

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 16, 1884.

The Speculative Mania.

It is to be assumed that the foundation of the present trouble in Wall street is the great depreciation suffered in the value of stock during the past two years. It has been a general subject of comment that so great a depreciation could have taken place without producing any failures among those engaged in stock buying and selling. The present experience shows that these failures have simply been postponed. The Marine bank failure is topped over the weak houses, the immediate pressure being applied by the alarmed banks, which withdrew the borrowing facilities the brokers had been enjoying. It is said by the sufferers that the banks are always ready to assist in ballooning the market when its tendency is that way, and in sinking it in times of natural depression; and no doubt that is the fact. It would be well if bank officers were wiser than their generation, and alert at all times in enforcing the observance of prudent rules in their business; as well when they are needed as when they do not seem to be required. But bank presidents and directors are but ordinary business men, and naturally inclined to relax rules in days of calm that they are disposed to vigorously enforce in days of storm. At present there seems to be abundant need for their caution. After the failures that have taken place it is impossible to say who is sound. Cities outside of New York are congratulating themselves that they are free from these disasters. But they are not to be congratulated. The same causes that lie at the root of the New York failure prevail generally, and there is no doubt at all that there are as many unsound business houses outside of New York as in it; and as many weak banks. We see no ground whatever for the belief that it is only New York banks and bankers who have suffered by a speculative temper that has prevailed all over the country and has its results in stricken fortunes wherever it has prevailed.

Oil.

Oil is down with everything else; but there is one salient about it. It is slippery and inflammable and uncontrollable, but it is a substance of value; and of a value that can be estimated by everyone. At sixty-five cents a barrel it is cheap, for it has never, we believe, been lower than fifty cents. It is a useful product which the world needs, and which will always bring something at any rate; unless it burns up or runs away; contingencies against which you can get an insurance; though of course the insurance company may go up; and they say now that the standard company is in a bad way. But one point is that oil is safer to touch than railroad stocks, whose value you can never estimate, not being on the inside. Any day the concern may stop paying dividends, if it ever has paid them; or stop paying interest, if it has ever indulged in that luxury; and the stock turns out to be worthless. In fact, it can hardly be otherwise with most of the railroads, since they have only been built to make money for their builders, and their stock represents no value, and their bonds mighty little. Stock values have fallen very much nowadays, but there are plenty of them selling very high notwithstanding, since they are intrinsically worthless.

The committee on divorce in the general conference of the M. E. church, headed by the governor of the commonwealth, has framed a very vigorous report, which presents the alarming increase of divorce and the resulting evils from laxity of the marital tie in very vivid colors. The diversity of the laws governing divorce in the different states is pointed out as a fruitful source of mischief and scandal. The causes for which divorces may be decreed, while differing in number in the several states, are in all essentially the same. In some there is no limit but the discretion of the judge. The average number of causes in thirty-seven states is nine. In seven of the states there are ten causes, in three twelve and in two fourteen. The highest in any state is sixteen, and the lowest four. In three, divorces may be granted for any cause sufficient in the discretion of the judge. Many of the states, in addition, permit partial divorces for other causes. This is a very decided enlargement on the New Testament doctrine and the Methodist committee feels moved to recommend that its church adopt the discipline of the Catholic church, recognizing no divorce as lawful in the sight of God except for adultery. This is a radical step toward a stern reform, and the conference does not seem ready to take it precipitately, having referred the report to a special committee.

THERE has been a good deal of non-sense talked, written and published by the anti-visitation societies and the general public will sympathize with the state medical association in its unanimous protest against laws prohibiting or obstructing visitation. Some very well minded men and women, no doubt, who have not investigated the facts and a considerable number of that kind who are moved to more solicitude for lap dogs and parrots than for suffering humanity have made a deal of clamor against these painful operations on living animals which constitute a large portion of modern scientific study. Most, if not nearly all, of these experiments are made in the interest of the healing science, and the results of such comparative study are of vast importance to the human family, relieving or preventing much suffering. The men who undertake them are not moved by cruelty nor are they hardened to it by such study; and it is a maudlin, senseless opposition which would interfere with them. If the societies organized for that purpose will devote themselves to the relief of ill-treated and overfed babies they can accomplish a good work.

A JUDGE'S SUICIDE.

DRIVEN TO DESPAIR BY COWARDICE.

