

Lancaster Intelligencer.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 1882.

Letter Book-keeping Needed.
Upon examination of the statement of county finances, which has been published in all the county papers, and into which it is earnestly trusted the county auditors are making rigorous examination, it will be seen that with a single exception the county treasurer nowhere changes himself with money received for the fines, forfeited recognizances and costs, while the records of the court will certainly show were paid over for the use of the county last year. Upon investigation we find that in the item of "miscellaneous receipts" at the county treasury there is included \$159.31 received from Clerk of Quarter Sessions Urban on account of fines, and in all the receipts of the county that is the only item which in any way accounts for the sums of money which ought to have found their way to the county treasury—and probably did—by reason of fines, costs and forfeited recognizances in the courts. This \$159.31 we understand was part of a \$200 fine in a liquor case paid to Urban in the absence of the sheriff. He never actually paid it over into the treasury, as we are informed, but gave the county credit for the above amount of a bill, which he claimed that the county owed him, and if the remaining \$40.69 has ever been paid over it does not so appear in the treasurer's books or statements. How and why this is, the auditors will likely inquire and possibly discuss.

We are aware that the commissioners have yearly or more frequent settlements with the sheriff and clerk of quarter sessions, and that the large amounts set out in the county account, as paid to them last year, are supposed to represent the fees due to them less the moneys paid into and received by them for the county. But we insist that this is not the proper way to keep the county accounts. The treasurer's books and his yearly statement should show what costs, recognizances, fines, etc., are paid into the county treasury, so that the auditors and any interested individual can promptly discover whether all that are so paid or ought to be paid reach the proper place, or disappear on the way, and their disappearance is concealed in the so-called "settlement" with the county commissioners. Such settlements ought to be made at least monthly, and ought to be carefully audited. We have reason to believe that there have been abuses in this matter of fines, costs and recognizances in the past; and we know there has been serious occasion for scandal; and while the auditors are probing the festering rottenness and corruption of our county affairs they will do well to inquire whether the present system of bookkeeping, settlements and statements is not calculated to conceal wrong-doing.

IMMEDIATELY following the late municipal elections we invited our Republican contemporaries, which had been indulging in general reflections on Mayor MacGonigle's police force, to specify their charges, and the officers who were guilty of such offenses as to justify them. In entire good faith we then said "the public, the mayor and his party have a right to demand that appointed policemen shall conform strictly to the regulations laid down for them, and shall suffer severe and summary punishment for violation of or departure from them. These rules the policemen and the public know, and if any of our citizens know of breaches of them on the part of their public servants it is their right and duty to make the mayor or his chief of police acquainted with them, so that they may be duly investigated, that the innocent may be vindicated and offenders may be duly disciplined." Our contemporaries have not yet responded to the invitation, although next Monday the mayor is expected to make his appointments or re-appointments for the coming year. He has laid down certain rules for the government of his police force, and he has repeatedly expressed his determination to enforce them without fear, favor or affection. Every violation of them brought to his notice has been investigated, and if the report of it is verified the offender has been disciplined. Vague and indefinite charges, anonymous insinuations or complaints preferred by persons who are not willing to assume the responsibility for their truth he rightly does not take into account. By these rules we take it for granted the mayor will be governed in his selection of the new force, and as he was elected without pledge, obligation or commitment of any sort, except to serve the best public interests, he may feel at entire liberty to select for policemen those who will best promote that end.

There can be no doubt that the better legal and popular judgment of the country will approve the views upon Judge Advocate Swaim's action in the Mason case, which are so forcibly expressed in the *Herald* article reprinted on our first page to-day. It agrees exactly with the sentiments of this journal expressed before, and cannot fail to accord with those of all law-abiding people. The attempt to justify Mason's offense was bad enough, but not unnatural on the part of the thoughtless, but when a semi-judicial officer like Swaim so travesties the law he deserves the severest reprobation. The popular tendency to misapprehend the nature of Mason's offense is thus fully rebuked by that conservative journal, the *Baltimore Sun*. Mason's offense cannot be excused on sentimental grounds. For Guisau or his crime there can be nothing but absolute detestation and abhorrence, but it is a detestation and abhorrence that the self-respect as well as the safety of the country requires to be shown in legal methods and processes. One assumption does not justify another, and there could be no surer way of encouraging this mode of avenging wrong than by following the example which the assassin has set. The offense in Mason's case was heightened by the fact that he was entrusted with the protection of the life which he endeavored to take. He committed not only a dangerous breach of military discipline, which, if suffered to go unpunished, might seriously affect the morale of the army, but he assailed the dignity and sovereignty

THE LATEST NEWS.

