

LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER. SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1882.

Postmaster General James was advised before he left office, by the special counsel of the department, Mr. George Bliss, of New York, that it was not within his power to reject any bid offered for a mail contract by a man who was known to him to be in the habit of putting in fraudulent bids backed by bogus bail; and it was suggested to him that he should lay the matter before Congress and ask for the passage of a law permitting the postmaster general to refuse to receive bids made by men who had in any previous bidding put in bogus bail.

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The Philadelphia Democrats may as well understand that the state Democracy want no more of that and will have no more of it—even if a state convention has to be held without Philadelphia.

The city of Reading, makes an annual appropriation of \$2,500 to the board of health.

sent, if not by his direction, the bills for printing his paper-books in the Steinman-Hensel disbarment case—the one which the court took and the one which it kicked out—were paid for out of the county treasury, which was no more liable for them than for his butcher or his tailor bill. Until that money is refunded he would do well to reserve his recommendations.

IN forecasting the outcome of the movements for and against Pattison's nomination for governor in Philadelphia the Legislature says:

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THE Philadelphia Times said to the North American in plain words the other day that it cannot "command a share of the present sheriff's advertising without paying from forty to sixty per cent. of the price charged thereof to Deputy Sheriff John H. Hill, and the same is true of the mercantile appraisers' list." In reply to the Times "the venerable daily indulged in some glittering generalities about the "infamous abuse," which the Times heaps upon its contemporaries, and admits that "in exceptional cases public officers manage to divert a portion of the funds which are the rightful charge of the newspapers." What the North American needs to tell is whether or not its publication of the sheriff's and mercantile appraisers' list are among these "exceptional cases."

deal while the Harrisburg Telegraph continues to be published. The Bulletin, in referring to the contest for the seat in Congress from Utah, says that as Cannon, who got nine-tenths of the votes, is held to be ineligible, "the seat, under such circumstances, surely ought to be given to the only other man who obtained any votes, no matter how small the number of them was. The reason why the Democrats want the case sent back to the people is that Campbell is a Republican, and the Mormon voters will be sure to return a Democrat." There is no principle of law or equity upon which a seat ought to be given to a man who is the choice of only one-tenth of the people against the opposition of nine-tenths. A new election is the proper settlement of this question, and instead of this being suggested as a Democratic measure the Bulletin's one-sided proposition springs entirely from the fact that only by a gongouze can Congress send the representative of one-tenth of the people of Utah.

PERSONAL.

Rev. E. B. Chamberlain, the pastor of the East Springfield church, Erie county, aged about 68, dropped dead the other day on his way to the postoffice.

Dr. E. A. Adams, assistant medical superintendent of the McManis insane asylum at Kalama, was fatally stabbed yesterday by a patient in one of the wards while making his rounds. The patient, who was supposed to be harmless, used his weapon a large pocket knife recently lost by one of the attendants.

TO-DAY'S NEWS.

THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD. Accidents and Incidents of Current Life.

George W. Brooks, U. S. district judge for Eastern North Carolina, died yesterday.

There are now twenty-one persons in the New York Tombs awaiting trial for homicide.

Rev. E. B. Hopkins, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, recently convicted of larceny and forgery, in connection with his insurance business, has been sent to an insane asylum.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

RECEIVING TOBACCO. Docking and Disaffection—Some of the buyers have been receiving from the farmers for a week or more past, there was no general delivery until to-day when several of the warehouses received from 50,000 to 150,000 lbs. each.

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THOSE BIG BILLS.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM? HOW BUSHONG WAS CONVINCED.

Judge Livingston Tells Him He Will Make No Mistake.

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COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE.

Long before 9 o'clock last evening our streets were deserted by pedestrians, as it was unsafe to be out, the pavements and sidewalks being so slippery that one could not walk.

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