Intense excitement reigns throughout Kentucky on account of the suicide of Judge Richard Reid, of the superior court, who was drowned at Mt. Sterling on April 15 by John Jay Corneison, a prominent lawyer, who charged him with hypocrisy and inducing his fellow judges to decide a case against Corneison. The suicide occurred at Mt. Sterling Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, in the office of Judge Brock. Reid entered the office at half past nine, complained of a severe headache and asked permission to lie down on Brock's bed. Brock refused, but sent upstairs and Judge Brock left his office, returning an hour later. Going into his bedroom to wash his hands, Judge Brock found Reid lying on the bed. The bed was soaked with blood, and the suicide's right hand was found with a Wesson revolver. The ball had entered below and back of the right ear and emerged on the left side of the head.

In Mt. Sterling and the neighboring counties the outcome of this latest judicial scandal causes a sensation. Corneison, on Reid, the appellate district, comprising one-third of the state has been divided by partisan factions; that opposed to Reid denouncing him for cowardice in receiving the cowdiding without showing fight, and the other upholding him. Last Sunday the Christian church of Mt. Sterling, publicly expelled Corneison for refusing to apologize publicly to Reid, and for not showing proper repentance. This excited the excitement and it began to look as if Mr. Reid would be drawn into the fever of the day. An INTELLIGENCER to give others a chance. It is not intended as a money making concern, but rather to promote the reform in law, and those who go in are expected to do that by example as well as precept. Those who cannot unambiguously subscribe themselves for a man's family—not himself nor his legal representatives—control the disposition of his remains. But most of those who are in this project propose to be cremated, and themselves. A list of names and addresses of those interested in the largest number of persons interested; many prominent men outside of the city have indicated a willingness to associate themselves with the enterprise. Details as to location, cost, design and other particulars of the enterprise will be published hereafter. It may be a crude affair like that at Washington, Pa., which cost about \$2,000 or elaborate, with all the modern improvements, like the marble crematory at Berlin, which cost \$5,000. There is more of the latter in this country, and that is so inaccessible that there is great demand for one located near the populous centers of the eastern part of the country. Hundreds of bodies would be brought to a crematory in Lancaster. Here is the place for it. It should be built in sight of the Pennsylvania railroad line and must have tasteful and cheerful surroundings.

Among the rooms engaged by the Pennsylvania delegation to the Democratic national convention at the Grand Pacific Hotel in New York, the one in which Zach Chandler died; likewise that which Garfield occupied during the convention which nominated him. Chairman Hessel had better be circumspect how he assigns the rooms for which he has contracted. Political lightning is apt to strike in the same place twice.

It is reported, on good authority, that during the fire at Willard's hotel our conservative congressman had his trunk down with a bed cover. No Baltimorean reckless in his life.

There's a funny fight up in Bedford county. John Lutz and John H. Jordan recently consolidated their Republican papers, the Republic and Inquirer, forming a party known as the Consolidated. Both of them want the congressional nomination of their party; they have proclaimed their respective candidacies and are abusing each other like pickpockets. The Democrats are egging on a third member of the party, one J. B. Coates, who is a good deal of a talker, and who has a record that if he runs he can beat both his partners. J. B. Coates and another man are also candidates. It is very likely the Republican nominee will come from one of the other three counties of the districts and the outside aspirants watch the Kentucky fight in Bedford with unconcealed glee.

Persons who live in the neighborhood of forest fires or who suffer the loss of woodland from that source tell me that to the westward of our own mountains there are big hunters most of these fires owe their origin. The best hunters in the fall are unscrupulous and vengeful in cutting down the finest trees to get a bee, and after building their fires to stave the swarm with sulphur fumes they are cruelly disposed in allowing the flames to communicate to dry leaves, twigs and underbrush. The fires are generally fought most successfully by starting another line of flame in front of that which is advancing and driving the new line back to meet that whose outlet is to be stayed.

There is nothing improbable in the story that Don Cameron will set up for Uncle John Sherman, despite Sam Barr's tears and fears. When Sherman went to Chicago in 1882 he was told in a dozen of his four delegates at large; Gardfield among them. It was a plot from the start and he knew it, so that if he expects to be nominated this year he will like as not put his case into his niece's husband's hands. He knows the Ohio men well and knows how to play them. He is a shrewd politician like Sherman to make good dabbly experiments, literary fencers, snivel service reformers or political acrobats.

There were eight in the party—two political agitators and six Know-it-alls. The two agitators were in a dozen between them, equally divided as to parties, they couldn't hit a winner at either of the Chicago's. The six named these candidates: Blaine, Edmunds, Lincoln, Gresham, Hawley, Allison—Carlisle, Tilden, Randall, Cleveland, Payne, Bayard. Out this out and in this in your hat. The bet is to be paid July 15. Do you want some of it? Books still open.

