are necessary to make him a reliable witness. As his statement related largely upon his own word he will find it necessary to substantiate it with some-

thing more responsible than that seems to be. The Democratic county committee organized to-day under auspices that forecast an efficient and vigorous campaign to bring out the full Democratic vote for the candidates of the party in the pending state canvass. The presence of these gentlemen themselves in the city to-day is a graceful compliment to the great body of earnest and faithful Democrats in this county, where like Powell and Taggart at home, they are in a minority, and whose principles are tried as by fire. The modest but manly bearing of the Democratic standard bearers everywhere commands for their respect and confidence; and their records are sufficient campaign speeches to recommend them to the favor of voters.

The Harrisburg Patriot points out that the McCracken bill gives the Democrats only eight reasonably safe districts. That is so; and that is abundant reason why the Democratic members of the Legislature should never accept it. Such fruit of the extra session would be far worse than none.

WELCOME to the Mannercher's guests. They are the guests of the city.

If the Republican newspapers are to be believed, the last two presidents of their party were elected to that office, respectively, by a thief and an assassin.

DORSEY may be a perjurer, but the emphatic testimony borne by Grant, Beecher, Arthur and their political kin prove that he is the kind of perjurer they depend upon at election time.

The barrel organ man who grinds out "Wasch an der Rhein" in these palmy Mannercher days shows himself to be possessed of an acuteness worthy of a better cause.

There is nothing new under the sun; and if there was it could not be reasonably expected from a man who was buried so long ago—by the newspapers—as Charles O'Connor. It has recently been related of him that, going into a barber shop at Newport the other day to have his hair cut he was asked by the artist: "How will you have it cut?" "In silence," said the barrister. There is a mistake somewhere. Mr. O'Connor has no hair. Besides, this question was asked of the answer given by Archelaus, of Macedonia, some centuries before even Mr. O'Connor was born.

SENSIBLE men when it is raining like to get in out of the wet. General William C. Wickham, a member of the "Straight-out" Republican state committee of Virginia, on Saturday accepted the Democratic nomination to the Senate of Virginia from Hanover and Carolina counties. He has always been looked upon as one of the best and most thoroughly consistent of Southern Republicans. Recognizing the evils of Mahoneism, and the inability of the Republican party to cope with it, he has come over horse, foot and dragon to the Democratic party and proposes for the future to wage constant warfare against the common enemy. An apt inscription on the tombstone of the Republican party in Virginia would read: "Killed by too much Mahoneism."

So much has been said and written recently concerning the trade dollar that further comment upon it seems a work of supererogation. Yet when the circumstances of its origin are considered it is hardly fair that it should be termed a bastard coin, rightfully repudiated by the nation that fathered it. That it was a recognized coin of the United States and of no question. Section 3,513 of title xxxvii, revised statutes, United States, second edition, published 1878, says: "The silver coins of the United States shall be a trade dollar, a half dollar, of fifty-cent piece; a quarter dollar, or twenty five cent piece; a dime, or ten-cent piece, and the weight of the trade dollar shall be 420 grains Troy." That it was made a legal tender, "for any amount not exceeding \$5 in any one payment," is equally certain. Having been thus made a coin of the United States, the legal tender of which is limited amounts was unquestioned, it is a grave question whether its repudiation by Congress on July 22, 1876, was not a violation of the constitutional rights of the trade dollar holders at the time. Congress has power simply to regulate the currency and in so doing may call in a portion of the circulation, but in the exercise of this latter authority must substitute for the rejected coin an equivalent in value. The trade dollar is not all that fancy painted it, but at the same time it was not the incarnation of evil that some would have us suppose. It is more sinned against than sinning.

PERSONAL.

