

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 5, 1884.

Mr. Villard's Resignation.

Mr. Villard has resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific railroad and has assigned his property for the benefit of his creditors. He resigns, he says, because of his health, and because he and his friends and associates think that the interests of the company will be thereby advanced. He thinks this is a sound conclusion to his strenuous efforts to promote the company's interests, and no doubt it is; and probably it is as unjust as not. Mr. Villard seems to be an honorable man, a distinction which the majority of railroad presidents do not merit. He has been a sanguine man; one of his other temperaments could not have had the success which he has hitherto rewarded his movements. He has been bold in his speculations, and in favoring brevity his craft has sailed gaily on with the full sheet he gave her. His misfortune was that he did not see the breakers ahead soon enough to avoid them. It is a common experience, and an almost necessary one to such venturesome temperaments. Mr. Villard was the admiration of his friends and the envy of his foes a few months ago. No man ever had a like confidence reposed in him, as was shown by the capitalists, who gave him their money to employ for the common in a "blind pool." The use he made of it was for a time very profitable, and would have been so eventually if Mr. Villard and his associates had been able to maintain their grip on their venture.

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A RAILWAY MAGNATE'S BANKRUPTCY.

An Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors - A grand show for the Reading Railroad.

The resignation of Henry Villard from the presidency of the Northern Pacific railroad was accepted at a meeting of the directors on Friday. His resignation has not yet been selected. Mr. Villard has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, to Wm. Edouard, jr., of Boston, and Horace White, of New York. He transfers to them all property and mansion on Madison avenue, with instructions to dispose of it at public or private sale and apply the proceeds, first to the payment of the interest of a mortgage of \$200,000 upon the property; secondly, to carry out any existing contracts for the completion of the railroad; and thirdly, to pay for the payment of any indebtedness now owing by Mr. Villard to the Oregon railway and navigation company. The instrument further recites that the residue, after discharge of the entire indebtedness, shall be turned over to his wife, Mrs. Fanny Garrison Villard.

The real property included by Villard in his assignment in the block bounded by Fifth and Fifty-first streets, Madison avenue, which he has recently erected upon the Madison avenue front. This property is said to be worth \$1,000,000. The property recently conveyed by Villard to his legal advisers is expressly excluded from the conveyance to his assignees. The other real property included by Villard is a handsome summer residence at Dulles Ferry, on the Hudson, which is worth about \$250,000.

The extent of his indebtedness to the Oregon railway and navigation company could not be ascertained, nor could any information be obtained as to his other liabilities. It is said that he is still the owner of large interests in railroads and other companies, and that his wife holds government bonds to the amount of \$300,000. A statement of his assets, however, could be obtained. Mr. Villard is still to be seen receiving visitors.

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It has been intimated by some of Mr. Villard's friends that the loss of his fortune in the railroad enterprise was a success which has partially at least, nullified his reason. Three years ago, he was worth \$1,000,000. He has lost everything. In the days of his prosperity, two years ago, he transferred some property to his wife and it is also intimated that the property of Mr. Villard's estate there is practically nothing left. He has sacrificed himself to protect his friends. One of the most intimate friends of the railway magnate, Horace White, says of him: "There was never any man so generous with corporations, with a bigger heart than Mr. Villard had."

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John S. Kemper, Albert Mellinger, S. K. Wolf, D. G. Smith, L. Z. Miller, M. Roy, and John Strang, are among the applicants for new licenses, leaving the applicants, about the usual number, to the January sessions, the bulk of the licenses being granted in April.

Of the applicants for tavern licenses, 29 who keep stands and who make the required affidavit as to their past observance of the liquor law; of the new applicants, fifteen, for license to hold stands, four having heretofore had houses at other places, make the affidavit; there are six applicants for new stands, fifteen persons having had licenses heretofore, but some of which have expired, and some of which have not yet expired, as though the affidavit for filing the applications has passed, petitioners have until the last day of January to file to their affidavits; from the six stands there is no application, and there are six petitions for new stands filed.

Ten old eating house licenses make the affidavit; and three of the four new applicants for old stands; three former licensees who have renewed their applications have not yet filed their affidavits; there are three old stands which do not ask for a renewal of license and six applicants for new stands.

There are thirteen applications for liquor store licenses to the January sessions.

NEW DISTRICT COURSES.

Mr. Davis' Successor named for the Office of the County Clerk.