The New York Sun is one of the few public journals which has noted the fact that while the ranky year of 1887 was marked also by an extraordinary religious revival—crowding churches, converting theatres into temples of worship and turning business places into prayer meetings—Wall street did not go down on its knees this week. And the Sun wants to know if doubt and skepticism rule the commercial man, or if greater calamities are necessary to awaken them to their wickedness and their dangers. Referred to the pulpits.

Hub Hale and Snyne Frye, the pinfire senators from Maine, are said to be disgruntled at Blaine for neglect of them and are now talking Arthur. This is the more cheerful thing for Blaine that has happened for a fortnight.

HERE AND THERE.

"Cremation!" said the rising Young Doctor, after he read the INTELLIGENCER last evening. "Why certainly, I'll take a share of the stock, and give my body to be cremated. It is a clean, reverent, healthful, economical and wise disposition of the dead."

"Sacrilegious!" said the preacher, "cremation sacrilegious? Not a bit of it. It has the sanction of inspired and high ecclesiastical authority. If the Pagans indulge in it it only goes to show that there are a good many things in which they can give us points. It has no doubt been found most salutary in the crowded and warmer countries of the East, and the increase of our civilization and the development of our organization it is certain to be adopted. I would just as readily pronounce the funeral obsequies over the ashes of the dead as over their clammy flesh; and I am ready, if needs be, to vindicate from the point the Christian body as a Christian mode of disposing of the dead."

"Why are the lawyers so generally in favor of cremation?" was asked of a group of Barbary coasters, as they went privateering to the base ball match. They all answered at once. "Want to be tempered for their future fate."

"No doubt in the world that the cremation project will go on," said one of the enthusiastic promoters of it. "There is \$2,000 of stock already taken on the books; and we will be in a few days at the INTELLIGENCER to give others a chance. It is not intended as a money making concern, but rather to promote the reform in law, and those who go in are expected to do that by example as well as precept. Those who cannot unambiguously subscribe themselves for a man's family—not himself nor his legal representatives—control the disposition of his remains. But most of those who are in this project propose to be cremated, and themselves. A list of names and addresses of those interested; many prominent men outside of the city have indicated a willingness to associate themselves with the enterprise. Details as to location, cost, design and other particulars of the enterprise will be published hereafter. It may be a crude affair like that at Washington, Pa., which cost about \$2,000 or elaborate, with all the modern improvements, like the marble crematory at Berlin, which cost \$5,000. There is more of the latter in this country, and that is so inaccessible that there is great demand for one located near the populous centers of the eastern part of the country. Hundreds of bodies would be brought to a crematory in Lancaster. Here is the place for it. It should be built in sight of the Pennsylvania railroad line and must have tasteful and cheerful surroundings."

A third ballot was at once taken and Presiding Elder Maffallen, of Boston, reached the bishopric by 206 votes, four more than was necessary to elect. Rev. Vincent followed him with 178 and Rev. Dr. Fowler with 162. No time was spent in the counting of the votes and the delegates dropped their ballots into the hats. The tellers soon returned with the news that Rev. Dr. Trimble, one of their number, had accidentally mixed up the votes with those of a former ballot and there was nothing to be done but take another.

It was now six o'clock. Many of the delegates, tired by the long confinements had left the hall and the weary work began to show its effects in irritability and a tendency to recrimination. A motion to postpone the vote until to-day was voted down, however, by 129 yeas and 43 nays. The secretary lifted up his voice. Much confusion prevailed and as the call by conferences proceeded it was found that fully a quarter of the conference was absent. The usually good natured Dr. Fowler became very impatient over an imagined reflection upon him and the tellers by Rev. Dr. Hale, of New York, and everybody was anxious to get away. Finally it was agreed that the chairman of the tellers should present the result of the ballot at the evening meeting, in the Arch street Methodist church, and the conference was adjourned until to-morrow.

In the evening, after the reception to the fraternal delegates from the Methodist church South, Bishop Harris announced that of 206 yeas cast by Rev. Dr. Fowler had received 218 yeas, a majority of the total number of delegates in the conference. The other votes were widely scattering, with Dr. Vincent leading. Comparatively few delegates were present at the reception to receive the announcements, as Mr. Fowler's election had been generally expected.

