

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1884.

Coal Prices in Philadelphia.

The committee of the Philadelphia question has had before it, upon the question of the coal freight discrimination against Philadelphia, a witness who gave them in a succinct shape the whole story of the abuse from their city suffers. It was the city editor of the Record who has been making a thorough investigation of the matter and has had his industry rewarded by full enlightenment. The facts lay open to any one diligently inquiring for them, and it is a matter of surprise that the councilman of the city should be so ignorant of them as some of them seemed to be. They would not have been surprised at Mr. Norris' statement if they had been, themselves, large consumers of coal. The gist of it was that Philadelphia paid more for the coal mines in her own state and carried by railroads built by her capital and energy than is paid by cities in other states more distant from the coal field. The reason why this is so, is perfectly plain. It springs from no hostility of the railroads to the town that have their birth. The fact simply is that they can get more for coal in Philadelphia than further east, because they have more competition in its carriage to the east. They follow the rule, to get all they can, which governs the railroad officer supremely, as it does most merchants. There is a difference of opinion among merchants, however, as to how they can get the most; some believe in dealing more liberally than others; but none of them persist in charging more than they can get. So long as Philadelphia permits coal to be sent through it to outside people at less prices than its people pay, so long will the railroads collect this extra amount from Philadelphians. But Philadelphia controls the situation, because the railroads are dependent largely on the friendliness of her authorities for the many privileges they enjoy; and the state of Pennsylvania will come to her assistance if she demands it. The state should not permit her citizens to be discriminated against by her railroads. They are entirely within her control in the matter, and it is her duty to enact that none of her products shall be carried for citizens of other states at a less price than is charged to her own citizens. And she can make it a criminal offense, as it should be, to perpetrate such a wrong. The railroad directors who charge Pennsylvanians more than other people for Pennsylvania coal should be charged to jail.

It Must Come.

The governor of New York has signed a bill recently passed by the Legislature enacting that all telegraph, telephone and electric wires in the cities of Brooklyn and New York must be put underground; the companies being allowed until November, 1885, to make the necessary changes and if they fail to do it within that period then the city government is authorized to have the work done at the expense of the companies. This is a very proper and sensible bill, and the companies affected by it should be glad to comply with its liberal provisions instead of seeking to obstruct its operation by interposing technical objections, as we see they propose to do. So far as public rights, interests and safety are concerned there is no dispute in the present dangers created by the net work, spread over every large city, of wires strung along the streets and across the housetops, as close as teeth in a dice comb. Time and again it has been demonstrated that these are a public nuisance and a constant menace to life and security, while the invasion of private property by the appliances of these corporations is the climax of impudent assumption.

An Issue of Veracity.

Mr. Chas. H. Bergner, upon whose authority the Harrisburg Patriot printed the story of Kemble exhibiting at Cincinnati the charges which proved his bribery of Blaine, as speaker, sends to that paper a flat denial. He says: "I never said to any person at any time I saw or knew of a check being circulated among the Pennsylvania delegates during the balloting by Mr. Kemble or any one else. I could not have truthfully said so, because I was not in Cincinnati at that time. On the evening of the 15th, at 8 o'clock, I left Cincinnati for Harrisburg. When the final balloting began I was in Allentown. This fact rendered it impossible that I should have witnessed what your paper attributes to me. You must know, I know and every member of the Pennsylvania delegation of 1876 knows that nothing like that which I am asked to detail took place. Mr. Kemble, who was involved in the story, comes to the fore promptly with a denial of it; and Quay and numerous other delegates who would have known the facts had they been there. In the absence of any corroborative evidence of the truth of the story; and with the persons who were given as authority for it making such sweeping denial of it, it must be admitted to be without substantial foundation. But the Patriot, which we felt sure was too conservative and careful to print such a serious charge without warrant, vindicates its good faith by a square challenge to Mr. Bergner, which he must meet."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

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Notice of a Love-Sick Farmer Near Wilkes-Barre—Talking Over 1,300 Miles by Telephone—An Editor's Arrest. Joseph Dymond, aged 35, a farmer, living about eight miles from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., committed suicide Sunday evening, by shooting himself through the heart with a double barreled breech-loading gun. His brother lives on the same farm with his wife and her sister, Rose Cavenagh, a girl about 18. Dymond was passionately in love with this girl, but his suit was not encouraged by the other members of the family. On Sunday, yielding to the wishes of her friends, Rose definitely refused to accept his advances. Dymond seemed to take it greatly to heart. He retired early, but about 11 o'clock arose, got his gun, and, after loading both barrels, went into the kitchen, and, placing the muzzle to his left breast, pulled the trigger with his toe. The explosion awakened the family, and his body was found in the room, and the unfortunate man lying in a pool of blood. He had just strength enough to raise himself in a sitting posture, and with the words "Rose, Rose," he fell over dead.

BLAINE'S weakness becomes more apparent as the canvass progresses.

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Two human legs were found floating in the Wissahickon creek, about sixty feet below the bridge at the park drive, Philadelphia, on Sunday afternoon, by Harman Hascher. These are presumed to belong to the armless, legless and headless trunk of the body of Frederick Stahl, 27th of March last. The legs were greatly decomposed and had evidently been detached from the body by some sharp instrument. It is now eleven weeks since the trunk was first discovered, and at the time of the original finding, a rough and ready search was made for the other portions of the body could be found. Finally a head was discovered. This fitted to the trunk. Then a pair of arms, one of which the scientific men met at the coroner's office declared was crooked, and the other was the left hand, raised high over his head. This crooked arm led to the complete identification of the remains as those of Stahl. Now the legs have floated to the surface, and all the missing members are in the possession of the coroner. It is believed by the officers that the legs were in a weighted bag, and were kept at the bottom of the stream. The place where they were discovered was some distance from the spot where the trunk of the body was found.

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TAKEN INTO CAMP.

BOTH HOME CLUBS DEMORALIZED.

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