Lamaster Entelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1882

The Doctor Bills.

The committee of Congress reports that the attendants of the late president earned over a hundred thousand dollars by their labors. Evidently it is an expensive bus iness for presidents to be ill and die. Maybe it would be as expensive for them to be ill and live; but of that we have entitled to at least equal reward when saving their patient as when failing to do so; and the legitimate conclusion is that President Garfield's attendants do not base their heavy bills upon the president's death. To be and the stainart people may consider that his loss was their gain; but it is hardly one which the nation could reasonably be called upon to pay heavily for. It was not, then, the death of Garfield that produced these bills; nor can we well see that it was the fact of his death by violence, instead of disease, that made the labors of his attendants especially onerous and valuable. We have reason to pray fervently for the health of our chief magistrate; and doubtless the petitions of the prayer-book in that regard will hereafter be poured forth with especial unction.

Dr. D. W. Bliss, physician-in-chief, is put down as having earned about onefourth of the total cost of the death bed. Some persons may think that he did not earn the money. We cannot say that we agree with them. We can see that he suffered damage in the case quite up to the amount of his bill. Twentyfive thousand dollars is poor compensation for his depreciation in value. He must have been in high repute as a physician to have secured his place by the president's bedside. We are safe in saying that he will never get another president for his patient : nor any other sufferer with kind translation. If the bill of Dr. Bliss was you had arrested each separately ? based upon his value to his patient, instead of to himself, as the minority of the committee of Congress think it should have been, it might have been reduced to a very small figure. A jury would not have awarded him much upon the quantum meruit. The public opinion of the value of his services is not high. In truth, the awards made to all of the attendants will be pronounced extravagant. No such bills would be rendered against a private individual; and there is no sufficient reason to be found in the fact that the charged in each case. patient was a president and the nation is to be made the debtor, for charging fees the bills.

Eichholtz—If the bill snews it I suppose it to be correct. The alderman makes out the bills.

Official Fees.

A correspondent writes to us complaining of gross overcharges in the day I find you have the same man, with sheriff's office, not only in the matter of How do you explain this? that efficial's costs, but of his expenses of advertising and printing bills for the plain. sale of real estate which comes under his hammer. Upon inquiry of the present deputy, who was also deputy under Sheriff Strine, and upon examination of a large number of bills of costs in such cases on the sheriff's books, we can find ! nothing to justify our informant's allegation of from \$20 to \$40 charged for such advertisements, and from \$20 to \$25 for the sale bills. If he can direct us any specific cases in which such charges have been made or illegal fees taken by any county official the INTEL LIGENCER will be glad to expese them.

In the regular current of public affairs, every theft of money, under the garb of fees for services rendered, is a proper subject for public animadversion. The showed that he had arrested eight of law-making power of the commonwealth, these tramps, had only made two trips, aware of the natural disposition of man to get all he can, wisely provided that officials in public station should be paid a reasonable compensation for the services rendered to the public, and de- dozen arrests in the same neighborhood FIELD. They were his favorite flowers, clared what should be charged for every and travels, say, fifteen miles to make and the day was the anniversary of his service rendered by those in official place. them, he charges for ninety miles trav This is known as the fee bill. Every person having business in any of the courts of the &c. This practice offers great inducecommonwealth, and in any of the offices necessary in the administration of justice, has the right to consult this bill; and if the charges are greater than the fied, no doubt, when the alderman can law allows for each item of service he has the right to demand that only such service shall be paid for as is provided for by law, and at such rates as the law

We are also advised that there are ildrunkards, sales of property under orders of the court of common pleas, &c. In these the costs, when paid, are all tion of costs on the record; the costs collected by the prothonotary are in excess of the amount provided for these costs in the fee bill, but when the auditor to audit the accounts of the county officials with the state goes over these records, he holds the prothonotary accountable only for the legal fees, and the amined the new rules proposed for its Garfield and Arthur, recalls the fact that ture, upholstering, Bibles and other maexcess charged is all profit for that offi- party in this county and makes a report | in the last campaign all over the country

plaint that the charges of fees in our jections. The editor of the New Era, and with the cheer of every primary magcounty offices are mostly overcharges, who helped to make and recommend nate, was mingled the indignant denial and that the movement begun by the these rules, discovers, by means of this bar some years ago to remedy this, resulting in the preparation and publication of a fee bill, has resulted in no and his fellow Republicans, that these protection to the public. These undue rules are too complicated for the people spoils of the offices make them the stakes | that a minority candidate may be nomiof greedy and expensive struggles to get | nated under them, that they are a step | them, and the people have to foot the back toward the old delegate system, and bills, the lawyers maintaining that they that the proposition to hold the next cannot afford to make individual re- primary election or count its results sistance to the exactions of officials on under them, when their adoption is subwhose accommodation they must so mitted at the same time, is absurd, illelargely depend, and accordingly they gal and tends to party anarchy. It

