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## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS OF CENTRE COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1859.

ISAAC B. PEPIN, Esq., Treasurer, in account with Centre County from January 7th 1859 to January 5th 1860.

1860. Dr.	To amount received from Col. J. H. Harris, for interest on loan of \$25,000	\$24,000 00
	To balance due Treasurer	2,788 57
		\$26,788 57
1860. Cr.	By amt of Commissioners ordered paid	\$26,788 57
	By Treasurer's commission	1700 00
	Allowance for postage & stationery	10 00
		\$27,458 57

THOMAS MCCOY, Esq., High Sheriff, in account with Centre County from Jan 7th 1859 to January 5th, 1860.

1860. Dr.	To amt of Jury fees and fines	\$281 00
	To amount received from County Jail	\$281 00
		\$562 00
1860. Cr.	By amt of Jury fees and fines collected	31 00
	By amt of do do uncollected	250 00
		\$281 00

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Centre County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the County for the year 1859, as shown by the books and vouchers in our possession.

RECEIPTS  
To amount received from County Jail  
Factors and other sources \$281 00

EXPENDITURES  
By amount of Commissioners ordered paid \$26,788 57

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
To amount received from County Jail  
Factors and other sources \$281 00

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## Loans and Interest on Loans.

Orders to Sarah Welch for loan and interest in full \$75 00  
Geo. W. Tate, for interest on loan of \$100 00 150 00  
Geo. Braungart, for loan and interest 410 00  
Geo. Livingston, for interest on loan of \$100 00 37 50  
Mrs. R. B. Wilson, for interest on loan of \$100 00 37 50  
Martha G. Patterson, do do 37 50  
Geo. Braungart, do do 37 50  
J. D. Harris, do do 37 50  
J. S. Parris, do do 37 50  
Geo. W. Tate, do do 37 50  
J. D. Harris, do do 37 50  
J. S. Parris, do do 37 50  
Geo. W. Tate, do do 37 50

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Order to Adam Hoy for view of Spring Creek Bridge, on Highways, and view in Adams township 21 00  
P. B. Gray, do in Patton tp. 2 00  
S. B. Leathers, do in Howard tp. 1 00  
Wm. W. Keiser, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
J. M. Barnhart, do in Howard tp. 1 00  
W. J. Waring, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
J. K. Book, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
A. Keenan, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
P. Barnhart, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
Belleville, do in Patton tp. 1 00  
J. H. McCook, for view of the Mill dam, do do 70 57  
A. M. Fisher, for view of the Taylor and Patton townships, do do 15 00  
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## INQUIRIES ON DEED BOOKS.

To the Clerk of the County Jail  
Factors and other sources \$281 00

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## Miscellaneous.

**A Haunted Preacher.**  
In the volume of Dr. Sprague on the Baptist pulpit, Governor Briggs communicates a very interesting letter on John Leland, which contains a fuller account of his personal habits and manner of preaching than we have ever before seen.

While I was at his house I enquired of him about a remarkable noise which I had, when a boy, heard that he and his family had been annoyed by when they lived in Virginia. He gave this account of it:

His family, at the time, consisted of himself, wife, and four children. One evening, all the family being together, their attention was attracted by a noise, which very much resembled the rattling of a person in pain. It was distinct, and repeated at intervals of a few seconds. It seemed to be under the sill of the window, and between the clap board, and the ceiling. They paid very little attention to it, and in a very short time it ceased. But, afterwards, it returned in the same way sometimes every night, and sometimes not so frequently and all ways in the same place, and of the same character. It continued for some months. He said it excited their curiosity and anxiety, but that they were not alarmed by it. During its continuance they had the siding and casing removed from the place where it appeared to be, but found nothing to account for it, and the sound continued the same.

He consulted his friends, especially some of his ministerial brethren, about it. I think he said it was never heard by any except himself and his family; but it was heard by them when he was absent from home.

John Leland said that often, while she was alone with the children, and while they were playing about the room, and nothing being said, it would come, and they would leave their play and gather about her person.

They had a place 600, 200 feet from the house by the side of a brook where the only child their washing. One day, while she was at that place it met her there, precisely as it had done in the house.

At each interval it advanced towards them, and gathered strength and volume, until it entered the room when they were, and approached the bed, when the groan became deep and appalling. Then, said he, for the first time since it began, I felt the emotion of fear. I turned upon my face, and if ever I prayed in my life I prayed then. I asked the Lord to deliver me and my family from that annoyance, and that if it were a messenger from heaven it might be explained to us, and depart, that if it were an evil spirit, permitted to disturb and disquiet me, and my family, it might be rebuked and sent away, or if there was anything for me to do to make it depart, I might be instructed what it was, so that I could do it. This exercise restored his tranquility of mind, and he resumed his usual position in bed.

