

A GOOD SHOWING.

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities of \$165,781.40—The Current Business Transacted at the July Meeting of the Board.

The July meeting of the Lancaster city school board was held on Tuesday evening in common council chamber.

The minutes of the last stated and special meetings were read and approved.

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VACANT SCHOLARSHIPS.

The secretary presented the following letter from Prof. J. S. Stahl:

Mr. Stahl, Lancaster, Pa., June 22, 1886.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 19th inst. to Dr. T. G. Apple has been referred to me for reply.

I beg leave to say that by the graduation of the late year, there are vacant in the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wickham named Wm. M. Hall and Benjamin B. Wolf for two of the vacant scholarships.

The following communication from the officers of the Alumni association was read:

To the President and Members of the Lancaster School Board.

GENTLEMEN—The Alumni association of the Lancaster High School, composed of all graduates.

The same expense, ten dollars (\$10), was borne by the association.

We claim our association is closely connected with the educational system of the city.

We are at present aiming to establish the association on a firm basis.

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THE OPENING CONTESTS.

IN THE IMPORTANT ELECTIONS FOR THE BURLINGHAM PARLIAMENT.

How a Seat Was Won for the Liberals by the Magic Influence of Gladstone's Name.

The Latest Returns from the Scene of Political Warfare.

LONDON, July 2.—The Liberals of Leith Burch, after seeking in vain to find a candidate to oppose Mr. W. Jacks, nominated the Liberal Unionist to contest the seat.

Mr. Gladstone therefore is returned from Midlothian as well as for Leith Burch.

Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon 3 Tories, 9 Unionists, 14 Liberals, and 3 Parliaments had been elected.

In the election at Colchester H. J. Trotter (Conservative) polled 1,596 votes and R. K. Cauton (Liberal) 1,701.

The election at Colchester was a close contest, and the result of the election is considered a great victory for the Liberals.

John Bright's speech last night, in which he said that Gladstone had apparently lost his head, has caused a great deal of talk among the Liberals.

Farnell and Gladstone Elected.

LONDON, July 2.—Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell, the Nationalist leader, and Mr. William Henry Wilson, the Liberal Unionist leader, returned to Parliament for divisions of their election was unopposed.

Up to one o'clock today the returns show that 22 Tories, 9 Unionists, 12 Liberals and 3 Parliaments candidates have been elected to the new Parliament.

Returns up to 4 o'clock this afternoon show that 41 Tories, 10 Unionists, 15 Liberals and 7 Parliaments had been elected.

A large meeting was held in the Harrisburg court house last night in aid of the Irish cause.

Stirring speeches were made by Mayor Wilson, Hon. R. F. Meyers, S. J. M. McCarroll and J. J. H. H. H.

In York \$28 has been collected for the Irish fund.

IN ARGUMENT COURT.

A BAD BOY'S GOOD LETTER.

The Unique Adventure of a Lad Who Has Had an Adventurous Career.

In the winter of 1884, Samuel Kautz, who keeps the restaurant on the Stevens house, had in his employ a boy that he picked up.

The lad gave his name as Augustus Wessell, and was a bright little fellow, one day, during the absence of Kautz, the boy robbed the money drawer of his contents and took a revolver.

He then disappeared and was not heard of again until one day this week, when Mr. Kautz received a letter from the boy.

Dear Samuel Kautz I am sorry that I took \$4.75 and the pistol I would like to come and see you but I am afraid I might go to jail.

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DRAWN FROM THE WHEEL.

TO SERVE AN JURORS IN THE LOCAL COURTS OF JUSTICE.

The Names of 172 Men, Good and True, Selected to Try the Criminal Suits and Civil Causes in August and September Next.

Judge Livingston, Jury Commissioners Diller and Hyus and Sheriff Tomlinson this afternoon selected 172 jurors to serve in the quarter sessions and common pleas courts in August and September.

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A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Flames Practically Wipe Out of Existence a California Town.

INDEPENDENCE, Cal., July 2.—The fire here on Wednesday destroyed nearly the entire city. It began in a blacksmith shop at the North end of town.

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TEN MEN KILLED OUTRIGHT.

IN AN EXPLOSION OF A POWDER HOUSE AT CHESTER, N. J.

Fifteen Others Seriously Injured—The Accident Occurs While the Men Are Preparing for Work—The List of the Killed in the Accident.

WHITE HOUSE, N. J., July 2.—The Kenilworth powder mills, about five miles from Chester, blew up shortly after the men had gone to work this morning.

The explosion was very powerful, completely demolishing the buildings and blowing ten men and wounding some 15 others more or less seriously.

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