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The Flack Divorce.

If the investigation of the alleged fraudulent divorce of Sheriff Flack, of New York, will stir up a general public beling on the subject of divorces, it will be a good thing. If, however, it uncovers only the villainy of a New York official and reveals the fact of his adulberous associations, the investigation will duce little benefit to the public at large. Such instances of marital infi-delity are not rare in a city like New York, and among officials in the city povernment they are by no means uncommon. The bigamist ought to be ounished in this instance, if he is guilty, but if the investigation goes no further than this one case it is doubtful if the washing of the dirty linen of the Flack family will in the end prove generally beneficial. There is no more fruitful field for in-

vestigation anywhere than the divorce courts. There is nowhere so much perjury and fraud and evasion of the plain meaning of the law as are found in the divorce records. We make no particular charge against the integrity of our lawyers or judges, but it is altogether likely that in many cases in our own courts if there be no conscious fraud committed, the lawyers and judges are wofully imposed on by either husband or wife, or both, who are anxious to be freed from the chains of matrimony. A divorce that is secured by connivance or collusion on the part of the married pair is illegal. How easy it is for the husband to go away for awhile the wife on the charge of desertion. The testimony is taken by an examiner who has no interest in the matter save his fee. A sister or brother or good friend of the libellant is readily on hand to help it along by testifying that Mr. Blank has not been seen about the place, that his present whereabouts are unknown, and that he does support his wife. The testimony is read in a low tone of voice to the judges who in many instances do not listen. The court crier marks the roctamation in a mumbling voice and the wedded pair are twain. The world may hear of it through the enterprise of a newspaper reporter and it may not. We venture to say that one-half of the divorces that are granted in Lancaster county are secured through the collusion of the parties or the perjury of witnesses. It may be asked how this deplorable condition of affairs can be remedied. It is a difficult thing to get at and is perhaps a defect in our manner of granting divorces. If the examiners who take the testimony would be empowered to scrutinize the cause for divorce more closely, inquire into the antecedents of the parties, take judicial notice of the credibility of the witnesses who are always particular friends or relatives of the libellant; in fact if he would be clothed with someof the powers of a master, instead of being merely a reporter to take the testimony which the court listening does not hear-then divorces would not be so frequent. But more than all this is the secrecy of the matter. Greater publicity, throwing out into the bright light of the public gaze the fact that there is an application for divorce, the causes and the witnesses without the demoralizing details; this, while it might offend the fastidious taste of some, would go a great way towards lessening this hideous evil. If any one wishes to find a mass of fraud, perjury and rottenness let him look into the files of the divorce records.

Honesty.

This phrase, we so often hear, "he is an honest man," in the estimation of many people, seems to mean nothing more than that the person of whom it is said, is one who would not steal or cheat, especially in money matters.

But honesty signifies a great deal more, and particularly so when used in reference to any person who is clothed with authority, or who holds any responsible situation or office. Much more is to be expected from such a person than that he should not be a thief. an embezzler or a defrauder. Such a man should be honest in his convictions, honest in all his purposes and plans for the enforcing of which he is specially selected. He should be a man of firm resolution and unyielding nature in this respect. Honest from instinct, from self-respect, from conscience: honest because he could not help being so. A thief cannot steal when locked up in prison; an honest man cannot steal because it is against his principle. There is a great difference between these two cannots. Men clothed with office, and thus to a large extent with power, ought to be men of the right kind of honesty; men of comprehensive and downright

A City Ambulance. The INTELLIGENCER has often urged the propriety of the purchase of an ambulance, by either the city or county. for use in conveying injured people to the hospitals or their homes. An incident of recent occurrence was so eloquent of this necessity in its bare recital. that we had hoped some action in the matter would speedily follow, but councils have met and done nothing, and there are no indications of intentions that may result in action. The incident referred to is the moving to the hespital of the two men who were injured by falling from a bridge abutment. On Tuesday they reached the Pennsylvania rail-road station and were put into an express wagon and hauled out to the hos-pital. This was the best that could be done under the circumstances; but the paffering of these men lying on the bottom of that wagon, and taking a fearful pang with every jar and jolt, makes the ngest argument that can be adanced for the purchase of an ambulance. It may be thought that accidents equiring the use of an ambulance are very rare, but it would be used in all cases of injury, whether the patient was taken to his home or a hospital, and a ord of such cases throughout the year by no means trifling. In an active is by no means triffing. In an active city like Lancaster, with manufacturing ctablishments, great warehouses and railroads, accidents must always be ex-

pected; and it is a duty to be prepared to meet them with every appliance that ingenuity can devise, or humanity sug-

The hospitals of the great cities have each an ambulance house equipped a little like a fire engine house, with the porses standing ready for instant use, and the driver living and sleeping in the same building, close to a telephone by which he may be called to any part of the city, taking a doctor with him.

