

Geo. Sanderson, Editor. LANCASTER, PA., MAY 17, 1864.

OUR FLAG. Now our flag is hung to the wild winds free, Let God our God, the God of our fathers be, And the guard of its precious folds shall be Columbia's chosen band.



"CLING TO THE CONSTITUTION, AS THE SHIPWRECKED MARINER CLINGS TO THE LAST PLANK, WHEN NIGHT AND THE TEMPEST CLOSE AROUND HIM."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Notice. THE LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER will pass into the hands of a new firm on the first day of July next.

The new firm will be Cooper, Sanderson & Co. The paper after that time will be issued as the Daily and Weekly Intelligencer.

The above announcement will show the necessity of a prompt settlement of the outstanding debts for subscription, advertising and jobbing due the present firm—at least by the 1st of July when the paper passes into other hands.

The War in Virginia. After a terrible battle or series of battles in Virginia, running over a period of eight days, the Confederate General Lee was forced to retreat on Thursday night from his position near Spotsylvania Court House and fall back towards the defenses of Richmond, closely followed by the overwhelming legions of General Grant.

The latest intelligence from the front represents Lee as having fallen back three or four miles to the south bank of the Potomac river, where he has entrenched himself awaiting Grant's attack.

The House of Representatives, on Wednesday, by a vote of 72 yeas to 45 nays, passed the joint resolution to drop from the rolls of the Army all the unemployed General Officers.

There are four distinguished fathers named in the "Copperheads" by the minutes of Lincoln, with sons in similar peril. Porter, of this city, has a son on the staff of Gen. Grant.

Our Minister to Brussels, Henry E. Sanford, is pleasantly engaged in building a heavy yard in St. Louis. There probably never was a party whose appointees could discharge the duties of so many offices at the same time as can those of the party in power.

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Aristocratic Apings.

It is laughable, says the New York Police Gazette, to notice the airs and assumed titles of aristocracy that the ladies in Washington put on, and how they try to be something above the common mass of the people.

Mr. Cowan moved to insert the word "white" for "male citizens" in designating those who are to vote.

Mr. Cowan thought this amendment very proper, especially when we were making an experiment, which was not trembled in, of the color of a superior race.

Mr. Dixon hoped that the colored voters in Boston did not do so.

Mr. Doolittle moved to postpone all prior business to consider two or three Indian bills.

Mr. Stevens admitted the act in Congress the constitutionality of the act in Congress—and yet, although he had sworn to support the Constitution, voted for it.

We notice with pride the gallant bearing of the Pennsylvania troops under Gen. Grant in every action, and with grief the heavy losses they suffer.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

NEW SCHEDULE.—On yesterday a new schedule went into operation on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the different Philadelphia trains now have the following times:

Through to Harrisburg, 7:30 a. m. Philadelphia to Harrisburg, 7:30 a. m. Harrisburg to Philadelphia, 10:30 a. m.

DR. JAMES A. MORGAN, Esq.—James Morgan, who died at his residence on Duane street, this city, on Monday, May 16th, 1864, at the age of 52 years.

AN OLD LANCASTERIAN IN THE CONFIDENTIAL.—The following item of intelligence among the foreign press, which will be interesting to our readers, is from the New York Herald.

REVEREND OF A WELL-KNOWN BREWER.—Mr. Charles Brewster, of West King street, this city, died at his residence on West King street, this city, on Monday, May 16th, 1864, at the age of 52 years.

WHIT MONDAY.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the city was pretty well filled with the throngs of the colored people on Monday, May 16th, 1864.

RELIGIOUS.—The history of St. Paul's Church, of this city, is a very interesting one. It was founded in 1794, and has since that time been a place of worship for the colored people.

NOTICE.—The following is a list of the names of the members of the Pennsylvania State Convention, held at Harrisburg, on the 15th and 16th inst.

THE 79TH MEETS WITH A RAILROAD SMASH-UP.—By a private letter received in this city a day or two since, it is stated that the 79th Regiment, which was ordered to move to the front, was wrecked on the 15th inst.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT.—The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of this State, during the month of May, 1864.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—L. K. BROWN, Jr., a son of Levi K. Brown, of Goshen, this county, after getting a horse for sale, a few days since, was about stepping out of a wagon, when he fell, and was killed.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the morning of the 15th inst., FARELAND MANAGAN, a German by birth, was killed by a falling log on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.

THE BATTLE OF THURSDAY, MAY 5.—At one o'clock on Thursday we were in line of battle with the best corps of the Army of the Potomac, the Sixth and Fifth of the Second forming our extreme left.

The fighting here established the great superiority of our cavalry to Stuart's famous "Light Brigade." The latter was routed by the day's engagement, and retired towards Fredericksburg, to join General Fitzhugh Lee.

Our grand line of battle formed by all the corps was fully five miles in length, from northwest to southeast, with the center thrown forward, giving it a convex form.

At one o'clock p. m. on Thursday, General Warren's corps began battle by advancing along the line of the turpentine line of battle on both sides, and fighting with vigor and dash.

General Sedgwick may possibly have been feeling the enemy's force, but he was not wholly engaged till afternoon. The fighting in his front was terrific for a considerable period, and the losses necessarily heavy on both sides.

General Hancock opened on the rebels from the left of our line, at half-past four on Thursday afternoon, and fought bravely till night. He found himself confronted with veteran troops, who resisted his impetuous assaults with the coolness of well-trained soldiers.

The line of battle was broken up, and the rebels were driven back. The fighting was now over, and the army was in a state of confusion.

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