

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 27, 1884.

The Fish Laws.

There have been some good men lately put on the fish commission by the governor, and we have a fair hope that this body will at length prove itself to be of service to the state, which it has not as yet been, so far as we are able to see.

The purpose in creating the commission was to increase the supply of food fishes in our rivers, and that purpose certainly has not been accomplished. We have fewer fish in our rivers now than ever before.

The bass, for which we have the fish commission to thank, may not be the cause of the small runs of shad, though most people think that they have had a great deal to do with it in destroying the young shad seeking their way seaward.

The fish commissioners certainly should see to it that the law forbidding the fish baskets is obeyed. They know very well that it is not. They know that the proposed visits of the officers of the law are communicated to the owners of the baskets, before they take place.

The defense urged for these fish traps is that the Pennsylvania law can have no effect in keeping up the shad supply in the Susquehanna, so long as Maryland permits the river to be obstructed with traps below the state line.

The new members of the commission we hopefully look for an improvement in its usefulness. We know that if the commission is animated by the spirit and counsel of Augustus Duncan and Andrew M. Spangler the result to our fish supply will be apparent.

The New York Tribune and others of that class of newspapers are harping and hullabalooing on the "protection of citizens" as the great issue of the coming presidential campaign; and that rip roaring organ declares that there has never been an issue in any political campaign, which appealed so clearly and strongly to all American citizens.

Exciting news in the surf at Long Branch.—A beautiful girl saved from drowning. The loungers on the beach at Long Branch on Thursday afternoon were startled by the agonized cry, "Help! Help! I'm sinking!"

The American people are getting along. There's fifty or sixty millions of them. The nation is not a baby, and the country does not stand bareheaded in the presence of any of its esteemed contemporaries, except as a matter of courtesy to seniority or of pity for senility.

The truth is this cry is a blast. It is a cheap invention of the demagogue; a man of straw set up to be knocked down; a false issue to attract the crowd and direct attention from the real issue, it is the rise of the mountebank, to call people into the streets while his partner robs their unprotected houses.

In its present condition the track of the Millersville street railway on North Queen street is a public nuisance, indigestible as such, a menace to life and property. Somebody can and should be forced by law to keep it in order. We believe the company operating it can be compelled to do it.

YORK UNDER WATER.

The heavy rains of Wednesday night caused quite an inundation in the town of York.

At 6 o'clock the water ran over the iron bridge at Market street, and a quarter of 7 the bridge fell with a crash. Shortly after the Princess, King and Penn street bridges followed in rapid succession, rushing down and catching in the whirlpool where the Market street bridge was swept away.

Next the Philadelphia street and the Pennsylvania railroad bridges followed, sweeping down upon the George street bridge, breaking it into kindling.

The stream was filled with bridge timbers, houses, piles of lumber, barns, haystacks, roofs of buildings, hencoops, and debris of all kinds, causing the water to rise so rapidly as to overflow the streets.

On equally low ground, on the west side, the overflow was still greater, and the whole lower portion was completely inundated. Families occupying houses along the stream were in the greatest peril.

The greatest flood with which the town was ever before visited was in 1817. Again in 1837 there was a disastrous flood, but the old citizens who witnessed these former catastrophes said that the Thursday evening flood was the most disastrous that has ever occurred in the town.

The water was so rapidly that many families who live on the Codorus were unable to escape. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Berkheimer, residing at 102 North Water street.

Mr. Berkheimer went to their room, and it being dark, he mistook Mrs. Berkheimer for a burglar and threw her into the water.

She took fresh courage and struggled towards a tree, and catching a limb succeeded in clinging to it. Mr. Berkheimer caught on another tree. Both were painfully injured.

Captain John Abright, tobaccoist, and Frank Hubley secured a boat and crossed the swollen Codorus at a point above the King street bridge, and passed over to the west side, and provided with the aid of a house on Newberry street, cut a hole in the roof and rescued a woman and her infant.

The second floor of Billmeyer, Small & Co.'s car shops, on North Duke street, was thrown open, and the furniture, bed and bedding and all necessary hospital appliances for the benefit of the homeless sufferers.

The Democratic State Convention of Pennsylvania, meeting in Columbia, Pa., on Tuesday morning, was adjourned until Wednesday morning.

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The delegates to Chicago, elected by the Democratic convention of North Carolina, are said to be in the opinion that it is advisable to support Cleveland, while they are in sympathy with Bayard.

The family of Cray Davidson, of York, Pa., was rescued from poisoning a few days ago. Poisoned victims are the supposed cause.

The Inter County Bridge. Of the bids for the inter-county bridge at Ross' Ford, that of John Schaefer was the lowest. He was unable to procure security, and the next bidder was John W. Wagoner, of this city.

GRADUATION DAY.

At high school and Lyden Hall.

Forty-three boys and girls graduated at the People's College—Commencement at Lyden's Famous Institution.

Long before 7 o'clock this morning an immense crowd was gathered in front of Lyden's famous institution.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the curtain rose, unfolding on the stage a complete tropical picture. A pretty wood scene formed the background.

The other classes of the high schools occupied the parquet chairs, the boys to the right and the girls to the left.

Many handsome works of art, such as paintings, bronzes, and other objects, were loaned to the schools.

Dr. Evans, the well-known Philadelphia dentist in Paris, ordered five hundred young apple and pear trees from this country, which, on arrival at Havre, were detained at the custom house.

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