Such an arrangement cannot be expected at our hospitals and is not necessary, but the placing of an ambulance in one of the central fire engine houses, would meet every probable require ment. The borses and men of the fire department would be ready to respond promptly to telephone call, and it would seem to be a very welcome and honorabie addition to the duties of the firemen. Though this suggestion has been advanced several times without effect, we are not without hope that it may eventually receive the attention of the city fathers, or that some other plan may be found for meeting this want of an am-

We think it will not be Mayor Davis,

True State Historical society, of Minnesota, has given an effectual quietus to the absurd claims of Captain Willard Glazier to the discovery of the source of the Mississippi. They sent J. V. Brower to make a scientific survey of the ground during the wet and dry season, and write a report showing the volume of water furnished to Lake Itasca by each little brook, so that they may determine which is the true source of the "father of waters." The dry season has been unusually wet and the measurements are not finished, but Mr. Brower takes particular pains to announce that Glazier's claims were unfounded, and that the notorious writer of books, "sold only by subscription," must rest content with the fame of one of the greatest impostors in our history. He explored a country that had been mapped and described long before, and in some manner truly marvelous, managed to get the endorsement of societies of reputation to support his groundless claim. Then he industriously blew his own trumpet, and actually secured recognition from the Geographical society of France. And all this fuss and honor was gained by forcing a canoe through the grass into a little tributary of Lake Itases connecting with a pond; and by declaring that this was the true source and Glazier its discoverer, though both had been mapped and surveyed long before and considered too trifling to notice.

THE summer school of modern languages made a fair beginning this summer with two classes in German working through the month of July. It is hoped that another summer may bring a further development of the idea, as Lancaster should make a fine centre for a summer school.

PRILADELPHIANS are inbilant over the indications that the League Island yard is at last receiving the attention which they firmly believe to be its due. Commodore Benham has formulated a plan for the spending of millions at League Island with I lavishness that indicates a desire to rival the docks and slop yards of Great Britain, A sea dyke is to be extended. "With avennes 100 feet wide between them and with one side of each building facing on the archorage basin, it is proposed to build three enormous structures of brick, fitte up with all conveniences known to modern naval science, each 200 by 500 feet and in the form of a hollow square. All the walks, drives and roadways are to be suitably paved with asphalt or Belgian block and a park laid out. Large cisterns are to be built for a water supply in addition to the city water. A second dry dock, 600 feet long, will be another feature and a channel and basin large enough to accommodate the greatest navy in the world will be built."

All this is very fine, but we will need great forts down the Delaware to protect this costly establishment. We need new yards for our new navy, and League Island seems to be an excellent place for one, but we fear the plans are too gigantic and costly. It would be better to get a few guns, forts and ships to fight with, if need be.

A REV. FREDERICK MAYER, paster of the Evangelical church, at Lansing, Mich., invested in a lottery ticket the other day. and to his utter amazement drew \$5,000. He is delighted, but his church finds considerable harm in the transaction, and there is likely to be a vacancy in the pulpit.

The reverend gentleman says he bought the ticket just as he would get married or take any other bazardous step. He says he can see no sin in acquiring money in this way and he is coolly holding his money in bank for a good investment. The lucky preacher is 27 years old, and perhaps, if he would be as liberal-handed as he is liberal-minded and give half of it to the church the offended consciences of his flock might be appeared.

THE lone highwayman, who boarded a passenger car yesterday on a Wisconsin railroad and robbed the passengers. deserves credit for evincing considerable courage. In genuine highwayman style he drove the porter and conductor at the point of his revolver down the aisle of the car, while he rifled the clothes of the sleeping passengers. The porter with a philanthropy that is commendable had the courage to jump into a berth and yell to the passengers to save themselves. The conductor tackled the robber and was worsted; and all the while not a man in the car had the courage to come to his aid. Of course the robber escaped with his speil, and the able bodied passengers are now bemeaning empty pocketbooks. It seems hardly possible for one man above to rob a car full of assengers. However, the men who were too cowardly to come to the aid of the conductor when he was engaged in a tussle with the robber ought to have been robbed and don't deserve any pity. The courage of the lone highwayman is worthy o admiration and a better employment.

THERE will be much "feast of reason and flow of soul" at the dinner which the Algonquin club gives to Mr. John Bair to-day, down along the Susquehanna. They have besides the many toothsome dibles, a number of clergymen, lawyers and gentlemen, as the trishman said. If they escape a pouring pain they are fortunate, but if they escape the boredom of the modern after-dinner speeches they are more fortunate strift. Let them eat, drink, smoke and talk, but not interfere with their digestion by delivering teasts. Nine out of ten such speeches are tiresome, and the other one is never interesting. Per-haps, however, a Chauncey Depew might rise up among the Algonquins. If so, have him talk, and lot the trees and rocks of York Furnace re-echo with the shouts of laughter and joy. A man who can laugh has more than silver and gold.

The Base Ball Scores. The Base Ball Scores.