GLEANED FROM THE MORNING MAIL.

Paragraphs Points that Take the Leading Events of the Week, Accompanied by the Usual Quota of Crime and Disaster.

The Alabama Democratic state convention will meet June 7.
The Democrats of Hartford Conn., last night nominated Charles M. Joslyn for mayor.
The Canterbury paper mill, near Hanover, Conn., was burned on Wednesday, Loss \$80,000.

Killed by a Car.
The Byram mine, near Dover, New Jersey, caved in yesterday, killing two men and seriously injuring several others.

The Lash in Maryland.
The governor of Maryland, yesterday signed the bill recently passed by the Legislature establishing whipping as a punishment for wife-beating.

An Aged Man, Mysterious Death.
Truman Dunham, president of the Cleveland (O.) Linnecott works, and an old and honored citizen, was caught in the machinery at the works yesterday and killed.

Launching of the ship.
Messrs. Goss, Sawyer & Packard, residing at Bath, Me., launched the ship William H. Starbuck, 1,339 tons burden, owned by William H. Starbuck, of New York.

A Canard.
The report of the loss of 120 lives by the carrying away of Ralston's cotton gin in Texas parish Louisiana, proves, happily, to be without foundation.

Suspicious Disappearance.
Augustus P. Corse, business manager of the firm of Corse & Co., stove dealers, of Troy, New York, disappeared last Monday and on that day the firm's paper went to protest. An investigation is going on. Corse was prominent in social and military circles.

Caught in the Machinery.
James Coffy, 27 years of age, was caught in the machinery at No. 47 Broome street yesterday. His left arm was torn from the shoulder and his left leg broken, and he was sent to Bellevue hospital in a dying condition.

Dishonest Clerks.
Archie Leavers, confidential clerk of C. F. Dwight, a Chicago broker, has decamped with \$12,000 of his employer's money. John King, selling clerk for Howell & Cropset, accompanied him with \$700 of the firm's money.

How's Patent Sustained.
Judge Blatchford in the United States circuit court at New York, has handed down a decision in the patent case of Hoe against Kahler, sustaining Hoe's patent, and holding that Kahler's newspaper folding machine infringed it.

An Insane Murderer.
The insane man who murdered A. C. Wingate, of Lexington, Ky., on board a railroad train in the city of St. Louis, has been identified as W. A. Haines, formerly of West Salem, O., who had lived in Arizona for many years.

Indicted for Killing Her Husband.
The grand jury at Brooklyn has found an indictment against Mrs. G. Barry Wall for manslaughter in the third degree in shooting her husband at New Utrecht, L. I.

Burglars Fire a Building.
Burglars in New York on Wednesday night attempted unsuccessfully to break open an iron safe in a four-story building in Spring street, near Mott, and angered by their failure, set fire to the premises in which their failures, and the flames were discovered and subdued before any considerable damage ensued or a panic had been created.

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THE BURNED STEAMBOAT.

A FRIGHTFUL RIVER CATASTROPHE.

Passengers Awakened to Die—Wholesale Fatality Among Women and Children—A Gallant Engineer—A Watchman's Carelessness the Cause.

