

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 23, 1883.

What Answer?

J. B. Niles, the Republican candidate for auditor general in the present state campaign, and the exponent for his party of the issue which are to enter into its discussions is not only upon record in the session of 1881 as to the constitutional obligation of the Legislature to pass the apportionment, but he is of a later date upon record in favor of the Democratic doctrine in making the congressional districts, due regard being had to equality and contiguity, the respective parties of the state should have a fair proportion of these districts according to their total vote as expressed at the last presidential election. Such a distribution, if made "without cutting and gerrymandering for political interests," Mr. Niles said, would give the Democrats twelve and the Republicans sixteen congressmen. He admitted frankly upon the same occasion that "if we had just as many votes as you would be entitled to just as many congressmen;" "this is a pretty plain statement of the proposition, and one upon which all of us, Republicans and Democrats, will agree."

A SPECIAL telegram informs the INTELLIGENCER of the sudden death, at his home in Chambersburg, this morning, of James MacDowell Sharpe, member of the Legislature, and one of the foremost lawyers of the state. He was a native of Cumberland county and was in the fifty-third year of his age. Graduated from Jefferson college, he studied law in Carlisle, but has practiced in Chambersburg since 1851. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1861 and 1865 and again of the present House, having been elected last fall; he was also a member of the constitutional convention of 1873, and in all his public service was distinguished for great legal acumen, forcible expression and courtesy of manner. In the present Assembly he was chairman of the judiciary general committee and protested with all his eloquence and zeal against the passage of the judicial apportionment bill which finally became a law. In this as well as in many other respects in which his counsel was not heeded, his party colleagues would have done better to follow his leadership, which was always honest and nearly always wise. His deafness, delicacy of temperament and an extremely nervous organization somewhat interfered with his parliamentary leadership, but he was always listened to with the most profound respect when he spoke and he silenced the opposition while he persuaded his own side. At the bar he ranked very high and his opinions were remarkable for cogency and clearness. He was a warm personal friend and admirer of Judge Black, whom he has so soon followed across the dark waters.

Men toil unceasingly in the pursuit of the mighty dollar, and after years of untiring labor some are fortunate enough to amass colossal fortunes. What to do with these acquisitions of a life time is very often a perplexing question. For those who are cursed with relatives who wolf-like impatiently await the time when they can feast upon the carcasses of the dead, charitable bequests at once suggest themselves as a way out of the dilemma. Yet so often do these fall into the hands of unscrupulous or inefficient trustees, as in the case of James Lick, the California millionaire, that testators have become possessed of considerable distrust of this method of disposition of their estates. J. B. Gardner, a wealthy citizen of Boston, recently deceased, has taken the bull by the horns, by turning over to the United States treasury, to be used in helping to pay the national debt, his entire fortune, aggregating \$921,000. The United States, judging from the premium which its three and one-half per cent. bonds command, has always been thought to be abundantly able to take care of itself, but Mr. Gardner appears to have believed differently. This is the second time within a brief period that nearly a million dollars have been left to the United States. Whether a morbid love of the fame which would attach to the act, or patriotism, pure and simple, prompted the donors, none can tell. Yet to most persons it would seem that the richest people are not always those who make the most sensible disposition of their property.

No change has been made in the new postoffice building in Philadelphia so as to make an entrance for the public on Chestnut street. Notwithstanding the conspicuousness of the esplanade on that side and the fact that Chestnut street is the great thoroughfare for pedestrians, the postoffice edifice is absolutely without an entrance on that street. For this apparent architectural blunder the excuse was made that an entrance there would tend to congest crowds and obstruct the sidewalks. Of course this is no justification for the omission of such a convenience to the business men and others doing business at the postoffice, but the fact is that without an entrance this side of the building has become a favorite loafing place, and those who congregate there find themselves entirely free from the interruption which a stream of patrons going in and out would have caused them.

The list of pensioners upon the general government is about to be printed. It is a good idea. No man who gets a pension deservedly need be ashamed of it nor to have it known. It is no discredit to him. He is not a pauper in any sense. The soldiers who went out into the field were poorly enough paid. It was an implied condition of their service that if they died their families would be pensioned; and if they themselves suffered in body and had their means of livelihood impaired, they would get a proper degree of compensation. The pension is, therefore, no more of a bounty, to those who deserve it, than was their regular pay. But there are a good many able bodied frauds getting it, and these are the people who do not want to see their names in print; but they are the identical chaps that the public want to see.

TERRIBLE TORNADOES.

CHAINS BLOWN FROM THE TRACK. One-Third of a Town in Wisconsin Destroyed—50 Persons Killed and 100 Injured.