let their clients be robbed. The fees of the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the New Era editor's political sagacity had he discovered and proclaimed these things before he joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years the joined in recommending the public officers as allowed by law are at this time but little in excess of what they were forty years in the joined in recommending the public of the joined in recommending the joined in the joined in recommending the joined in the joined in recommending the joined in the joined ago, and yet if anyone will put himself ing the rules. He is now put into the for clerical service, then, and compare them with what such services are now charged against parties in interest, he will find that the present charges are about three times as much as they were forty years ago. How is it that the forty years ago to the trouble to investigate the charges position of opposing what he so lately cruelty to be inflicted merely for your per- the shoemaker shop of James Alexander,

public are willing to allow officials to has only been influenced to retreat from 200 per cent. on the amount the law re- "expressions of distrust" which have quires them to pay,? Is it ignorance, or reached him "from various influential is it a willing tribute by the payers of quarters," in which the new rules seem this extortion as a voluntary gift to the to have been appreciated more clearly dominant party in the county? So far than by the local Republican newspapers, concerned we know that there is an en- only one that has had the intelligence promises to be large. tire absence of motive on their part to and courage to oppose them. It may contribute to the emoluments of official station, beyond what the strict letter of no present demonstration. One would the law requires. And we doubt wheththink that doctors and nurses would be er any Republican feels like giving any official any more for his services in any matter of business in the court house than is required by the fee bill. It would appear therefore that all fees charged in any matter before the court, or which is done in the offices of the court, in excess of what the law provides, as compensation for those fees, are just so much stolen from each individual whose mi-

fortunes compels him to pay them. The public have one ample means of protection. Every public officer is bound by law to give an itemized statement of whatever services he may render, with the fee charged for each specific service. He cannot refuse to render this itemized statement. And if in this itemized statement services are charged for, which were not rendered, or charged for at a price in excess of the fees allowed by law, then the party paying more than he ought to have paid has his made and received the extortionate fees are closed. under color of law.

Tumbling to the Game.

From the mass of testimony taken by the county auditors, some of which is irrelevant and more of it a repetition. there are a certain salient features which deserve special consideration and have the broadest significance. For example, these extracts will serve to fix public attention upon some points which this ournal has been hammering at for Auditor Greider-Did you charge mile-

friends who do not wish the sick man's age for each one of these tramps, as though Constable Eichholtz-If my bill says so, did; I'll stand by my bill. Greider-Had you warrants for these

tramps when you arrested them? Eichholtz—I had not.

Greider-You made but two trips and yet you charge mileage for 138 miles. Is that correct "

Eichheltz-If it is on the bill it is, Reed-When you arrest five or six persons at one time do you charge mileage

for each "

Eichholtz-Ne; not exactly. Reed-But your bill shows mileage

Greider-I find here a case of one Munson, in which Shav has costs taxed for costs, including mileage, and on the same

the same costs, including mileage, etc. Eichholtz-I don't know; I can't ex-

Auditor Greider-Do you charge for the arrest of a man on each separate charge, and also mileage for each ? Policeman Leman-I do not charge

mileage for each. Greider-Your bill shows that you did. Leman-We simply endorse our warrants and subpornas, and the alderman makes out the bill.

Greider-Who made out this bill? Leman (looking at the bill)-To the best of my knowledge and belief that is Alderman Spurrier's writing. Greider-I find you credited with 27

commitments in these cases; is that cor-Leman-That may be so; if the record

shows it, it doubtless is so.

Officer Shay testified that if the bill and had charged \$7.80 for mileage-130 miles-it must be correct.

These questions and answers show that when an officer has warrants for a half eled, and in the same way for subpænas, ments to make pretexts for numerous unnecessary warrants and subpoenas, and the policeman is all the more gratimanufacture the biggest bills for him. Quite naturally the officer takes his business where he "can make the most out of it," and the trade develops such a sympathy of feeling and interest that the partnership between the magistrates legal fees asked and taken, as a general and officers need not be reduced to writ thing, in the prothonotary's office, es- ing, for the mutual understandpecially in such cases as of inquisitions ing of it. This testimony proves, of lunacy, inquisitions against habitual too, that the alderman upon whom these policemen have mainly depended to get marked as "paid;" but there is no taxa- tion of this sort of business, for criticising which in just terms seven years that the prosecutor never dared to try. and it may be for a long time in the future.

