

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 26, 1883.

Connecticut's Degeneracy. Some time ago Connecticut was known as the land of steady habits; but if it ever deserved the name it has sadly degenerated from its ancient estate; for it is chiefly distinguished now as the state which has the largest percentage of divorces per capita and where women are murdered by undiscovered assassins. Incidentally Connecticut officials are celebrated for a detective skill that never detects. The state seems to be under the frown of providence; for the minutest and most elaborate investigation of scientific experts fails to uncover the authors of the crimes against its defenceless females. The scientific illumination of the Hayden trial, of a few years ago, excited the admiration of the world, but did not disclose the guilt it was invoked to establish. An astonishing amount of information was furnished us as to the value and action of poisons, and the experts on the different sides differed delightfully and diametrically as to their conclusions. You paid your money and you had your choice. Then lately the Malays were elaborately tried in New Haven for the murder of its street belle, and acquitted after an exhausting effort to prove them guilty; which failed to show them to be assassins, though they might profitably have been hung as ravishers. This does not, however, seem to be thought a crime of much consequence in Connecticut, as no effort was made to punish these men for it after their acquittal.

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THE Pittsburg Post quite agrees with the Lancaster Intelligencer and Harrisburg Patriot, that unless the Democratic House can muster a full quorum of members on the Democratic side at all its sessions, it had best adjourn as speedily as possible. It is one of the conditions of the prolonged contest for honest, just and fair apportionment that Democratic members shall be faithful to their duty. The Wilkesbarre Union Leader, the Hazleton Plain Speaker, of the Democratic dailies, and a dozen of the most respected and influential Democratic weekly newspapers of the state have been outspoken for some weeks advocating the same policy. It may be taken as a general sentiment of the press of the party, and it certainly is of its people; and we have reason to know that Gov. Pattison is of the same mind. Nevertheless the House is again in session this week with less than 101 members present, and yesterday the Jenkins senatorial and representative apportionment bill had to be referred back to the committee because had it not come up on final passage there would not have been enough Democrats present to have passed it on third reading. If there is no occasion for a Democratic majority of the House to be present there is no occasion for any of them to be there; if there is no occasion for them to meet often than three times a week and once a day there is no justification of their staying in Harrisburg.

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To a reporter he said that he had been arrested in Dublin without cause and looked up in Kilmahoney. While there he was offered £500 to swear falsely against a fellow prisoner. He refused. When it became known that he had informed others of the offer made him he was locked up in a stage coach and conveyed to Liverpool, where he was placed on board the Cirassia and landed in Toronto. Feecey was placed in the same ward of a hospital. He was finally released, and went to Buffalo five weeks ago.

On Monday he came to New York to try to get back to Ireland. Tuesday he went to the British consulate and fired what communications they had received from London about him. He was told that they knew nothing about him. He went there again and asked the name of the person who was publishing blasphemous articles about him. He said, "I don't know." "They laughed at me," he said, "and I then cried: 'Defend yourself, I'll lose my life for my character,' and fired."

Nothing is known about Feecey in New York, and no doubt of his insanity is entertained.

The Barnside Memorial.

The corner stone of the Barnside Memorial hall in Bristol, Rhode Island, was laid yesterday with Masonic ceremonies, Judge Colt delivering an oration. Among those present were President Arthur, Governor Brown, President General Brewster, Rhode Island congressmen. The president, who sent to Bristol from Newport on the revenue cutter Dexter, was received at Judge Colt's house, and there joined the civic and military parades, which proceeded to the site of the hall. The president's path was strewn with flowers by twenty maidens, a reputation of the ceremony of welcome to President Monroe in 1817 at the same house. It is proposed to set apart a portion of the hall for the collection of mementoes of Barnside. Over the main entrance the words "Barnside Memorial" will be cut in granite, while there will be a niche in front for a bronze statue of Barnside.