Telegraphic advices received at Oratonia, Minn., give meagre details of a terrible accident between Rochester and Zumbrota, Minn., on the Rochester and Northern division of the Chicago & North western railroad, by which about 100 persons were killed or wounded. Owing to interruption of the telegraphic service at Rochester, no information could be obtained until the arrival of a train from the scene of the disaster, on which were 35 persons who had been injured in the accident. Of this number many appeared to be seriously hurt and all were taken to the hospital.

The train that was wrecked was that which leaves Rochester at seven o'clock p. m., arriving at Zumbrota at 6 o'clock. It was caught in a severe wind and hail storm that prevailed in that vicinity between 4 and 6 o'clock, and while running at a high rate of speed was lifted from the rails and converted into a mass of flying missiles. It is believed that the unfortunate passengers beneath the debris, killing many and injuring nearly every person on the train.

A gentleman stated that nine dead bodies had been taken from the ruins, and that a large number were seriously injured had been removed to Rochester and Owatonna. At the time he left the work of extricating the unfortunate victims was still progressing, and it was believed that the number killed would reach a score, when the final summing up was made.

It is an inexpressible relief to an anxious nation to know that the St. Louis girl of irreproachable family who mysteriously disappeared, did not take her father's colored coachman with her.

If the Stockton hotel, at Cape May, Pa., as reported, lowered its rates to \$3 per day, it is an evidence that the tide of common sense is beginning to flow in on hotel proprietors.

Proprietary medicines with eighty two per cent of whisky in their composition, which have long been masquerading under the seductive title of "bitters," must now pay the liquor tax, except when they are sold "in good faith" as medicines. The immense hole in the saving clause will inevitably make the law a dead letter.

It is announced that the Irishmen of Boston, headed by Hon. P. A. Collins and John Boyle O'Reilly, have determined to officially repudiate O'Donovan Rossa and his tribe of fire eating dynamiters. While they are at it, they might as well include Finerty and his following who have been lately howling their admiration for Carey's assassin in the luxurious West. If Ireland is ever to take her place among the nations of the earth a gas must be put in the mouths of these blatant patriots, to be removed only at the sound of the trumpet of universal doom. And such action can not be taken too soon.

An interesting bi-centennial celebration will take place in Springfield township, Delaware county, on Saturday next. It will be the occasion of the two hundred anniversary of the arrival at that place from England of George Maris, with his wife and family. The Maris descendants now scattered through six states, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Iowa, California, and also from England, propose to fittingly commemorate the second century that has elapsed since the arrival of their progenitor on American soil. It is a laudable design, and one which if more observed might be conducive of beneficial results. The virtues of the ancestor diligently impressed on his youthful descendants, cannot but act as a stimulant on their energies to emulate his example.

WERE Senator Stewart possessed of a little more avowitipus he would make a most excellent personator of Falstaff, his incoherency and capability of wriggling out of a tight place being fairly equal to Shakespeare's merry king of buffoons. After having repudiated his own congressional bill, he proudly proclaimed himself the author of the present unconstitutional Republican "ultimatum." He now seeks deeper depths by charging the Democrats of the Legislature with the desire to keep up the special session on account of the emoluments thereto appertaining, forgetting, poor man, that he was the head and front of the ten-dollar-a-day policy in the special session of 1881. How have the mighty fallen!

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Pittsburg Dispatch declares that the governor is as much a farmer this week as he was last week a soldier.

The Altoona Times believes that the wily politicians are trying to dose civil service reform to death with slow poison. Progress concedes the mildness and morality of buttermilk, but doubts its healthfulness as a steady beverage.

THE INDEPENDENT STATE FAIR.

The Independent state fair, to be held at McGraw's park in this city on September 17, 18, 19, 20 and 31, promises to be a great affair.

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Dr. C. A. Greene has been granted the use of the hall of the House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Wednesday evening next for the purpose of delivering a lecture on "The Moral Deposits in Virginia."

MAIL BREVITIES.

A CONDENSATION OF LATE EVENTS. The Devoted Tracks of Crime and Calamity—Miscellaneous Paragraphs of the Day's News.

Some time ago the secretary of the treasury ordered the removal of Mr. Boughton, keeper of the lighthouse at St. Joseph, Mich., and the appointment of Mr. Platt to succeed him. Mr. Boughton refuses to give up his place. He is in possession of the lighthouse and refuses to allow his successor to take charge of it. It is thought that legal measures will have to be resorted to.

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THE REGULAR QUARTER SESSIONS.