Abandons His Rules. The sub-committee of the New Era's in which the rules are "damned with Indeed there is good ground for com faint praise" and with very forcible obcommittee, exactly what the Intelli-GENCER long ago pointed out to him would have been more to the credit of dying elephant's jaw-then, and then only team was found abandoned on the New

fleece them to the tune of from 100 to the position he so lately took by the congratulate itself on their prospective the examinations of the Lancaster alderdefeat, although when it opened fire on men. them it seemed to have no following in

> OFFICER LEAMAN had better employ a more competent clerk than 'Squire Spur-

Elementia stands by "the bill," and

Crystell char much have made a rely ig-lag course on the turnpike between here and Strasburg if he covered 130 miles

It is no discredit to anybody to say that Major Filler's hand and work are already seen on the editorial page of the Philadelphia Record. Alas! it and the Times are out of joint.

If Sam Evans has any more "red-hot" correspondence which has not already basket, it is time that he was getting it in. remedy by suing the official who has There are only tendays left and the entries

> In the House yesterday the Campbell-Camon Utah contested election case was rent. tinally disposed of by the adoption of the report of the committee declaring neither settlement.

As we vigorously protested against the ruthless vandalism which cut down the trees in front of the prison, so we heartily applaud the resolution of the present board generally. A new wharf will be erected of county commissioners to set new shade trees along that esplanade, and we would like to exact bonds from the next board the yard will exceed that of any preceding whip him, and while he was going for his that these shall not be removed.

an awkward position over the "new hours, washing the mud from the streets call of the county chairman neither provides for the election of a new county committee, nor for a meeting of the return judges, as the present rules provide, which cannot be changed except by vote of the people. Now, if the return judges, or holding session, in Columbia, at the Gerpart of them, meet and declare a ticket with a large attendance of clergy and layelected, and a delegate convention meets and declares another ticket elected, which

Robeson on the floor and in the committees of Congress and Chandler in the aseful purpose as warning lights against the grant of money for navy department jobbery. The congressional spendthrifts got a sharp check in the defeat of the motion of Mr. Harris, chairman of the naval affairs committee, to set apart two nights of each week from April 24th to consider two bills he had reported. One of them proposes to construct "six cruising vessels of war, one steam ram, and four steam Roads : Smith, Hershey, Filbert, harbor torpedo boats." The other proposes to rell all the useless ships and material on hand, and to set apart the money obtained, with future appropriations, as a permanent construction fund for the navy. Mr. Harris told the House, "We modestly ask the sum of \$10,000,000, to be expended in two years," and that settled it.

PERSONAL.

The Bedford county Democracy instruct for HOPKINS for governor. He seems to

Englishmen yesterday wore primroses in memory of the late Earl of Beacons-

The newspapers of Speaker Keifer's party seem to be undecided whether or not the disgraceful scenes of tumult in the House illustrates the growth of bad manners in Congress more clearly than it does the incapacity of the speaker.

This same old J. MADISON WELLS, who made Hayes president, is now discredited by a Republican federal commissioner sent South to investigate a claim. He reports that Wells' approval of any claim is sufficient to arouse suspicion of treachery and

The Pittsurgh Post, Carlisle Volunteer, and Erie Observer agree with most other people that as Judge TRUNKEY has said he is not his name shall not be used in connection and for his present station requires that he be taken at his word. In case he should up their big bills, is the same whose fine be compelled to accept the nomination for hand was seen in the Stauffer manipula- governor, usage and self respect would require his resignation from the bench, and the Democratic party would be without a ago we were visited with a libel suit representative in the highest judicial body of the state, pending the ensuing canvass,

> The editor of the San Francisco Argonaut, FRANK PIXLEY a noted Republican all over the party, up from the throat of every orator, from the pen of every writer, with the beer of every ward statesman, that the Republican party, or any prominent member in it, did not desire to restrict Chinese immigration. "It is a great vil." declared the platform. "It is an

nvasion," declared Garfield. When FRANCIS POWER CORRE Went to a noted Loudon scientist to protest against vivisection he mildly looked at her chothes and said : "When you have given up wearing ostrich feathers, which are plucked from the living bird causing the most exquisite pain; and birds of paradise which, in order to enhance their beauty and lustre, are skinned alive; when you have abjured the use of ivory, because come and upbraid me with the cruelty of Danville turnpike, near the toll

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CUMRESPUNDENCE,

Affairs Along the Susquehauna-Gleaning in and Around the Borough Picked Up by the Intelligencer's Reporter.

The trees are blocming. The peach crop as the Democratic part of the public is of which the Marietta Register is the in this section is all right and the yield Columbians say Company C items are not as much of a bore as the reports of

> The Shawnee rolling mill started up yesterday morning with eight furnaces at The painters of Columbia are very busy

just now.

