

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 15, 1888.

A Sensible Idea.

Senator Patton did a very sensible thing when he introduced his proposition that the Legislature take a recess until January next, after first enacting that the people shall be asked to decide at the next election whether they desire the congressional and legislative apportionments to be made on the basis of the vote of each party in the state.

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THE Democrats in the Legislature have resolved by a large majority, in caucus assembled, to stay in session, as Uncle Jake Ziegler expresses it, until the snow flies or the apportionments are made.

have given them about five more districts than they are entitled to and five less to the Democrats than their share. When counties like Bucks are dismembered and a line is run through cities like Scranton, in order to steal districts for the Republicans, it is no wonder that they do not desire to disturb the existing order of things.

Senator Patton's idea was a good one, for sound reasons. In the first place it referred to the people the nominal bone of contention between the two parties in the Legislature.

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LABOR NOTES.

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