The story of the burning of the steamer Golden City at Memphis, of which a brief account appeared in our telegraphic advices yesterday, is related in the following additional particulars of this shocking occurrence:

About half-past four a. m. the steamer Golden City sounded her whistle as a signal of her intention of leaving the wharf at Memphis. Just as she was discovered among a lot of jute, and within five minutes the flames had spread with such lightning rapidity that the vessel was ablaze almost her entire length. There are several stories current as to the origin of the fire, but after a most careful investigation and inquiry it is found to be the general opinion that it was caused through the carelessness of one Wash. Smith, the colored captain of the watch. A few moments before the flames were seen he was back in the deck room of the steamer with a lamp. It is stated that he removed the burner from the lamp for the purpose of picking the wick, and a spark falling on the jute ignited that combustible material, the flames speedily mounting up to and around the cabin, including a lot of jute, and the watchman, who was in the cabin at the time. The first intimation he had of the danger was shouted to him by the second engineer, Robert Kelly, who was on the watch. He called up through the cabin, "The boat is on fire. Heat her for the shore, and for God's sake be quick about it!"

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Congressman Robinson and John Pope Hodnett, of the Labor League called upon the president yesterday and had a short conference on the labor question and the great influx of American citizens in Great Britain.

Neighbor Greier Wanted to Pay it in Hams.
The following appears in the Jersey Shore first edition of the *Frederick News*:
COLLEMAN, Pa., March 20, 1882.
EDITOR HERALD:—On the afternoon of the 16th of September, 1882, the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves passed through the field near Reedysville, Md., and rested in a field near the town. The writer and Sergeant George H. Blackwell visited the village and went into the yard of a house and there found a smoke house. It was locked with a padlock, but we got an iron bar and drew the staple. Therein we found some hams and each of us took one, and departed for the camp. When we got to our quarters, and then went back and found the lady of the house in the yard crying about her lost hams, for by this time all were gone. Now, this ham business has been on my mind ever since and last week I addressed the postmaster at that place to see if I could find out any thing about the lady. I received the following reply:

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SETTLING UP AND MOVING DAY.

Prospects of An Easy Money Market—Business Changes—Amateur Merchants—Dislocations and New Partnerships.

To-morrow, First of April, "All Fools Day" by the way, is the time of general settlement and of business changes, removals, dislocations and new partnerships. In this community. This date generally witnesses a good deal of active business circles, the closing of one year's accounts and the opening of the next, private and public removals and the changes of partnership to which business houses are subject.

All appearances indicate an easy money market to-morrow. Our merchants, manufacturers and farmers have had a prosperous year, and the banks and other money lenders are well prepared to meet the demands upon them. There is, as usual, a scarcity of bank notes, but the banks have had in large supplies of gold pieces to meet the demand for currency. Less money is required than used to be, as the people have learned the use and convenience of checks and drafts. Good real estate securities at 3 per cent interest are in demand and nobody who can show a fair margin will fail to be accommodated. 6 per cent loans are rapidly being changed by the borrowers for lower interest bearing obligations.

There are a good many changes of real estate in the records office, a large number of deeds are likely to be entered. The changes in securities will enhance the number of judgments and mortgages to be entered, and as money is readily obtained, considerable is being borrowed to make building and other improvements. It is noticeable that the people no longer crowd all their business into the first of April, and all week they have been attending to it more or less.

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William Rehm, of the Manor hotel, on West King street, will take the United States hotel on South Queen street, below Vine, and William Rehm, at present proprietor of that hotel, will apply for papers for a saloon on North Queen street near Frederick.

John Spangler, of the Fulton opera house restaurant, takes the Manor hotel, in Mr. Rehm's place, and J. A. Springer takes Mr. Spangler's place. The three-story brick hotel being erected on the site of the old Schenberger saloon, North Queen street above Orange, is being pushed rapidly to completion, and will within a few weeks be occupied by the owner Mr. J. Deane.

The firm of Reilly & Keller will be succeeded by Kaufman, Keller & Co. L. Goss retires from the firm of L. Goss & Son, the business to be continued by Fred. Goss.

S. W. Bailey retires from the firm of S. E. Bailey & Co., the business to be continued by S. E. Bailey. As has been previously notified the new Fulton bank is in the Eshleman & Rathenau building and the Lancaster County National is in its splendid new edifice.