R. B. HAYES is attending to temperance work in Ohio. HON. A. H. SMITH, and his sister, have left Saratoga for Long Branch. GAY HARRISON (Miss Abigail Dodge) is described as a plain, brown-eyed lady of the most unpretending type. REV. DR. ROBERT L. COLLIER, of Boston, has accepted a call to the Free Christian church in Kentish Town, London, England. GEORGE K. REED and wife, and Isaac W. Leight, of this city, were registered at the Antler hotel, Colorado Springs, on Wednesday last. PRESIDENT GREY enjoys making jam as a holiday recreation. He may frequently be seen in his kitchen at Moutous Vaudrey enveloped in a long blue apron and skinning preserves over the fire. OSCAR WILDE is again on our shore. He wears his hair out short behind, and has a bang of the most pronounced type. He comes to superintend the bringing out of his new play, "Vera," in New York. Gov. PATTERSON, declining an invitation to attend a Sunday-school convention, wrote: "But I extend to the convention my sincere greeting, and desire to express my hope that the children under their care may develop, as by the chisel of grace on rare marble, into men and women of noble character."

JOHN E. OWENS, the comedian, has a model farm near Towson, Md., known as "A Fourth Vale." It contains fifty two acres of the finest corn, several acres of wheat and about thirty acres of fruits and vegetables. Mr. Owens also has a very large dairy, where he makes his own butter and cottage cheese.

Mr. W. W. COORNAK, the Washington millionaire philanthropist, has given away the greater part of his fortune,

although it was the largest ever acquired in the building. He paid \$250,000 for the lot building, and has a clear estate of \$100,000 in good securities, and the income is \$60,000 a year. His home for gentlemen has cost about \$300,000. His cemetery, medical school, college subscriptions, etc., swells the list. He spends much time at Cannes in France.

COLONEL VICTOR PROLET, it is claimed, was hostile to Hon. Joseph Powell, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, and it has even been maintained that he was determined to work against the interest of the latter gentleman. To a Press reporter Col. Prolet has said: "I have been a Democrat all my life and at seventy-one I am too old to balk. I have learned, too, in all these years, to sink personal feelings in the interest of the party, and this would be my course now, even if I were sworn to Mr. Powell's election. I know that Mr. Powell comes up to the Jeffersonian standard. I am heartily in favor of his election."

BURNING OF THE KIMBALL HOUSE.

Narrow Escape of Three Hundred Guests—No One Hurt—Loss One Million Dollars. In Atlanta, Ga., yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, the Kimball house, a hotel famous as a monument of the reconstruction era, was discovered to be on fire. The flames burst forth from the rear portion of the building first, from causes as yet unknown although incendiarism is suspected. This gave an opportunity to arouse the guests, the doors of the Kimball house were open when necessary to assure the safety of any of them. The flames quickly ran through flume and a hallway until the entire building was a sheet of fire. To those on the street the frequent cries of "Get out, get out, get out," and the fifth story windows sent shudders of fear. This, however, was needless, for Mr. Scoville, the proprietor, with the energy for which he is remarkable, put all his forces to work arousing the guests. The result was that, though the immense six story structure burned with such rapidity as to be a heap of ashes within an hour, not a single person was killed or even scorched. Some scenes of escaping inmates would have been laughable were it not for the great danger under which they acted. The guests were taken to the hotel, where they were housed in night gowns and men equally soant in clothing, they presented a most unique appearance on the sidewalk. The hotel was built by H. L. Kimball and was owned by Robert Thomas, John Rice, Joseph P. Thompson and others. It cost \$400,000, and the furniture, \$125,000. The insurance is only \$80,000, scattered among companies.

The Gate city national bank, Harrison & Brothers, to the late John D. Daniel, drugs, and others are among the losers. The total loss is fully \$1,000,000, while the insurance is not over \$200,000. The fire is thought by Mr. Culberson, agent of the hotel company, to have been of incendiary origin. In the vicinity of the Kimball bank was \$500,000, the safety of which is yet a matter of doubt.

