

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 8, 1893.

Facts for the Jury.

The counsel for the defendant in the Schum case is apprehensive that the comments of the INTELLIGENCER upon the judge's construction of the law under which he took that case from the jury, may tend to prejudice the minds of the readers of the INTELLIGENCER concerning the real merit of the suit.

The jury is the judge of the evidence and there is quite as much reason why it should judge the effect of the plaintiff's evidence alone as for its judgment upon the evidence of both plaintiff and defendant. It is true that if the plaintiff's evidence indisputably shows the plaintiff's negligence there can be no recovery and the judge may so declare and take the case from the jury.

It is certainly very desirable to railroad corporations to have the law so construed as to make the judge the arbiter of the facts, for they do not like juries, which they believe are prone to decide against them.

The closing down of manufactures and the general reduction of the wages of skilled labor that is demanded by their proprietors in the Northern states are attracting very general attention.

The significant fact is that the stagnation exists in the North rather than the South. This, taken in connection with the further fact that manufactures of iron and cotton have greatly increased in the South during the past few years, shows pretty clearly the competition that is cheapening the products that were once exclusively made in the North.

The cause of the depression in the Bessemer steel manufacture is very clearly exhibited in the enormously increased facilities for production, stimulated by the demand which the building of new railroads for stock jobbing purposes in the past few years created.

CHARLES ROSS has not been found, the bones of A. T. Stewart were never recovered, the Mary Stannard murder remains a mystery, the detectives have abandoned the Rose Amber case, and there seems to be no more chance of finding a clue to the perpetrators of the Phoebe Paulin outrage and murder in New Jersey a few weeks ago.

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a matter of fact Mr. Blaine does propose to tax whisky for the purpose of raising revenue to divide among the states. This is the object and the sole purpose of the tax which he contemplates. It excludes every other purpose. His proposition has not met with favorable consideration from any considerable number of thoughtful people.

We print the new poem which Mr. Tennyson has written for an enterprising American publisher—and for a thousand dollars. It may be a good advertisement for a children's magazine to get an original poem from the poet laureate who is soon to be made a peer and who has an income of \$30,000 a year from his writings.

It is rumored that the German crown prince will call on the pope on his way back from Spain, and diplomacy in Europe is in consequence very much exercised over the possible outcome.

It is financially in a bad way. In the present state of revenue and expenditure, there will be a deficit for the current year of 24,000,000 roubles. This condition of affairs is an refreshing contrast to that exhibited in our own country, where the great problem is how to properly get rid of our enormous surplus.

A well known medical expert in London has been trying the effect of alcohol in heightening or lowering the temperature of the human body. To make an habitual abstainer "dead drunk," twelve ounces of brandy in one dose were found sufficient; and so hardened was the confirmed inebriate to the effect of spirits that no reduction of his temperature was caused.

The assertion that the inmates of our jails and poor houses are principally foreigners is incorrect. Statistics show that of jail inmates, the native born outnumber the foreign born nearly four to one, and of paupers, about one-third are foreign born.

In some respects the world seems retrograding rather than progressing. Especially is this observable in the lack of laws at the present day prohibiting celibacy. In the olden times one had to pay well for the privilege of bachelorhood, and those matrimonially inclined received an exemption suited to the importance of the step in the eyes of the community.

One of the most salutary bills thus far introduced in the session of Congress has just been introduced by Senator Plumb, making the prohibition of gambling an additional article of war. The bill provides that any officer of the army serving with troops on any soldier not on furlough, who gives, bets or plays for money or other valuable stake or consideration at any game of cards or otherwise, shall be brought to trial by court martial, and upon conviction shall be punished in a manner specified.

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EBERTS GOING TO ADD TO HIS GIFT TO THE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL IN ALBANY, N. Y., so that it amounts to \$80,000.

KEEFER WANTS TO LEAD THE REPUBLICAN MINORITY IN THE HOUSE. THE DEAD WOULD BE STEERED BY THE DUMB.

