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The Lancaster Intelligencer.

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Dead Charters.

We have a report from New York that the Pittsburg people who organized a fuel gas company and ran against a decision of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, that its laws did not authorize the incorporation of natural gas companies, have undertaken to get out of their difficulty by organizing under the charter of the American transfer company.

Certainly it is not a good thing for the state that a charter should be kept alive after the company which it erected is practically dead; and it is not to be supposed that the supreme court will care to hold a charter to be the immortal part of a mortal company, as the soul is the immortal part of a mortal body.

There is a wide-spread popular misapprehension that civil service reform, or what passes for that, as a system of appointments provided by the civil service law and administered by the commissioners, consists mainly in keeping in office—by retaining or reappointing them—those who happen to be in office.

When it comes to making new appointments, of that particular grade which is comprehended under the civil service law, and which does not include the lower class of laborers and employes, nor the heads and chiefs of departments, it is understood that the president will observe the law, and cause it to be observed.

It will readily be seen that this makes no provision whatever for the retention of present officials; and in every case where they have been appointed for an indefinite term, the very proper question to be asked concerning them is whether or not they would be now appointed if their office was vacant.

This it is the whole scope and effect of the law, and it does not apply to any offices or departments wherein there are less than fifty appointments.

Miss Cleveland receives.

Distinguished Men and Women in the White House.

A Brilliant Scene in the Famous East Room. The Honorable the Music, and the Toilet of the Women—Names of some of the Guests.

The White House reception of Saturday afternoon was the most splendid of the three yet held by Miss Cleveland. The favorable impression made by the president and his sisters on the invited guests of Tuesday evening seems to have thawed the ice, and ladies of leading Republican circles were as numerous as those of Democratic, and quite as frank and full of enjoyment.

When the Arabs get a repulse, it is not long before they return the compliment to the English enemy.

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PERSONAL.

THE LATE JAMES E. GOWEN left an estate of more than \$400,000.

EMERSON WILLIAMS celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on Sunday.

GEN. BAKER, the hero of the railway apartment scandal, has been nominated by Gen. W. C. CROCKER to serve on his staff.

CLEVELAND is said to have recently remarked: "I actually believe now that if I had not to work in my own behalf, either before or after the election, I would not have been elected."

MRS. E. B. CROCKER, sister-in-law of the president of the Southern Pacific railway, is visiting in the Art association of San Francisco.

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MEDICAL.

IRON BITTERS.

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