The ball games played vesterday resulted: Baltimore 6, Athletic 5; Brooklyu 12, Columbus II; St. Lenis I2, Kansas City 2; Chicimati 4, Lonisville 3; Philadelphia 10, Cleveland 7; Indianapolis I4, New York 4; Pittsburg I2, Washington 6; New Haven 5, Lowell 3; Hartford 5, Worcester 3; York 5, Gorham I; Cuban Giants 9, Harrisburg 2; Hazleton 9, Norwalk 0.

The Active club of this city have accented

The Active club of this city have accepted the challenge of the Lititz club to play three games. The first match takes place in this city on Saturday, August 17; the second the Saturday following at Littz, and the last at Manheim on the last day of the month. A Littzumpire will officiate here, a Lancastrian at Lititz and a Manheimer at

CARRIED THE NEWS TO BUCHANAN John T. MacGonigle Notifies Him of His

Herbert Johnston writes to the Philadelphia Inquirer:
Your Lancaster correspondent, who states that John T. Stains, who died there a few days ago, was the messenger who first notified James Buchanan of his nomination for the presidency, is misinformed. That distinction belonged to the late John T. MacGonigle, whom I have heard relate with great zest his own exploit in outstripping mounted couriers who started from Lancaster to bear the news to the sage of Wheatland.
Young MacGonigle was a telegraph operator at Lancaster, and was seated at his instrument when the news of Buchanan's nomination was flashed across the wires. He was an ardent admirer of the Lancaster statesman, and at once seized his hat, obia Inquirer :

He was an ardent admirer of the Lancaster statesman, and at once seized his hat, dashed out of the office and headed for Wheatland, Buchanan's home, a mile or so beyond the city limits. He was something of a sprinter, long-limbed and athletic, and after he had gone some distance out the pike he heard the clatter of hoofs, and, looking behind, he saw a horseman in a cloud of dust fast overhauling him. He quickened his pace, running with might and main, and he used to tell how desperately anxious he felt lest the coveted honor of being the avant courier should be of being the avant courier should be matched from him in the hour of his

triumph.

Breathless and panting he dashed through the gate of old Wheatland with the pursuing horseman less than a forlong in the rear, and in a moment more, covered with dust and reeking with perspiration, he stood in the presence of the presidential candidate and managed to gasp: "Mr. Buchanan, you're nominated." Not an instant too soon, either, for before he could catch his breath, the mounted messenger was there with the same news and greatly

catch his breath, the mounted messenger was there with the same news and greatly chagrined to find he had been forstalled by the young telegraph operator.

Mr. Buchanan was greatly pleased at the enthusiasm of his youthful admirer and accompanied his thanks with a very graceful compliment to the young man's pluck in making the race against the horseman. Mr. MacGonigle, who afterward gained high political distinction in his native city, considered this feat as a feather in his cap at the time, and in his ripe years was went to speak of it with much of the old fervor. The following is from the Latellaters. The following is from the INTELLIGEN-

A little before 11 o'clock our worthy postmaster, Henry M. Reigart, received a dispatch stating that he had been nominated on the 17th ballot. Mr. Reigart, in company with Dr. Fahnestock, immediately drove to Wheatland and informed Mr. Buchanan of his nomination.

Mr. MacGonigle, it is true, reached Wheatland before the postmaster and several others.

More Pen Pletures.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Professor E. O. Lyte, principal of the state normal school at Millersville, wrote state normal school at Millersville, wrote his name in classic characters on the Lafayette register, and then asked for a room with bath. He is sometimes called the handsomest man in Lancaster county, but this is when Hay Brewn and Frank Eshleman are not at home. Professor Lyte stands well to the front in the column of Pennsylvania educators. Prior to his elevation to the position which he now holds he was professor of English grammar at the same school, and there is nothing that irritates him more to this day than to hear a man recklessly to this day than to hear a man recklessly abusing the English language. To his duties as principal of the Millersville school he adds those of a public lecturer on topics bearing on his educational work. He is a good talker, and although still comparatively young, has made an enviable name for himself in other states than this. He has black hair, black moustache and Burnsides, and coal black hair. If it were not a secret of state it could truthfully be added that his hair is now tinged with grav.

on the Philadelphia Press. Attirew J. Kauffman, one of Columbia's eleveres havers, was at the Continental yesterday. He belongs to the Stalwart wing of the Republican party in Lancaster county, and was collector of internal revenue for that district for several years. He was removed by ex-President Cleveland, and he is now an aspirant for his old place. He has plenty of opposition, however, as Luther Hartman, Colonel B. Frank Eshleman and Sam Matt Fridy are candidates. Andrew J. Kauffman, one of Columbia's man and Sam Matt Fridy are candidates for the same place. Mr. Kauffman has al-ways been a staunch supporter of the Camerons, and relies upon Senator Don having him reinstated. Messrs Hartman and Fridy are also Cameron men, while Colonel Eshleman is a strong Quay man. As this is Senator Cameron's district it is generally conceded that he will be permitted to name the collector. He is said to have remarked recently that if Lancas-ter did not hurry up and agree upon a candidate for the place Dauphin county would take it would take it.

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