

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 us, 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 \$150,000 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, as she has returned to her office and soon of gambling.

WILL CARLETON'S poem, "Bosely and Larceny," was only by accident printed, being listed under the name of "The Boy and the Dog."

MARY ANDREWS recently received a telegram from a previous inmate, "What will you charge for dinner at my house? You will need the Point of View and will be treated as a guest."

THE Times has news that Wharton Baker has been striving to have himself made secretary of the treasury at the expense of probably both Folger and Brewster.

THE New York Tribune, claims to have discovered gross frauds in the letting of contract for public work in New York city. It publishes evidence to sustain its allegations, that, like in the famous canal operations in the state, by a system of "unbalanced bids," the public has been robbed of millions of dollars.

They Took It All. It has been seen that some of the members of the Legislature who were most clamorous for prolonging the extra session after its futility became apparent have gone off unblushingly with the last dollar of unearned pay.

A Neosational Arrest. At a meeting, New York, Charles L. Jeffords, a wealthy manufacturer, E. D. Doorlittle, Milo Wheeler and Dal Case had been arrested on the charge of having set fire to Jeffords, Baily & Co.'s lounge factory.

FIERCE FIRES.

FOR A STRANGE FIRE DESTROYED. The Annapolis mill, at Rockport, Mass., was burned Sunday morning, but the boiler room and stoves, containing 400 barrels of coal, were saved.

The Mount Hope rolling mill, near Erie, was destroyed by the Sunday morning fire. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire was discovered at 2 o'clock in the morning.

FOUND DEAD IN THE HAY. A man was found dead in the hay in a field near the British steamer Oranien, lying at a dock at South Boston, Saturday night.

TRAGEDY AND LABOR. Commercial and manufacturing notes. Articles of incorporation were filed at Cheyenne, on Saturday, by the Wyoming Yellowstone Park and Paved Railroad company.

EL MAHDI'S MANNER. A rehearsal massacre has taken place in the Egyptian army while on their march from Suakin to Berber on December 2.

COLUMBIA NEWS. From the Regular Correspondent. The semi-annual meeting of the bar association was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the orphan's court room.

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NOTABLE NEWS. In Owensboro, Ky., an unknown man entered the house of E. Clark and attacked his daughters with a club.

THE FERN BRON WORKS. A suspension telegraphed from here to the Philadelphia papers that the Penn iron company proposes stopping at the end of this week the payment of the workmen to agree to a reduction of wages, was made without authority.

DR. GIBBONS' DEATH.

END OF AN EVENTFUL CAREER. Dr. Joseph Gibbons was found dead in bed at his residence near Bird in Hand, on Sunday morning, in the 69th year of his age.

An Eventful Life. Dr. Gibbons was one of the best known citizens of the county. His face and figure were familiar to the people of Lancaster as he visited the city almost daily of late years.

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LADIES' FAIR.

For the benefit of Washington Legion, K. of R. The ladies fair, being held in Excalibur hall, East King street, for the benefit of Washington Legion, No. 3, K. of R., opened Saturday evening, under very favorable circumstances.

At the lunch table, laden with all manner of good things, preside Mr. Christ Tody, Mrs. Margaret Flick, Mrs. Emma Bond, in the rigid rigor of the ice cream table Mrs. H. M. Pralley deals out the luscious delicacy to the impatient throng.

The committee of arrangements is as follows: H. MacEary, chairman; John A. Overdeer, secretary; W. F. Henneke, treasurer; Mrs. Emma Bond, Mrs. Charles Moton, Mrs. J. W. J. Cresswell and Miss D. Mearig, folding chairs.

The colored people of the city are holding a fair in Love and Charity hall on Low street, which opened on Saturday night. The object of the fair is to raise money to pay off an indebtedness on the building.

The committee in charge is John Harris, president; Mrs. Charles Moton, secretary; Charles Moton, treasurer; Mrs. D. Mearig, folding chairs.

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