

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPT. 21, 1893.

A Doubtful Power.

It is exceedingly doubtful whether the power of supervision over the contents of the mails, claimed by the postmaster general, is one which the public good requires to be conceded to him. It is certainly desirable that the contents of the mails should be free from espionage, and that their use by the people should be free and unrestricted. The government claims a monopoly in the carriage of mail matter; and serious damage to the rights and liberties of the people is threatened if the postmaster general is to be permitted to decide who shall and who shall not have the use of the mails.

The late Postmaster General Key prohibited the New York and New Orleans postmasters from paying money orders or delivering registered letters to the Louisiana lottery company. Afterwards the order was rescinded. The present Postmaster General Gresham has renewed and extended it so as to forbid such delivery to this company at all postoffices; and when the letters intended for it were directed to one of the national banks of New Orleans he further ordered that bank under his ban, declaring that it could not be permitted to stand in the shoes of M. A. Dauphin. Following the logic of this order, everyone, whom the postmaster general believed to be receiving registered letters for the obnoxious lottery company, would be refused the letters sent to him.

Obviously that is a tremendous power with which to invest an officer, exercisable at his discretion. If exercised judiciously and justly no harm may be done to offset the good accomplished. But it is certainly not safe to concede to the postmaster general this authority and it should not be given unless absolutely necessary.

The necessity for it is said to come from the need of refusing mail facilities to unlawful projects. Thus, lotteries being unlawful, it is said that the United States mail should not afford their proprietors its aid in violating the law. That is true; but if the only way to avoid this wrong involves the danger of a greater one, it is better that the smaller injury should be suffered. It is certainly desirable that the mail should not be used to forward unlawful designs; yet if the postmaster general should propose to withhold the delivery of all letters which look to a violation of the law, he would undertake something clearly impossible to accomplish. And no sufficient reason can be given why lotteries should be selected as the unlawful schemes particularly to fall under his anathema. It is true that they are more readily reached by him than are better concealed schemes of lawlessness; but for this reason, also, they are more readily reached by the police.

Unlawful projects should be attacked by the officers of the law; not by the postmaster general. It is wholly unnecessary for him to raise his hand. There is no need to concede him the very dangerous power of directing who shall and who shall not use the mails. It is an invasion of the duty of the officers who are especially designated to correct crime and arrest and punish criminals. Where lotteries are unlawful those who are engaged in them should be arrested by the law. The postmaster general knowing of the crime may properly disclose the criminals to the officers of the law; but he need be given no power himself to convict and punish them.

The Louisiana lottery, however, happens to be a lawful scheme in Louisiana, where its business is done. Its officers there are therefore not punishable by the law. Neither should they be punishable by the postmaster general. If no law exists in Louisiana to punish lottery dealers, where may the postmaster general be permitted to lay his hand on them there? Certainly not because it is unlawful in the state from which the letters come; because there is the place in which to invoke the law.

It certainly seems a safe doctrine to declare that the law and its officers are sufficient for the suppression of crime; and that the postmaster general should not interfere in the work unless he is summoned by the officers of the law to their assistance.

Reform is Necessary.

There were only 169 of the 300 members of the House present at the session yesterday, and at almost any time within the past six weeks if the Republican minority of that body had availed itself of the parliamentary privilege in which the Democratic minority in the Senate has indulged, for the purpose of breaking a quorum, no business could have been done. If the Democrats of the House think they are doing themselves any good by remaining at Harrisburg in this manner, they are utterly mistaken. It is true that the state convention of their party counseled them to insist upon their position of demanding a fair apportionment; but it did not contemplate any such insistence as they make—or fail to make—when they meet with less than their constitutional majority of the whole body present. There are 112 Democratic members in all and 101 of them are necessary to be present to effect legislation on the apportionment question or to effect any of the purposes for which they are in session. Almost habitually there are enough absent to prevent this. Those who remain steadfastly at their posts seem to be unable or unwilling to enforce the processes of the House against their absent associates and must therefore share the responsibility of their dereliction.

