

Lancaster Intelligencer.

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 10, 1883.

The Toll Bar.

Montgomery county having, by a superior system of making roads in most of its townships, almost entirely abolished the turnpike toll gate within its limits, is now agitated over the question of free bridges.

And after the toll bridge, the toll road! We have entirely too many of them hereabouts. Lancaster is almost as much cut off from free approach as a walled town.

They All Decline. The number of heretofore prominent presidential candidates who say they will decline the office is getting to be notably larger.

We congratulate the conventions on the prospective freedom of their choice. The woods are full of timber. Good stuff is plenty among it, and the whole forest is ready to obey their call what ever the modesty of its attitude.

The Philadelphia Record is none too severe upon that class of legislators who last summer and fall resented so bitterly every suggestion that they should bring the session to a close, and yet who, as soon as the election was over, turned their attention solely to the work of securing pay for every day.

GENERAL JOHN B. GORDON, of Georgia, expresses the following sensible view upon tariff legislation: "I am profoundly convinced that the true policy of this government is to reach by gradual approaches the position generally advocated by the Democratic party—a tariff for revenue only, and for such an amount of revenue only as will suffice to support the government administered on the most economical basis and in the interest of the great body of its people.

PERSONAL.

PATTI'S singing nets her \$100,000 per annum. Mrs. Langrey is going to the Sandwich Islands, Australia and India.

ANNA DICKINSON will not lecture for the Knights of the States Grand Order. A new track Manager Capitol has laid down.

MR. SHERMAN, the wife of Gen. Sherman, has organized a club in St. Louis for the study of philosophy from a Roman Catholic standpoint.

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