Then, he said it uttered a groan too loud and startling to be imitated by the human voice. The next groan was not so loud, and he recalled a step or two from the front of the bed, near his face. It continued to recede in the direction from which it came, and grew less and less until it reached its old station, when it died away to the faintest sound, and entirely and forever ceased.

## Domestic Troubles.

The Rochester (New York) Union of Jan 22d, gives the following account of the domestic troubles of a family there:

A few months since a man named Squire Bowers, who resides in the town of Webster, where he has a wife and children, made the acquaintance of a respectable family in the Fourth Ward. He passed by the name of Drake, and paid his attentions to a daughter of mature age, and contracted a marriage. The arrangements for the expected union were so far made by the girl that she prepared her wedding garments, and we believe that the day was fixed for the ceremony.

Two or three days since Squire Bowers, came in from the country, and was taken ill, or pretended to be, while at the house of the parents of the woman he had married. He was kindly taken care of and nursed by the lady who expected to become his wife, and remained there until yesterday, when he was unexpectedly exposed as a villain to the family who treated him so kindly.

The denouement was as sudden to him as to the family, and neither were at all prepared for it. It was done in this way: A constable of Webster had a summons for Bowers, and had been in search of him two or three days. Some one who had the secret of Bowers' lodgings told the constable that if he went to a certain number on a certain street, and asked for Mr. Drake, he would find the man he wanted, and might execute his process. The officer did as he was directed, was informed at the door that Mr. Drake was in, and he was shown to the room he occupied. There Bowers was reclining at ease upon a bed, attended by the lady he had deceived, and who was still confiding in the constable told him he had a summons, which Bowers, with a wink, reached out to take. The officer did not take the hint - probably he did not want to read aloud the name of Squire Bowers, as defendant.

What followed cannot be described. It was useless for Bowers to attempt to carry the sheet any further. He speedily escaped from the house, and by no means probably saved his life, as the father of the girl was so enraged when the case was disclosed that he declared he would kill the offender. They had a place 600, 200 feet from the house by the side of a brook where the only child their washing. One day, while she was at that place it met her there, precisely as it had done in the house.

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No explanation was ever found. I have given you," he said, "a simple and true history of the facts and you can form your own opinion. I give none." His wife confirmed all he said. I think I can say that I never knew a prisoner less given to the marvellous than Elder Leland.

## Miscellaneous Items.

Never affect to be witty, or just so as to wound the feelings of another.  
Happy they who pay the printer, and not by the fire and read all winter.  
Glorious heavens! Queen Victoria is again - At her time of life too!  
Senator Volk of Missouri is still detained at home by the dangerous illness of his son.  
The great \$100,000 breach of promise case in St. Louis is postponed until the 1st of March.

So long as men are imprudent in their diet and business, doctors and lawyers will ride in carriages.  
Never think worse of another on account of his differing from your political and religious opinions.  
The editor of a western paper offers to give his likeness to all his patrons when they pay their bills.

Why was the execution of old Brown like the editor of the Knoxville Whig? Because he became Brownish.  
The rope with which Brown was hung was not of cotton but of Kentucky hemp. So says the Richmond Enquirer.  
A woman in Florida, named Cross, recently gave birth to an infant son which weighed only one pound. That Cross was hard to bear.

None are so soon found alone, and are so soon tired of their own company, as those comarcoms who are on the best terms with themselves.  
An old sailor, at the theatre, said he supposed that dancing girls wore their dresses at half mast as a mark of respect to departed modesty.  
A young lady, intending to paint her cheeks with rouge, put all the paint on her nose, and did not discover the mistake until she was requested to sign the pledge.

An Irishman being asked what he came to America for, said: "By the powers you may be sure that it wasn't for want, for I had plenty of that at home."  
There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness but of power. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unexpressed love.  
The editor of a denominational paper at the West says: "A man needs grace to edit a religious paper properly at any time, but especially when he has the rheumatism."

It is said that Elder Peck is making a tour in the State of Maine Treasury defalcation. It says that he expended \$20,000 to the various Republican Congressmen from that State.  
On a person asking another if he believed in the appearance of spirits he replied, "No, but I believe in their disappearance, for I have missed a bottle of gin since last night."

A young lady at Edgely recently went to a fancy ball as "The Evening News," her dress being made entirely of newspapers. Willis says he would like to subscribe to her.  
"Paddy," says a joker, "why don't you get your ears cropped, they are entirely too long for a man." "And yours?" replied Paddy, "ought to be lengthened, they are too short for an ass."  
The ladies of Richmond, Va., have had a "homespun party." Every lady was dressed throughout in garments manufactured in Virginia, mostly coarse cotton fabrics. Not a jewel or ornament was seen.