The Senate has shown its shameful defiance of the law and disregard of all proprieties by agreeing to meet but twice a week and then to transact no business its contumacy has shocked the public judgment of what is right, but the conduct of the House does not shine brightly in comparison with it, when that body of the General Assembly really meets but three days in the week and

the controlling majority of it does not keep its members in attendance. If the Democrats of the House desire their constituents and their party generally in the state to believe that they are in earnest and are remaining in Harrisburg to good purpose they must make a better contrast with the conduct of the Republican Senate. They must meet every day in the week and every session have 101 members at every session. Otherwise their proceedings degenerate into comedy and their pretended insistence upon the carrying out of the constitution is a dreary farce.

The "Independent" state fair, now holding in this city, a purely individual enterprise and commercial speculation, has been a very pronounced success so far as regards, at least, the financial profits of its projector and manager. No one can fairly grudge them to him. He should have been able to come here, as an entire stranger, and devise and carry out his plan as successfully, where home management had failed, indicates an executive ability and enterprise that merit recognition and reward. While it proves that this great agricultural community can and will sustain exhibitions of this sort, it proves also that good management and the concentration of it in a few hands are indispensable to their success. Too many cooks spoil the broth. It is a question whether good individual management and undivided authority is not better than that of associations for this sort of thing.

The indications from Virginia are that Mahoneism must go. The prohibitionists of Massachusetts cut loose from the Republican party and give it over to the dogs.

The post graduate department of Yale college will take up this year a novel course of study, namely, that of railroads and their growth, shipping and international trade, stocks, and the effect of speculation upon the money market.

JUDOR HOADLEY is better and sware his prospects. The Democratic quarrels over the members of the Legislature in Ohio promise to bring out an increased Democratic vote, which will all be sold for Hoadley.

Is the opinion of the Philadelphia Press, "this question of reorganizing its methods and popularizing its action is the one great question before the Republican party." Unquestionably the popularizing of its action is the one great question before the Republican party. To tackle it is to gain a life.

A mass state convention of colored voters, held yesterday in Columbus, Ohio, to elect delegates to the national convention at Louisville, was captured by the Democrats. It was afterwards captured and reorganized by the Republicans whereupon the Democratic element bolted and two conventions were held. The bolters appointed four delegates to the national convention and adopted resolutions condemning the Republicans. The other convention appointed no delegates, but adopted Republican resolutions.

The requisitions upon the postoffice department by postmasters for the new two cent stamps are so large that the contractors are unable to supply the demand and the department consequently is reducing the amounts called for in the requisitions. The contractors at present are able to furnish only a half million stamps daily, but this is much less than the number demanded. It is believed that with the utmost exertions of the department, fully one third of the postoffice of the country will not have an adequate supply of stamps upon the date when the law providing for the new letter rates goes into operation.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS.

The York Dispatch has discovered that home knit stockings of soft wool are by far the best, for this variable weather. Science is lowering the bicycle as well as the trotting record, in the opinion of the Philadelphia News. When the Press speaks of the "steel bond of friendship" it does not refer to the cohesive power of public plunder. The Philadelphia Bulletin makes the observation that a practical journalist at the head of the census bureau would have had the report out about three years ago.

Accidents and Fires.

The schooner Mary Bradford, from Barrington, was wrecked yesterday at Fort Monroe, and reported that on the 17th inst., off Cape Hatteras, she encountered the schooner C. W. Lewis from Brunswick, Georgia, for Boston, dismasted. The brig Giles Horing, Capt. Evans, from New York, August 23, for Matanzas, has put into Stirling Bay dismasted. The schooner Wm. B. Mackie, Capt. Bowling, New York, August 21, ran aground, but got off with some damage. The bark Eliza Witte, Commodore A. J. Nassau, and the schooner Wm. H. Curry, Capt. Wark, from Long Island, Bahamas, for New York, went aground, but will probably be got off. The schooner Melissa, Capt. Trask, for Boston, was driven ashore on the sands at Exuma, she is dismasted. The brig Giles Horing, Capt. Evans, from New York, August 23, for Matanzas, has put into Stirling Bay dismasted.

The town of Benson, Arizona, was destroyed on Wednesday night by an incendiary fire. The railway depot, office of Wells, Fargo & Co., and postoffice were saved. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.—Nelson Lyons' furniture factory in Albany, New York, was burned yesterday morning. Loss, \$50,000.

DEADLY EXPLOSION.