Proceedings of the Court Yesterday Afternoon and Today. The Regular Sessions of the Court.

Wednesday Afternoon.—In the case of J. D. Good, et al., charged with forcible entry and detainer, almost all of the afternoon was taken up by the argument of counsel. The jury retired at half past five o'clock and returned in a half hour and rendered verdicts of guilty with a recommendation for mercy.

The circumstances of the case were fully published in the daily papers at the time of the occurrence. After hearing some of the evidence the commonwealth stated that they were willing to take a verdict of assault and battery only, as they did not want to present evidence against the other charges. The defense was unwilling to do this, as they claimed that the prisoner had been guilty of no offense whatever. With the consent of the father of the child a verdict of no guilty was taken.

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Comth vs. Thomas Kant, assent and battery with intent to ravish Cora Spangler, who resides at 937 Columbia avenue, this city. The evidence showed that on last Saturday the defendant went to the house of a man named Brandt in Rappo township; Mrs. Brandt and three daughters were present and Kant asked them for something to eat which was refused. He then seized one of the girls named Agnes and acted indecently; she retaliated by hitting him with a brush. All of this occurred in the presence of the other members of the family and in the day time. At this juncture the witness testified that she saw the defendant with the girl and she merely took hold of the girl in a joking way. The jury found him guilty of assault only. Sentenced to pay costs of prosecution.

Comth vs. Sebastian Steber. The defendant was charged with feloniously entering the house of Ezra Mellinger, in Ephrata township, on the 20th of July last. The crime was committed in the day time, while Mr. Mellinger and family were away from home, and the parties entered by breaking through the window. Several neckties, necklaces, rings and a razor were stolen. Uriah Henry testified that on the day of the crime he was picking raspberries near the house of Mr. Mellinger and did not know the family was away. He saw the defendant with Weinhold and Doll, the former treated him to beer and whisky until he became very drunk; he went with the men to Mellinger's home, and by the time they reached it, defendant was hopelessly drunk; he took no part in the robbery of the house and anything that was taken Doll and Weinhold were the guilty parties; he knew nothing of the crime until he reached home; he laid in a field for several hours, unable to move. (Continued.)

The People pleaded guilty to assault and battery on Michael Carey, of this city, whom he beat with a club. He was sentenced to nine months imprisonment. The grand jury returned the following bills:

Ignited: John Johnson, larceny and felonious entry; Garney Costello, burglary; Lizzie Smith, larceny.

True Bills: Jerry Dungan, arson; John Brimmer and George Gerlitzki, malicious mischief; H. H. Green and Isaiah Smith, malicious mischief; John DeLongor, McCracken, furnication and bastardy; Joseph Miller, felonious entry; George Fogel and August Kummer, assault and battery; Sullie Blair, receiving stolen goods and accessory to larceny; Christ Francis, felonious entry and receiving stolen goods; Zeeb Miller, felonious entry, burglary and receiving stolen goods; Geo. M. Ayers, felonious entry, larceny and accessory to larceny; Andrew Hauck and David Hauck, felonious entry and larceny.

Police Cases. His honor the mayor had seven cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct to dispose of this morning. Three of the offenders were discharged on payments of costs and four were sent to jail for terms ranging from ten to twenty days.

Thomas Cassidy and Julia, his wife, were arrested yesterday for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They were taken before Allerman Alex. Donnelly and by him committed for thirty one days each.

The Old factory bridge. The bridge that spans the Conestoga on the old factory road, southeast of the city, is so badly in need of repair that the county commissioners have made a contract with John Kreckel to repair it. The principal defect is in the abutment on the Lampeter side of the creek, which will have to be partly rebuilt. Mr. Kreckel is to have the work completed by the 1st of November.

COMPLETING THE WORK.

St. Mary's convent and schools undergoing the finishing touches.

For the past ten days Daniel McLaughlin, builder, and a force of men have been busily engaged in the work of completing the new convent and school building of St. Mary's Catholic church on Vine street, operations on which had been suspended for some time. The building was commenced in September, 1881, and three rooms on the lower floor had been in use for school purposes since October 1882. It is now proposed to finish the building without delay, and equip it with all the conveniences suited to its purpose. The first story will be completed and ready for use by September 20, and the completed structure will be prepared for occupation on December 1.

The total cost of the building will be in the neighborhood of \$23,000, of which one-third of which has been already paid. The pastor of St. Mary's, Rev. Dr. McCullagh, has been quietly making a collection among his parishioners in aid of the enterprise, and a short time ago he announced the outcome of \$7,300 as the result of his labors. This amount was mainly contributed by a few wealthy members of the parish and it is now the purpose of the pastor to organize a general collection among all the parishioners to increase the amount subscribed to \$12,000. This sum, together with what has already been paid, will leave but a slight debt against the building, which it is thought will not be burdensome to the congregation.