REY. MRS. MARGARET M. MASONARIAN has been appointed pastor of the Spring Garden Presbyterian church, Philadelphia.

FREDERICK WILLIAM, crown prince of Germany, has left Madrid for Seville, having taken good care to publicly hug and kiss Alfonso at the railroad station.

NEWS NOTES.

DEALS WITH THE DANGERS INCURRED BY AMERICAN GIRLS OF WEALTH WHO MARRY FOREIGN NOBLES.

GENERAL GRANT DENOUNCES THE STORY THAT HE AND MRS. GRANT HAVE BECOME SPIRITUALISTS AS A CONTEMPTEBLE FAHOOD.

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HUBB, of Ohio, says that the ways and means committee will act first for the removal of all duties on salt, sugar, lumber, barbed wire, copper and possibly wool.

REY. E. FRANCIS BISHOP, president of the Naugatuck railroad, died yesterday in Bridgeport, Connecticut, aged 58 years.

MR. FAIR, of Nevada, is put down as the wealthiest man in the United States Senate. His riches aggregate \$18,000,000; those of Mr. Miller of California, \$4,000,000; Mr. Sawyer, of Wisconsin, \$7,000,000; Mr. Brown, of Georgia, \$3,000,000; Mr. Palmer, of Michigan, \$2,000,000; Mr. Sibley, of Minnesota, \$2,000,000, and so on.

HENRY VILLARD applying to John Swinton for work 20 years ago was advised to hire himself out as a porter to a commission house. Some weeks ago, when Swinton started his new morning paper, Villard was one of the first subscribers.

THE WORK DONE BY THE STATE IN THE SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

INTELLIGENT SUPERVISION IS ESSENTIAL IN ANY ORGANIZED SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS, if good work is to be assured. This truth, self-evident to such as have been careful observers of the results of graded school training, has again been verified in the marked advancement of the public schools of the city of Lancaster during the past three years.

THE SENTIMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS "Nobility, if not a first class man." At last such an official was found in Supr. R. K. Buchler. During his three years of service in this important position he has administered the office in a commendable manner and to secure and maintain the confidence and co-operation of all, both teachers and directors, who are most deeply interested in the welfare of the schools.

THE MEXICAN WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, in session at Washington yesterday elected vice presidents representing every state in the union, and also the army, navy, marine corps and revenue marine service.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

THE RAIL DEPARTMENT OF THE PITTSBURGH ROSSMERE STEEL WORKS, at Homestead, was shut down Friday night, throwing eight hundred men out of employment.

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OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

EVENTS ALONG THE SUSQUEHANNA—Items of Interest in and Around the Borough.

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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF JOHN JOHNSON. John Johnson, an old, well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Little Britain township, was found dead between 5 and 6 o'clock on Thursday evening in his pump house, whither he had gone a short time previous. His death was quite a severe shock to his family, as he had been in his usual good health all day and had driven to Fairmont the afternoon of his death, and on his return went about in his usual manner.

THOUGH IN HIS 84th year, Mr. Johnson was a remarkable specimen of hale and hearty manhood. Erect and strong he thought little of walking from his home to this city, a distance of 20 miles, and for the past few years has no doubt sustained his usual practice when business called him to town. He was born and reared in the lower end, and was always one of its most prominent citizens.

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ORATORS SELECTED.

FOR THE COLEMAN AND MAGNETHAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

AT THE elections for the anniversary programmes of the literary societies of F. and M. college, held this morning, the following were elected:

SALUTATORIAN—C. B. Schneider, Bowmanville, Pa.

FIRST ORATOR—W. R. Brinton, Lancaster, Pa.

SECOND ORATOR—O. O'Byrne, Lancaster, Pa.

THIRD ORATOR—D. E. Edsall, Milton, Pa.

FOURTH ORATOR—J. C. Cook, Hagerstown, Md.

FIFTH ORATOR—J. H. Appel, Pottsville, Pa.

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