GREAT DISASTER IN A STEEL MILL.

Five People Almost Instantly Killed and Ten Heavily Injured on Fire.

In Pittsburgh on the 18th and 19th of August, a shock was felt throughout the city which shook many buildings to their foundations, smashed windows and terribly frightened the residents of the south side, who rushed from their homes in terror. Immediately after the shock an alarm of fire was struck, and, upon investigation, it was found that a large boiler in the hanging department of the steel works had exploded with fearful violence, scattering fragments in every direction. The schooner Flying Arrow, with a crew of seven men, besides Captain Iokpeu, fishing master, sank with all hands. The banking schooner, Free dom, Captain Hickman, and a crew of five men met with a similar fate.

PERSONAL.

GEN. HANCOCK will on Monday receive the Cuban embassy. MRS. SEMBRICH is heralded as Patti's successor. She is twenty five years old and a native of Galicia. EXERCISES at the Episcopal church, Lancaster, were entertained at a banquet by the Buffalo club, in Buffalo, last night. Nearly 1,000 guests were invited. No wonder he expresses himself surprised at the lavish hospitality of the American people.

DR. CYRUS R. KOLLER, a well-known veterinary surgeon, was driving at Myers town. The horse ran away, throwing Dr. Koller out, and one of his arms catching in the harness. He was dragged a considerable distance over the rough road. He was horribly cut and bruised and will probably die.

A RINGING AGREEMENT.

From the Maryland Democratic platform. "The declaration of the election of Hayes and Wheeler in 1876 to the offices of president and vice president of the United States, by a majority of about by fraud, consummated under the forms of law and the methods used in the election of Garfield and Arthur in 1880 have been proved by the creatures who did the evil work to have been, if possible more incredible than those adopted by the followers of 1876."

A Brilliant Wedding.

At 8:30 last evening Mr. M. H. Marx, of the firm of M. H. Marx & Co., New York, and Miss Sallie Rosestein of this city, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. J. Shippen, street. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. Frankel of Philadelphia. About fifty guests, relatives and friends from Lancaster, New York, Philadelphia and other places were present. After the nuptial knot had been tied and the bride and groom were duly repaired to the rooms of the Hotel New York, Union, Grant hall, where a sumptuous banquet was spread by Harry Copeland, the accomplished restaurateur. After the banquet the party spent the night in dancing and singing.

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Carriers: 1st and 2d, John E. Schum; 3rd, C. S. Greider; 4th, C. S. Greider; 5th, C. S. Greider; 6th, C. S. Greider; 7th, C. S. Greider; 8th, C. S. Greider; 9th, C. S. Greider; 10th, C. S. Greider. Trotting: 1st, C. S. Greider; 2d, C. S. Greider; 3d, C. S. Greider; 4th, C. S. Greider; 5th, C. S. Greider; 6th, C. S. Greider; 7th, C. S. Greider; 8th, C. S. Greider; 9th, C. S. Greider; 10th, C. S. Greider. Racing: 1st, C. S. Greider; 2d, C. S. Greider; 3d, C. S. Greider; 4th, C. S. Greider; 5th, C. S. Greider; 6th, C. S. Greider; 7th, C. S. Greider; 8th, C. S. Greider; 9th, C. S. Greider; 10th, C. S. Greider.

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THE STATE FAIR.

LIST OF PREMIUMS AWARDED.

Trial of Speed—Trotting and Racing—Fifteen Thousand People in Attendance—A Scene of Bustle and Joy.

Never before were there so many people in Mettrams' park at one time as on the grand stand yesterday. From early morning until 3 p. m., there was a constant stream of people pouring into the grounds and at the time the races commenced it is estimated that 15,000 were present. The scene was a most animated one. Enthusiasm and all kinds of machinery were in full operation and inventors and agents were eloquent in explaining to the visitors the merits of their exhibits. The judges were busy making their awards, and exhibitors equally busy taking up their premiums. There was a perfect babel about the side shows and refreshment stands, and yet on the grand stand, where the action was, the most perfect order prevailed. A large detail of policemen were present, but they had very little to do. A band of music was on the grand stand and at intervals played lively tunes. The only incident that occurred on the grand stand was the felonious assault made by one fakir upon another, the particulars of which will be found elsewhere.

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