The fraternal delegates to whom the reception was given, were Senator Colquhoun, of Georgia, and Rev. Dr. Carter, of New Orleans, from the Methodist church South, and Rev. Dr. Aylesworth from the German Methodist church. The Methodist church South represents the branch of the church that seceded in 1844 on account of differences upon the slavery question. An earnest effort is now being made to heal up old troubles, and the speeches of Messrs. Colquhoun and Carter were conciliatory and full of fraternal feeling.

About the New Bishops. Of the new bishops, Rev. Dr. Willard Fowler Nide, the first elected, is a native of Cortland, N. Y., where he was born in 1832. He learned the printer's trade and when quite young edited a political weekly. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 1855, and served the ministry in the Cook River conference, in which he has since been stationed. In addition to numerous pastorates he has been professor in the Garrett Biblical institute at Evanston, Ill., of which he is now president.

Bishop elect John M. Walden, now the agent of the Cincinnati Book Concern, is an Ohio man, having been born in Lebanon in that state, in February, 1831. After graduating from the Farmers' college in 1852, and serving as a correspondent on the Cincinnati Herald, he was elected to the Synodical office in 1856, in which he took strong ground for Fremont, he went to Kansas, where he published an anti-slavery paper at Quindaro. As a member of the Topeka Legislature and superintendent of public instruction, he did good work before he returned to Cincinnati. He entered the ministry in 1858 and since 1868 has been the agent of the Book Concern. In 1872, at the general conference at Brooklyn, he was elected and received a very large vote at Cincinnati in 1870.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS.

THE CONFERENCE'S HIS DAVE'S WORK.

Five ballots required before the quota was completed—Scratches of the men Who Were Meets. Bishops Walden, Nide, Maffallen and Fowler were added to the list of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday after the hardest day's work that the general conference has been called upon to perform. So great a diversity of choice as there was among the delegates that five ballots were necessary to complete the election and probably a quarter of the members upon the floor received the complacency of one or more votes. The crowd of visitors gathered to witness this ecclesiastical contest so uncomformably packed and so unbecomingly crowded, the delegates called to order that many of the delegates protested vigorously against the encroachments upon their space and a motion was made to clear the aisles. It was not pressed, however, and the conference good naturedly acquiesced in the matter of routine were impatiently hurried over and a murmur of approbation went up when Rev. Dr. Leonard arose and moved that the order of the day be taken up. The vote in the favor was unanimous. The bishop was then elected by ballot, and four names, having any names upon the floor or conducting themselves as to appear as candidates—a warning that was hardly needed, however. Of the new bishops Dr. Nide and Maffallen have taken so little part in the proceedings as to be unknown to many of the delegates, and Messrs. Walden and Fowler had not been unduly prominent.

Twelve tellers were appointed, who stationed themselves in the aisles, and as the secretary read off the list of conferences and names in alphabetical order each man cast his ballot, and then, in four names, into the hats exterminator into ballot boxes. Three-quarters of an hour were consumed in this tedious process and in the counting of the ballots, so that it was noon before the tellers returned. Four hundred seven votes, the bishop announced, had been cast, and no candidate had received a majority. The vote being read in detail, Rev. Dr. W. X. Nide was found to have received the highest vote, 162, and Rev. Dr. J. M. Walden the next, 129. Other votes were: Rev. Dr. Vincent, 143; Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler, 139; Rev. Dr. W. F. Maffallen, 128; Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, 100; President H. A. Butz, 98; Rev. J. M. King, 87; Rev. A. J. Knott, 84; Rev. Dr. D. G. DeWitt, 83; W. H. Olin, 38; Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Peck, 24. Dozens of other delegates received votes under these figures and all the members of the delegation from the New York east conference were made candidates.

A third ballot was immediately taken after an adjournment on the progress of medicine, Dr. Charles W. Dudley, read a thoughtful essay on "Disorders Mistaken for Hydrophobia," the number of which was made out to be no less than thirty. Revolving at liquids he did not consider hydrophobia as very rare; many of the disorders of alimentary canal, nerves and respiratory and circulating systems—mania-a-potu, angina pectoris sometimes presented symptoms resembling hydrophobia. Dr. Traill Green said there was more rabies from man than from mad dogs. Hydrophobia was very rare; many of the papers of value and interest were read and discussed; the society was lunched and last evening Dr. J. V. Shoenmaker gave the members an elegant reception.

