

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 29, 1884

All at Once.

There is again presented for the consideration of Congress a new device for recording the votes of the members when the yeas and noes are called, the advantage which is claimed for it over the present system consisting in the fact that it proposes to register instantaneously the vote of the members on any measure, instead of waiting for the long and monotonous roll call.

LET the doubters of the groundhog forever more be silent. The present blast is the vengeance this inflexible weather ace is taking on those who dared to question his reliability.

SENATOR EDMUNDS has got in another declaration of the presidency through "a letter to a friend." The ardent desire to occupy this high office seems to be in direct proportion to the vigor with which it is declined.

QUAY declares that unless some exigency arises he will not be a candidate for delegate either to the State or National Convention. The saving clause, it will be noticed, is large enough to drive a coach and four through.

AGAIN has it been authoritatively stated that the author of "The Bread Winners" has been discovered and again with equal authoritativeness has it been denied.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

THE Celebrated Insurance Case.

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A BITTER COLD NIGHT.

THE Mercury Almost Touches Zero.

The snow storm of Thursday morning was followed, on Friday, by a rapid fall of temperature, the mercury marking 29° at 6 p. m., 10° at 9 p. m. and 5° above zero at 5 a. m., remaining at that figure for several hours. In some sections of the city it is reported as having been as low as 2° above zero, and one poor fellow, who took a look at the thermometer under unfavorable circumstances declares it was 12 degrees below zero!

The police complain that the night was one of the very worst of the season. They report over sixty of the gasoline street lamps are being blown out by the wind, and nearly as many of the electric lamps are not burning for some cause. No serious damage is reported as being done by the storm, though the nursery men had a bad time of it, and had to be all night in their greenhouses, a excellent plan of fires to prevent the plants from freezing.

The Philadelphia Times this afternoon to its belief in this matter. The groundhog was right when he discreetly turned tail three weeks ago and went back into his hole. Those who doubted the phenomenal accuracy of the little four legged weather prophet were fully convinced, and sagaciously at night, when the sun appeared, that Jack Frost intended to celebrate the extra day of leap year with a genuine old blizzard that must have been left over from the January storm.

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