

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 22, 1883.

Mr. Gowen and Mr. Keim.

Mr. Gowen has executed the purpose which he has long known to entertain and announces that he will not be a candidate for election to the Reading railroad presidency at the next election. He would have resigned this charge years ago, but for the financial difficulties in which his corporation was involved through its purchase of the coal field which its lines traverse.

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FASHION is a very capricious mistress and none can tell to-day what the morrow will bring forth. One of its latest freaks in New York is in the line of charity, and it is said to be quite the proper caper for the rich young society ladies of the metropolis to clothe and religiously instruct a Sunday school class, as well as to care for the maimed and helpless little waifs who have no one to look after them.

The crucial test for the Democratic party will be in its action in the lower house of Congress which begins its sessions the first Monday in December. On its conduct will depend Democratic supremacy or defeat next year. Hence the importance of selecting an experienced and conservative speaker to guide the deliberations of that body.

Few of the guests who ever shared the genial hospitality of Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevins' Coenacron Place have failed to become acquainted with the good dog Towser, to whose life and character the daughter of that household pays a graceful tribute in the sketch reprinted on the first page of to-day's INTELLIGENCER.

Who thinks admitted to an equal sky, His faithful dog shall bear his company; there are very few gentle at heart and kindly by impulse, who will not admit that the traits which Byron found half human, and mankind finds constant, survived in this finest of the canine race.

The West Chester Republican still continues in lonely fashion to nurse the tender little Blaine boom.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, perhaps the ablest and most representative paper of the South, was hitherto anti-Randall in its sentiments, but it has now come out flat footed in favor of the election of the ex-speaker.

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THE DANVILLE RIOT.

REPORT OF A CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

Summary of the Facts Testified to by Thirty-Seven Witnesses After one or more Notices.

The committee of forty appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Danville, Va., on the 10th instant to inquire into the facts and publish a full and true statement of the causes and circumstances leading to the riot there on the 13th instant, and also a statement of the conduct of the people from that date to the close of the day of the election, concluded its labors Wednesday evening.

"First. That by their success in the election of a large majority of their party nominees to the town officers in the May election of 1882, and the subsequent appointment by the council of several of negro policemen, as well as by the conduct of officials so elected, there was engendered in the minds of the negroes of Danville a belief that against the white men they would receive the support and protection of the government.

"Second. That on the morning following the night of the 11th, an excitement of blacks and whites alike was violent and acrimonious, and among the negroes there was an evident expectation of a conflict; that about midnight two negroes insulted a white man going away from the depot in his night dress.

"Third. That from within half an hour after the commencement of the riot the citizens of Danville, by the control of the sergeant and his police force, and that no further disturbance of the peace and good order, except shooting of the special policeman, as stated above, occurred, and that such peace and good order continued to prevail up to and including the day of election.

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THE TONGKIN WAR.

French Proposals Forwarded from China.

The Paris Telegram states that the Marquis Tseng, the Chinese ambassador, has replied to the late French communication relative to the Tonquin question, in which China has made fresh proposals to France, which the French government has not in any way acceptable to the French government.

Owing to the absence of a telegraph cable between Tongking and Saigon, the result of the military operations in Tonking can only be known a week hence. Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, has informed the committee of the chamber of deputies on the Tonquin credits that Admiral Courbet, commander of the French fleet in Tonking, and Admiral Meyer, commander of the French fleet in Chinese waters, have carte blanche orders to make a naval demonstration on the Chinese coast during the attack upon Bao-Ninh.

The Chinese government has addressed a circular letter relative to Annam to all foreign powers. The text of that document, recently delivered to Mr. Freylinghuyssen, the secretary of state, by the minister of China at Washington is as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that the late Emperor of China, in the 20th year of his reign, the former sending tribute to the latter and receiving from the latter his investiture. Some 10 years ago, when the northern portion of Annam was disturbed by rebels, the late Emperor of China sent troops to quell and disperse them. This occupied a space of upwards of 10 years, and cost the government many millions of dollars in order to strenuously protect and defend the government of Annam. Now France, and other countries, without cause and availing herself of the opportunity of the death of its king, has enforced the Hue treaty, in which there is a provision that China must not interfere with the government of Annam, and so forth.

The French in Africa. Advances from Banaru near the mouth of the Congo river, Africa, dated October 18, 1883, state that M. de Brazza's French explorer, has arrived at Stanley Pool, after encountering many difficulties, which, it is said, had been placed in his way by Stanley. A conflict was expected to take place between M. de Brazza and Makokoa's successor, who is devoted to Stanley.