A. J. Early, Esq., of the law office of A. J. Early, Esq., and J. H. Garrison, Esq., the morning before last, announced that he will continue his office in the new building on the corner of Third and Chestnut streets, and will continue the general practice of the law, in addition to the business of his office. The office will be open from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock, and will be open to all who wish to consult with him. He will be at his office from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock, and will be open to all who wish to consult with him. He will be at his office from 10 o'clock to 4 o'clock, and will be open to all who wish to consult with him.

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Of the applicants for tavern licenses, 29 who keep stands and who make the required affidavit as to their past observance of the liquor law; of the new applicants, fifteen, for license to hold stands, four having heretofore had houses at other places, make the affidavit; there are six applicants for new stands, fifteen persons having had licenses heretofore, but some of which have expired, and some of which have not yet expired, as though the affidavit for filing the applications has passed, petitioners have until the last day of January to file to their affidavits; from the six stands there is no application, and there are six petitions for new stands filed.

Ten old eating house licenses make the affidavit; and three of the four new applicants for old stands; three former licensees who have renewed their applications have not yet filed their affidavits; there are three old stands which do not ask for a renewal of license and six applicants for new stands.

There are thirteen applications for liquor store licenses to the January sessions.

COLUMBIA NEWS.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Building operations still go on, despite the cold.

Charles Keckly shot one blue bird with ducks on the open water below the river dam yesterday.

The thermometer stood seven degrees above zero this morning. It is the coldest day of the season.

The Columbia street band will hold a fair in the armory between the 5th and 10th of February.

Personal. The Misses Lydia Skeen and Alice Fischer have returned home from a trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Samuel Swartz, of this place, is now in Leavenworth, Kansas, negotiating for the purchase of a large steam marble works.

The first sleigh passed over the river on the yesterday. The team was driven by Wright, and a sleigh driven by Miller. Harry Nolte, Jr., was the first Columbian who crossed, doing so shortly after Miller had crossed.

Large numbers of skaters enjoyed the pleasure afforded by the excellent condition of the ice. Coasting on the hills of town still continues good. Few accidents to coasters have occurred this winter.

The door key lately stolen from Mr. Charles Stevenson's residence has been recovered. It was found two or three squares from the place where stolen by a gentleman who returned it to its owner. The thief evidently feared detection after committing the theft, and threw away the stolen property.

The remains of John W. Schlegelmilch, the 17-year-old boy who was fatally injured by being struck by a street car on the roof of a two-story house on North Queen street, yesterday afternoon, were buried in the Trinity Catholic church on Sunday at 2 o'clock. Deceased was only 24 years of age.

J. J. Stackhouse, of the Pennsylvania railroad civil engineer corps, with a force of assistant engineers, is running a new line between Mountville and a point a short distance south of Rohrerstown. The alteration in the line is being made in accordance with the extensive series of improvements projected for different points on this railroad. The change will avoid several dangerous curves.

Rev. Mr. Peters, of Lancaster, will officiate at the United Brethren church tomorrow, as the pastors, Rev. J. H. Funk, is unwell.

Union religious services will be held in the Presbyterian church to-morrow at 4 o'clock. People of all denominations are expected to participate.

Services in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ulrich Zwingli, the great Swiss reformer, will be held on to-morrow (Sunday) in Trinity Reformed.

Squire Patton sent four drunk and disorderly characters to jail this morning. John Lockard was on a spree again last night. Officer Reinshauer arrested him for being disorderly, but on the way to the lockup he became stubborn and pugnacious, and was secured and the prisoner, was finally taken to the place for the night.

John Lockard, on the 4th inst., was arrested on the side of a road, near the North Queen street, yesterday afternoon, and fell to the ground, striking upon a fence in his descent and injuring himself very badly, but not fatally.

Revival Meetings. Revival services at South Queen street Methodist church have been conducted during the week by Miss Lizzie Sharp, of Philadelphia. She is a popular evangelist, is drawing good congregations and doing successful work. She will continue to conduct the meetings during the week.

Freight Wreck. A slight freight wreck occurred at Mill creek this afternoon, one train running into the rear of another. The engine and caboose were considerably damaged and travel was detained. Facts were an hour late in reaching the city.

Heard for Court. John Williams, colored, charged with stealing a horse, was shown from in front of Michael Harris's store, and a hearing before Alderman Spurrier this afternoon and was committed for trial as court.

Lunacy Inquiries. An application to determine the lunacy of Dr. Isaac, sr. of Salisbury township, is now being held. It will last for several days.

Sent Out. Frank Brennan, Wm.