During the day the following officers of the society were elected for the ensuing year. President—Dr. E. P. Allen, Bradford county. Vice Presidents—Drs. Jacob Price, Chester; D. W. Bland, Schuylkill; C. Brander, Erie; S. R. S. Rutledge, Lancaster. Permanent Secretary—Dr. W. B. Atkinson, Philadelphia. Recording Secretary—A. J. Connell, Lackawanna. Corresponding Secretary—John G. Leo, Philadelphia. Treasurer—Benjamin Lee, Philadelphia. Additional members of the Committee of Publication—Drs. Richard J. Dangleton, Henry Leffler, Philadelphia; Edw. Jackson, Chester.

Members of the Judicial Council—Drs. Trath Green, Northampton; J. Augustus Greer, Lancaster; W. T. Bishop, Dauphin. The next meeting of the society will be held May 23, 1884, at Scranton, Lackawanna county.

Assembly from the "Detective Club" The Association of Medical superintendants of American institutions for the insane continued its session in the Continental hotel. Resolutions were adopted declaring that the proportion of insane to the total population of the United States is rapidly increasing, that a prominent factor in this increase is the large defective element found among the "foreign born" who have migrated to us since 1847, an element which now constitutes one-eightieth of our total population, but which furnishes one-third of its pauper, one-third of its criminals and one-half of its insane. It was also provided that Congress be urged to enact immigration laws which will prevent the emigration to our ports of the so-called "defective class" of Europe and Asia.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Serant in Republican does not think that the reported increase of insanity is due to the overthrow of man's religious faith. Since it is agreed that "something ought to be done" by young Mr. Ward the Pittsburg Post inquires how Sing Sing would do.

The solemn York Age will be shocked by the Keizer calling Grant & Ward's first ballot vote to which the Grants were the "stealers". The Post thinks the names of the busted bankers give no weight to the call for a New York business men's meeting for Arthur's benefit.

E. J. Schwartz's play "Dad's Girl" is said to be the best and most popular work yet turned out by this extraordinary playwright, who is city editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin. A father and a son of Pen Argyl have won local fame by drinking the first glasses of soda water ever drawn in that mountain village, and the fact has been daily recorded by the Northampton papers.

The Butler Herald thinks that if all employes were by big named and big heated as Eckley B. Cox there would be less talk about triffs, free trade, revenue reform and all that kind of stuff benefiting the working man. Apropos of the INTELLIGENCER'S notice of popular dissatisfaction with the new hour of opening the Eastern Market, the Philadelphia Times observes that efforts in Lancaster to reconcile the claims of those two important institutions—breakfast and market—will be watched with more interest than usually attends the discussion of a local issue.

ON THE DIAMOND.

TWO LOCAL GAMES ON THURSDAY.

The Ironsides beaten by the Hartwells. Lancaster Wins its Game—General Notes of the Field. Yesterday afternoon a close game of ball was played between the Hartwells, of Philadelphia, and the Ironsides. The home team had the game in their hand for some time, as the score was largely in their favor until the contest was more than half over. They then began to play loosely in the field and lost the game. The Ironsides did well at the bat in the early part of the game, but did not keep it up, being unable in the latter part to hit Strike Parsons pitched for the Ironsides but the visitors found no difficulty in hitting him. His delivery was very wild, and for that reason Daniel was unable to do good work behind the bat. The visitors played a good game. The score by innings follows:

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The Domestic club of Newark, which is member of the Eastern league, will be here to-morrow to play the Ironsides. Parsons, of the Ironsides club, was released this morning and at once secured a position with a club at Warren. He will leave this evening.

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Base ball notes. Here and There Everywhere. Three electric and nine gasoline lamps were reported as not burning, last night. The Harrisburg express this morning broke on the road between Harrisburg and east of Atglen, which detained the train for an hour. The public examination of the Mt. Joy soldiers orphan school will take place Wednesday. Gov. Pattison, Supt. Higbee and other officials are expected to attend.

The Mt. Joy soldiers orphan school will be held at their hall on Monday evening, May 19. Like all of the social undertakings of this society, it will undoubtedly be an eminently pleasant affair. The Lutter Monument. The Martin Lutter society, of New York, has struck a handsome medal about the size of a silver dollar, to commemorate the unveiling of the Lutter monument. On one side of the medal is a representation of the monument surmounted by a full length statue of Lutter, and the words "To commemorate the erection of the statue of the Great Reformer, Washington, D. C., May 31, 1884." On the other edge of the reverse are the words "Struck by the Martin Lutter society, of New York" and in the center, enclosed within a wreath, the words in German: "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott." J. F. Long's Sons have the agency for the sale of the medals.

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