

The Weekly Intelligencer. LANCASTER, JUNE 18, 1887.

The Appropriations to Charity. Governor Beaver is doing some very good work in voting appropriations to institutions that have no special claim upon the bounty of the state.

When Baron Munchausen, in his famous travels, reached a Russian village one night, just after a heavy snow storm, he tied his horse to what appeared to be a hitching post.

THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER speaks of the flag restoration order of the president as "an act of Cleveland that we'll not forgive or forget." Boo, boo!

SCANTON wants a high school principal. It is alleged that the school has not been properly conducted for the past six years, during which time it has been controlled by four different principals.

What Shall We Do With Them? The Grand Army, having now assumed the care of the boxed-up flags of the war department, may be expected to demonstrate the utility of their storage.

But that chance seems gone now, and there is opportunity opened for the Grand Army to name a mission for these relics. As the chief of the order asks God to bless the hand that ordered them back to their first owners, he makes clear his opinion that they have a very high value.

Putting on the Screws. The screws are being remorselessly put upon the members of the Tory party in the English Parliament to have them pass the Irish Crimes bill.

After this the Parliament left the House and the original clause was adopted by a vote of 322 to 103. They did wisely.

Drift. That irrepressible publisher of low-priced standard literature, John B. Alden of New York, has a style of taking the breath out of his competitors.

This edition is printed on finer and heavier paper than Irving's Works, from long primer type, with ample margins, and is profusely illustrated. It is bound either in cloth, gilt top, at three dollars, or in half leather, marbled edges, at four dollars.

As is well known, Irving himself regarded his Life of Washington as the crowning work of his life, as it was also the last he ever did. He worked at it many years, with numerous interruptions, while the last four or five years were devoted to it almost exclusively.

As to the merits of the work, the best critics are pretty well agreed that the author's own estimate of it was about correct, and that it is not only the best of Irving, but the best and most enduring biography of the "Father of his Country" that ever has been or is ever likely to be produced anywhere.

Irving seems to have been preordained to be the biographer of the great man after whom he was named. His whole temperament, and all his circumstances especially fitted him for it.

It was about the time of the completion of his "Tales of a Traveller" that Irving began to contemplate and to prepare for the writing of the "Life of Washington," and this was as early as 1824.

I am glad that in this verdict I have the sanction of the latest historian of our literature, and probably the most competent and just critic in the country, Prof. Richardson in his "American Literature" writes:

There are few books that have a stronger claim on American readers than the Life of Washington. In fact the claim is so strong, that it ought to be owned by everyone.

It is said that the bonus offered for the elevated railroad privilege in Philadelphia will not make up for loss of taxation. This is the correct way to view the scheme.

COFFEE and wheat speculators have gone up and the mercury follows rapidly, so it is well that the talk about old battle flags should be silenced by the New York Herald's article on the subject.

The Philadelphia Times recalls the practice of the ancients, who built wooden monuments to the victors of civil wars and monuments of stone to their triumphs over foreign enemies.

Character of every individual member of the nation. That there is need of this work at the present time no reader of the newspapers will for one moment deny.

I don't mean, of course, that we ought to have no fireworks, bands, parades at all. Not by any means. We are not nearly ready for that yet.

The Woodstock celebration is my ideal of what such an occasion should be. Through the public spirited generosity of one of its wealthy citizens, a most appropriate place is provided in the beautiful woods near the town.

Now why should not Lancaster have a celebration something on that order? What is to prevent it? Haven't we enough wealthy men in our city and county who are patriotic enough to see that the money needed would be forthcoming?

PERSONAL. THE LATE BENJAMIN STEVENS will probably have a memorial in church for his noble mission, Philadelphia.

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