THE WESTERN COAL CROP.

Special Reports from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan.

Special telegrams to the Chicago Tribune received from Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa show an alarming amount of soft corn on hand. The reports, with one or two minor exceptions, are all of the same tenor, and indicate that a large percentage of the crop in these States is soft, caused by the crop first freezing and afterward thawing. This was followed by damp weather preventing the corn from hardening.

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CONVENTIONS.

A Movement to Organize New York State for the Assistance of Ireland—The Boston Convention.

The Irish National League convention of New York met yesterday in Syracuse, more than 100 delegates being present. The object is to organize the state of New York for the assistance of the cause of Ireland. Dr. Wallace, the state secretary of the National League, appealed for the fulfillment of the pledge made at the Philadelphia convention to extend aid to Ireland. He said that "half a million of Irishmen should be enrolled for Ireland's relief in this state, and that every man should contribute one dollar. The convention organized with Dr. Wallace as chairman. Rev. Father Cronin, of Buffalo, reported resolutions which were adopted, reiterating the declarations of the Philadelphia convention; pledging the Irish nationality to support to Irishmen in Ireland for national self government; endorsing the utterances of Bishop Butler, of Limerick; declaring un-Christian and un-American, the policy of the English government in first reducing the Irish peasantry to abject poverty and then sending them penniless to the United States, dependents upon America, and supporting Parnell and his followers. Father Cronin offered a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that a special testimonial fund of \$25,000 from the state of New York should be raised for Charles Stewart Parnell, separate from the fund now being raised by the National League.

The annual convention of the National Grange was opened yesterday in Washington. Twenty seven states were represented by masters of state granges. William Saunders, of the agricultural department, who was the first master of the National Grange, delivered an address of welcome. Ex-Governor Roble, of Maine; J. R. Thompson, of Washington, and—(Harris) of Alabama, were invited to preside over the strength and influence of the agricultural class, its want of representation in the executive branch of the government, and the growth of the national grange organization.

NEWS NOTES. Miscellaneous Matters of Interest. A. J. Drexel, treasurer of the Shemwell relief fund, acknowledges additional contributions which swell the total to \$9,101.68. The long pending suit of Luzerne county against ex-treasurer John T. Griffin, who had been shot in his accounts \$5,000, was settled yesterday.

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THE NEW YORK EVENING STAR considers the strike in its office practically at an end. It has a full news force of ten union-composers. The blue-stone enters and flaggers of New York met last night and pledged themselves to resist a proposed reduction of \$1 from their present daily pay of \$4. The suit of Colonel Von Trosman against the Long Island railroad for \$20,000 damages for injuries received on that road, settled yesterday in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$7,500.

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The Governor's Wife Ill.

The death of Robbin, the bright and interesting son of Governor Pattison, has caused the utmost bereavement at the excellent marriage of the parents of the lad did not bring but when they over their boy as he lay in his precarious condition and when the last breath escaped his lips they were almost prostrated with grief. Mrs. Pattison was completely overcome and as a result, it is stated, was affected also with nervous prostration. In place of her getting better she grew worse and yesterday afternoon it was reported that the grief-stricken mother was unconscious and seriously ill. Last night however, she was said to have somewhat improved.

The funeral of their little son took place to-day at noon, and was very private. The Boston Journal is credibly informed that in order to justify Gov. Butler's assails upon the insurance business companies are to be made by the insurance commissioner against several companies, with a view to prevent their doing business in Massachusetts. The Journal's informant is satisfied, after an examination of its affairs, that one at least of these companies is in a perfectly sound condition. The Journal adds: "There are certain movements, which it is not prudent to make public at present, which are calculated to give color to the above prediction."

MR. GOWEN'S RETIRE.

He Will Not be a Candidate for Re-election as President of the Reading Company. President Franklin B. Gowen, of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company, late Wednesday evening issued a circular to the stockholders of the company enclosing a form of a proxy for use at the annual election, January 14, 1884, and saying: "I am glad to be able to announce that the company for the current fiscal year (ending Nov. 30), after providing for all fixed charges, will be equal to seven percent on the common stock, and five percent upon the common stock of the company. As these net earnings are pledged to the payment of the outstanding income mortgage bonds (\$2,454,000), such bonds must be retired before a dividend can be paid. It is to be regretted that I cannot vote all proxy entrusted to me (except where otherwise directed), in favor of a dividend of twenty-one per cent (being three years' arrears legally due) upon the preferred stock and three per cent upon the common stock, believing that such a dividend would be entirely certain, and that its ranks are rapidly filling up."

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