The fire was discovered about half-past four o'clock by several persons, and an alarm was sounded, but no person has yet been found who admitted to having originated it. While those on the outside were preparing to fight the flames those on the inside began to smell smoke. Charlie Slidor and Phil Green, two of the Constable's boys, who are connected with the bank, departed from the hotel as soon as it broke out, and realizing the danger of the guests, rushed into the building and made their way along the corridors, waking up the sleeping occupants. In some instances they certainly saved lives, and there were persons in the hotel who had not been aroused by the fire alarm. They proceeded to the top story of the house, and did good work in waking people and in saving furniture. Differing with most people, these boys express the opinion that when the debris is removed it will be found that some persons perished in the flames.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A Gambler Cuts a Woman's Throat and Then Kills—The Woman's Fearful Leap. Ten days ago a man named Hutchison arrived in Pueblo, accompanied by his wife. Hutchison was a gambler and had just returned from employment at the Tivoli theatre as a waiter girl. Everything went on smoothly with the pair until a few days ago, when Hutchison went on a spree and spent all of his own and the girl's money. Early yesterday morning he broke away from him, and a second story window of the building in which they roomed. Blood was streaming from a wound in her throat. Two policemen passing saw her leap, and while one of them ran to her assistance the other ran up the stairs to the room from the window of which the woman had jumped. Hutchison was found stretched on the floor dead with his throat cut from ear to ear. In his right hand was grasped a razor, from which the blood was dripping. It was found that the woman had inquired that the two had quarreled the night before and that the woman had threatened to leave. Hutchison next morning went into the room and found that the woman had not yet retired, but was sitting by the side of the bed. He went to the door and passed between them, when Hutchison grasped a water pitcher and struck the woman over the head. He then caught her by the hair, seized the razor, which was lying on the table, and slashed at her throat. Breaking away from him, the woman jumped through the window, as stated. Though able to testify before the coroner she cannot live. Her real name is said to be Irene Davenport, alias Pomero. She has relatives living at Muscatine, Iowa.

REID ON CALL.

New Era, Rep. The plan of the banks who hold state funds on deposit ought to have time to prepare to meet the demands of the Humes law is no justification for a majority of the commissioners of the sinking fund voting against the proposition to invest the funds in state or United States bonds at once. The banks have no claims upon the funds. They are merely used as depositories for the convenience of the state treasurer and they knew, or ought to have known, when they accepted them that they were liable to call at any time.

Hot Spot at Lansing.

Philadelphia Ledger, In. What a flutter has been created among the state treasury people by the proposition to invest the sinking fund money in three quarters of the sinking fund moneys now in possession of the banks! Is not this unfolding a tale of favoritism and of bad management of the state funds? Is it not a reason for voters at the coming state election to be wary about candidates for state treasurer, and a warning to keep clear of any one groomed by patrons of the present system.

An Unexplained Absence.

The Harrisburg Patriot of this morning says that W. H. Newhall, superintendent of construction for the Pennsylvania telephone company, had been absent from home a week, and it is believed that he does not intend to return. He received the money due the employees of the company and settled with them for the same. How his accounts stand with his employers is not known. Mr. Newhall is well known here, having recently superintended the work in this city.

Miss Drorr shipped 30 head of draft and driving horses from their new stable to New York on Saturday.

VINDICATING DORSEY.

HOW INDIANA WAS CARRIED IN 1850.

Arthur, Grant, Beecher and Other Testimony to Dorsey's Work in 1850—How a Democratic State was Carried. New York Times, Rep.

The dinner given to ex-Senator Dorsey at Delmonico's on February 11, 1881, has become historical. The dinner was given by prominent members of the Union League club to celebrate the Republican victory of the previous October in Indiana. The invitations were signed by John Jacob Astor, Thurlow Weed, Levi P. Morton, D. O. Mills, John A. Sawyer, J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry B. Hyde, Le Grand B. Cannon, Jesse Seligman, Frank Work, Robert Lenox Kennedy, W. B. Dinwiddie, F. S. Winston and M. W. Cooper. While waiting for dinner Mr. Dorsey and an informal reception, standing in the parlors of General Grant, and Grant and Dorsey walked in to dinner together. All the Republicans—rather all the stalwarts—of any prominence were present. Letters of regret were read from Governor Cornell, Senator Blaine, Governor Morton and other half-breed statesmen. The guest of honor, General Grant, and Dorsey walked in to dinner together. All the Republicans—rather all the stalwarts—of any prominence were present. 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