An erroneous impression exists among some members of the church that the orphan asylum fund, resulting from a number of bequests, now amounting in cash and real estate securities to about \$23,000 may be appropriated for the purpose of the convent and school now in course of erection. The trustees have ascertained, in orphans asylum purposes, and those alone, and any attempt by the trustees to divert it to other uses would make them legally responsible, should any orphans be quartered in the new building, the expenses of which the orphans would be paid out of the orphan fund, and it is the desire of the pastor that no portion of the latter money be devoted to the uses of the new building, on account of the complications that would inevitably result. The new structure will be used as a convent for the sisters of charity attached to the church, and for the academy and parochial schools. When completed, it will be a handsome ornament to the southwestern section of the city.

Commercial and Financial. Alexander White, whose recent disappearance from Sherburne, New York, caused some uneasiness, yesterday assigned all his property, without preference. White was reported to be one of the wealthy men of Sherburne. His duties are attributed to speculation in Wall street.

The Chenango Valley railroad, new York, was sold yesterday under a mortgage foreclosure for \$100,000 to the West Virginia railway company, which holds all but \$10,000 of the \$261,000 worth of outstanding bonds.

The corn exchange national bank of Chicago, capital \$1,000,000, and national bank of El Dorado, Kansas, capital \$150,000, have been authorized by the comptroller of the currency.

Morehouse & Godson, dry goods merchants of Toronto, have made an assignment. Their liabilities are placed at \$45,000 and assets at \$29,000.

About the Size of it. Philadelphia Record. From present appearances the Assembly at Harrisburg will adjourn the 29th inst. Nor adjourn.

It begins to look as if the ten dollars a day were the main object in prolonging the session. The people of Pennsylvania will not be long in sumbling to this ten dollar a day racket.

In 1852 the populace of Paris shouted at the unpopular deputies in the streets: "Here go the Twenty-five Francs!" Under the light this odious reproach the French Assembly finally winked out.

Victor Hugo bitterly complained of the injustice of this cry: "There go the Twenty-five Francs!" But the populace of Paris has a right in assuming that the ten dollars a day constitute the consideration in protracting the extra session.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Near and Across the County Lines.

Easton is to have a new school building, to cost \$15,000. The assessed value of the real estate in York county is \$27,003,499 and the number of votes returned is 23,000.

The preliminary test of the fire alarm system in Wilkesbarre will take place in a few days. Seven hundred men are at present employed in the Lehigh Valley railroad shop at Weathersville.

Rev. S. D. Wylie, pastor of the second Reformed Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, for about 30 years, died yesterday.

Since the murder of Fiss, by Gaffy, in the Norristown insane asylum, a great stir has been created among the officers of the institution. The matter has resigned and other resignations are expected.

A son of Nathan Manshup of Honeybrook, while playing ball recently at Chester Heights, Chester county, threw a baseball with such force as to break his arm between the shoulder and elbow.

Rev. Edward P. Hoberton, well known Presbyterian clergyman, formerly of Philadelphia, and a son of the Rev. Alexander Hoberton, of 4008 Pine street, died on Monday at Waldo, Florida.

While Pierce King, 13 years old, son of Albert King of Kinross, Chester county, was helping his father to unload a threshing machine, it fell over on him, crushing one of his legs below the knee and breaking it in two or three places.

A young man from Lebanon county, a well known character, in making a business of buying horses in the vicinity of Berneville, Berks county, and giving worthless notes for the same. Many farmers have been swindled by his operations.

In reading at a meeting held for the nomination of Democratic delegates to meet in the 8th ward, the question was asked: "Who are entitled to vote at the delegate election?" and the reply was made, "All who voted for Patterson for governor."

Henry Stein, of Harrisburg, 45 years of age, was bitten by a Newfoundland dog in the leg and arm on Monday morning. He refused medical aid and drank a quart of whisky. In the evening he refused water and died shortly afterwards in great agony.

Hurt by a Topped. This morning two boys residing near the Lancaster belt works, in attempting to get on the track struck it with a stone. It exploded and fearfully tore the muscles of the arm of one of the boys and out the other quite badly on the head and face.

Chaplain Beck in Lancaster. Rev. B. P. Beck, chaplain of this county, will preach in the first Baptist church of this city on Sunday next, preparatory to his acceptance of an appointment to Bischoff, Dakota, by the Baptist missionary society.