Chas. Ropp, John Lang and Jacob Weaver, will remove from Lititz to Lancaster. W. C. F. Sheer, confectioner, removes from the northeast corner of North Queen and Walnut streets to the corner of North Queen and Market streets, North Queen and Lemon streets, where he will devote himself to the ice cream and cake baking business.

John M. Sprecher, of New Holland, takes the store room vacated by Mr. Sheer and will open a line of dry goods and notions. Snyder Bros., tobacconists and cigar makers, have removed from No. 108 to No. 141 North Queen street.

STRASBURG.
The Latest News From the Borough.
A parlor entertainment was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Harvey Blackbill, on Main street, consisting of pantomimes, charades, vocal and instrumental music, following which came the most pleasant feature of the evening, refreshments. After partaking fully, the assembly of hearers dispersed highly pleased with the way in which they had been entertained.

Since February 8 there have been eighty burials and six removals in our cemetery. An old cure for a broken heart—a new bean.

A Disgraceful Fall.
"Variety is the spice of life" is an old homely adage—a truism, if not an elegant one, and perhaps that is the reason the stock holders of John Law (bearing in this adage) permitted a ball to be held in their hall on the 23d, which was not only a disgrace to the good people of the borough, but also a reproach upon the stock holders good name. While we believe that such a ball was not a disgrace, and character of the majority of the participants. Nevertheless it is a well known fact to many that Strasburg has not for many years been visited by such a disgraceful and disgraceful ball.

For good or evil, how great the powers of influence. The companions we select in youth—the surroundings amid which our lot is cast and for that very reason care should be taken to keep out of our midst gatherings of such a kind and tendency, and it is hoped that this shall be the last time our borough will have its peaceful slumbers disturbed by such a crowd of profligates.

HONORED IN HIS PROFESSION.
Death and Burial of a Lancaster Hero
According to the *Clipper*, Melvin Samuel Kurtz, a well-known negro comedian and song and dance man, who died in Philadelphia lately, was born in Lancaster July 29, 1844. His parents removed to Philadelphia when he was 14 years of age, and at the age of 10 he became a clerk in the Western hotel kept by his father at 826 Market street, and now known as the Commercial hotel. From his boyhood he evinced a taste for minstrelsy and at 17 years of age made a tour with the famous "Western band" which he led until 1878, when he left it to engage in the saloon business at the southeast corner of Eighth and Buttonwood streets. Not meeting with much success in this venture, he abandoned it after a few months and returned to the profession, in which he afterwards continued. His last appearance on the stage was made at American Mechanics' hall, Fourth and George streets, Philadelphia, on Oct. 15 last, when he played for the benefit of St. Ann's corner band. He was married in 1874 to Marion Van Zant, a serio-comic singer, who retired from the profession several years ago.

Lancaster Graduates at "Jeff."
At the annual commencement of the Jefferson Medical college, in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, yesterday, the degree of doctor in medicine was conferred upon 24 young men. The academy was thronged with the friends of the young doctors, and the flowers presented formed two immense pyramids on each side of the stage. Among the graduates were the following from this city: A. B. Hirsch, son of Herman Hirsch, J. S. Stutz, son of James Stutz and D. R. McCormick, Ed. B. Elyus, son of A. C. Elyus, of Neffville, was also among the proud recipients of the coveted sheepskins. These are all well known and popular young gentlemen, and we have no doubt to credit the profession of their choice. Dr. Hirsch has already received an appointment at the hospital connected with the college and in the distribution of prizes he reported on surgical clinics at the Pennsylvania hospital.

COURT.
Current Business Done this Morning.
This morning court met at ten o'clock, when considerable current business was transacted.

In the case of Daniel M. Moore vs. Hugh Armstrong's executors, case stated; judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff for \$262.65.

In the divorce suit of James H. Swain vs. Mary Swain, the plaintiff was ordered to pay defendant \$10 per week, while the suit is pending, and \$400 for her counsel fees. A charter was granted to the Zion's Lutheran church of Marietta.

Married.
John W. Reith, son of Councilman John F. Reith, was married last evening to Miss Lizzie Weaver. The event took place at the residence of the groom, North Mulberry street near Walnut. In the presence of a large assemblage