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Building the Law to Justice. The president has earned a clear measure of public applause by his expressions concerning the attempts of the Northern Pacific railroad to seize a poor man's farm, lying fifty miles from its road, upon the ground that it had been given by Congress the title to it in aid of the building of its road.

The attorney general decides that the railroad company has a right to lay claims to land within sixty miles of each side of its road, in the territories, until it gets an amount equivalent to a strip forty miles wide on each side of the road. It is almost inconceivable, now, that Congress should ever have been so foolish as to give a railroad company a strip of land through the territories to the Pacific, eighty miles wide.

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JOHN WANAMAKER thus accounts for his success in life: "Thinking, trying, toiling, trusting in God is all of my biography." It is a great platform.

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Just now all civilization is eagerly watching the earnest struggle that Ireland is making in defense of her rights, and to attempt to poke fun at it in the creation of stage amusement, is decidedly ridiculous. Nothing so weakens a good cause as ridicule. If people cannot be brought to look at a subject from a serious standpoint, it has little chance of ever appealing to their real sympathies.

Wanted—A Swimming School. There are a great many things that Lancaster deserves to have that she will never gain, unless her citizens keep their restless enterprise abreast of their growth in wealth and numbers. We want larger free libraries, a park and underground electric wires, but there are few things that we should desire more than a swimming school. Every one should learn to swim; not only as a possible means of saving life, but for the sake of the invigorating exercise. If one does not stay too long in the water, there is no form of exercise superior to swimming. By it the muscles are developed in their natural symmetry, and the whole body becomes at the same time strong, supple and graceful.

There is a mental and bodily health are mutually dependent and both can deny, and we already have excellent local gymnasiums doing good work in the line of physical culture. But to many the work of a gymnasium is monotonous and repulsive drudgery. They enter upon it at first with enthusiasm and keep at it long after they

have tired of it, simply from a clear sense of the good it does them. Swimming gives pleasure that never fails, combined with the very best of exercise. Men never tire of the cool refreshing plunge, the jolly water fight, or the quiet floating; nor, for that matter, do women either.

The Philadelphia natatorium was opened on Friday night and several hundred spectators, relatives and friends of the swimmers, watched a very cheerful scene. The swimmers were the female pupils of all ages of the last season. Children of a little over five swam about in the shallow water and some swam quite well; while in the deeper part of the tank twenty two young girls showed great perfection in the art. They dove from springboards, dropped from overhead beams, floated and swam in many ways and with perfect confidence and evident pleasure.

Lancaster can if it will have a swimming school equal to that of Philadelphia in all essential particulars. Who will start the ball rolling?

THE INTELLIGENCER, with that kindly consideration for its readers that has always characterized it, presents to them to-day, in addition to its regular supplement an extra supplement containing twenty-eight columns of the most original and selected miscellaneuous reading. The marked features of originality that have long characterized the Saturday issue of this journal have been highly appreciated by the public, as is evinced by our growing subscription list. To-day's paper will challenge comparison with the most pretentious of the metropolitan journals. It contains fifty columns of reading matter. These fifty columns represent 10,000 lines of type or seven words to a line. It to-day's INTELLIGENCER was bound in book form, it would make an octavo volume of 120 pages of million type. Besides the excellent special features, the INTELLIGENCER has unequalled telegraphic facilities, possessing a private wire in its own office and getting the full telegraphic report of the United Press that goes to the large papers of the country. The INTELLIGENCER is determined to keep abreast of the progressive demands of modern journalism, and it will continue to try to deserve the large share of the appreciation of the public that has been vouchsafed it.

WILKESBARRE is to get a \$100,000 free library. When will come Lancaster's turn? We print elsewhere in this issue an abstract of Prof. W. B. Owen's paper read before the Claspic Society on the subject of "Spelling Reform." Prof. Owen is a distinguished educator of Lafayette college and he makes a plea for harmonizing the written and spoken word. His remarks on the pecuniary loss sustained through our present system of spelling are novel and interesting and will cause to think on the subject people who could be reached by no other argument. The abstract is a faithful representation of the thoughts evolved and it will bear close reading by who are interested in the subject of progressive spelling.

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TO REFORM SPELLING. AN ABLE PAPER READ BEFORE THE CLASPIC SOCIETY. Closing Meeting of This Local Literary Institution, at the Residence of J. W. B. Hauman, Made Memorable by an Essay of Prof. W. B. Owen, of Lafayette College.

The Claspic society held the last of their regular series of meetings at the residence of Mr. J. W. B. Hauman, West Chestnut street, on Friday evening. The chairman introduced as the essayist of the evening, Professor W. B. Owen, of Lafayette college, who has long been associated with the movement for spelling reform. Professor Owen prefaced his essay with a complimentary reference to the Claspic society, which he had first introduced to the public through the medium of the Claspic society, who had first introduced to the public through the medium of the Claspic society.

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