No man or woman is fairly educated if not accustomed to manual labor. Whatever accomplishments they possess, whatever their mental training, a defect must be made for ignorance of that important branch.  
A Connecticut chap announces that next spring he intends to cross the Shetland rope, with two men hanging to his hair one on each side. He is now busy, day and night, letting his hair grow for that purpose.  
A western editor has received sixteen offers of marriage since leap year has set in, but he has not accepted one of them, the answer to this invariable question, "How much property have you in your own right?" not being satisfactory in other cases.  
Puzzle - If forty dogs, with sixteen legs, can catch twenty nine rabbits, with eighty seven legs, in forty four minutes, how many legs must the same rabbits have to get away from eight dogs with thirty-two legs, in seventeen minutes and a half?  
Arabs cultivate the feelings, and are a nation of bandits; they are exceedingly generous, and exceedingly hospitable, and exceedingly unjust; they utter the noblest sentiments, and steal the saddle from under you; they talk of the magnanimity of the Bedouin, and they cut your throat.  
When bent on matrimony, look more than skin deep for beauty, dive further than the pocket for worth, and search for temper beyond the humor of the moment - remembering it is not always the most agreeable partner at the ball who forms the most amiable partner for life. Virtue, like some flowers, blooms often fairest in the shade.

## A Singular Incident.

A newspaper published at Colima, Mexico, on the 25th of October, kills the following frightful story:

"When General Puebla entered the town of Ayo, in September last, he exacted a forced loan from the people, and a share of it fell upon the curate of the place. The curate acted as though he would pay, but he did not make his appearance at the time designated for payment. General Puebla ordered him to be arrested. A party of men went to his dwelling and knocked at the door; there was no answer and they broke in. They found no one in the house, and were about to leave when they heard a frightful voice proceeding from the ground, saying, 'I am hungry!' The officer in command went back to General Puebla and told him about the voice. The General appointed a commission to examine the house. This commission went to the curate's dwelling, and, after a careful examination, they found a movable stone, and under it a stairway leading down to a vault, which was entirely dark and had no connection with the air, save by the staircase and a small hole that served as a ventilator. In this vault were some books, a few articles of furniture, and a woman who had been shut up there for eighteen years. She was taken to General Puebla's quarters. When brought into the light where she saw a number of persons, she fainted. After she had returned to her senses, she and questions were asked her, to which she replied only that she had been buried in that vault for eighteen years, and that she had gone out for a moment; that she had been married, and had children by her husband, but she knew nothing of their fate; that, while imprisoned in the vault, she had children by the curate, but she knew nothing of what had become of these children; and after saying this much, she came obstinately silent. While this was passing, a sergeant of the Puebla Brigade, then present, discovered that this woman was his mother, and she recognized him as her son and embraced him. The son then ran for his father, who came and recognized his wife. The husband fifteen years ago was imprisoned three years under charge of having murdered his wife, this woman."

## The Gambling Hall of Washington.

A correspondent of the Hartford Post writes of the gambling halls of Washington.

The gamblers it is said, have suffered severely by the scarcity of money here, and several well known establishments are reported as nearly bankrupt. There are about forty of these "hells" mostly on Pennsylvania Avenue in the vicinity of the National Hotel, although the Hall (who succeeded Pondton) has fitted up a house near Ward's. Supper tables are set nightly at all of these good fare and once with a attractive of their guests are tempted to play life or death, the bank. His great chances in his favor, these establishments could not be supported and this is generally known. But a fascination for the excitement, with a hope of a run of good luck prompts hundreds to hazard more or less.

Strange stories are told of those afflicted with this sad mania of indulging in one of the worst of vices. A prominent politician now here when appointed minister to a foreign court about ten years since, actually lost his "ouff" and first quarter, "saying the very day on which he drew it from the Treasury, that he had lost to borrow enough money to leave the country with. A Senator, more lucky, on one evening over eight thousand dollars in a single night, and another table of seven and loss are told of him who is to be regretted that some legislators cannot be devised by which the social excesses indulged in at the national metropolis can be cut off.

## The Poor Oppressed Slave at the South.

It is a common practice for the planters at the South, by way of rewarding the industry of their slaves to parcel off to them small portions of land for their plantations, and give them (the slaves) the privilege of cultivating these grounds, after they have performed a reasonable day's work for their masters, who, in many cases, purchase from their little crops at the market prices. Referring to this custom the Norfolk Argus says:

John Sanderson, Esq., of Norfolk county, has paid his negroes this season \$55 per corn raised by them for their own benefit on his farm. He paid one of the men alone \$150. They are allowed time to work for themselves, and land to till, and they are paid liberally and cheerfully for the product of their extra labor.  
George A. Wilson, Esq., of the same section, for corn produced under circumstances similar to the above, has recently settled up with his men for the year, paying them \$600.  
W. W. Warden, Esq., also of this county, has recently paid his slaves \$300 for corn raised on his land; he, like the others, having allowed them time to work for themselves, and there are many other similar cases.

Every girl who intends to qualify for marriage, should go through a course of cookery. Unfortunately, few wives are able to dress anything but themselves.