The stove work directors are doing good work, although there is not so much talk about it as there was two weeks ago. \$12,000 worth of the matured old bonds pourtier stands by Elebhalia but who of the borough were ordered to be lifted br council. Ore; [16,000 worth of the

uen bond: have already been sold The choir of the Presbyteman church dissolved last night, prior to its re-organization for the present year. A special drill will be held in the armory

by company C this evening, the mem-

bers all to be fully equipped. W. H. Grier, orderly sergeaut of Co. A. 5th P. V. R., kept a diary of the proceedings of each, which contains many interesting reminiscences of the scenes and actions through which the company

The boiler at the saw mill of Mr. A. Bruner & Bro., was yesterday found to be cracked and in a rotten condition generbeen consigned to the Examiner's waste ally. A new one has been ordered and will be placed in position as soon as pos-

> The citizens band has removed to its new rooms, on Locust street, above 4th. These movings occur about once a month; perhaps it is cheaper to move than pay

Elecution club adjourned "over the summer."--Colored pupils too irregular at school .- The body of Henry Myers, a monwealth being unable to make out the of the contestants elected, and remanding landlord, of Locust Point, Md., aged 45, case. the case to the voters of the territory for will be buried from his son-in-law's (Mr. Henry Epple) residence, Marietta.—75 battery. The defendant is the teacher of a men of the local G. A. R., post, fully public school at Sterliner, West Hempfield equipped, will encamp at Gettysburg this township, and among his pupils is a boy summer.

The old outlet basin of the Pennsylvania canal is being dredged out and cleaned alleges, he went to school with very sore on the shore side to give H. F. Bruner in- teacher told him to wash his hands and he creased facilities for leading and unloading said he could not as his hands were sore; coal. The shipment and business done at the teacher then caught hold of him to

A storm burst upon Columbia about 8 Owing to the stupidity of the Republi- o'clock last evening, the lightning being a heavy stick, gave him several very secan county committee-except Burd Cas- unusually brilliant, while the roll of vere whippings, bruising him badly about sel of Marietta-that party puts itself in thunder was almost continuous. The the back, arms, and legs. The boy on rules." Assuming that they would be and thoroughly cleansing the town. Many adopted at the coming primary election, cellars were flooded, and on Cherry street which it is now likely they will not be, the I the water even entered some dwellings. The rain will result in incalculable benefit to crops, as it was needed in some sec-

German Lutheran Ministerium. The ministerium of the Old School Evangelical Lutheran church has been men present. The preparatory service was held at the house of Rev. S. Yingling after which service was held in the church in the German language, conducted by Rev. Geo P. Muller, of Marietta. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev F. P. Mayser president of conference, after naval department may, after all, serve a which the brethren partook of the Holy Communion. The election resulted in the re-election of Rev. F. P. Mayser, president and Rev. H. N. Fogley secretary. The treasurer's report showed a neat balance on hand. Rev. S. Yingling and E. M. Martins were elected as advisory members.

The Borough Government. At a recent meeting of council the fol committees were appointed: Finance: Hershey, Shuman, Property: Shuman, Smith, ket : Hardman, Kistler, Guiles. Paving : Guiles, Filbert, Hardman. Fire : Filbert, Guiles, Shuman, Gas and Water: Patton, Hershey, Smith. Sanitary and Po lice : Kistler, Hardman, Patton.

Borough officers were elected as follows Market-master and Superintendent of Hall, Mr. C. Strawbridge; Solicitor, Mr. A. J. Kauffman ; Regulator, Dr. E. W. Gourke, Ticketseller, Treasurer and Correspondent, Mr. J. H. Zeamer. The same lamplighters are to be retained until the present lease for lighting the borough has expired. D. Chalfant was elected supervisor and Landis Little, clockwinder. C. Wann was elected chief of the fire department. The salary of A. J. Kauffman, borough solicitor, was raised from \$50 to

LAST MIGHT'S STORM.

Church Struck by Lightning and Destroyed
—Other Damage. This city and vicinity were last night visited by one of the severest storms that has been known hereabout for some time. The lightning in the early part of the evening was unusually sharp and vivid, whilst the detonations of the thunder followed each other in loud and rapid succession, in some cases fairly shaking the buildings in their beavy crash. The rain fell in torrents, and the street, pavements and gutters were flooded for a while. The most serious damage is reported at Terre Hill, in East Earl township, where about 9 o'clock the and will not be a candidate, and desires that steeple of the Evangelical church, a two story stone structure, of which Rev. Mr. with the office of governor, respect for him | Swentzel is pastor, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed, the flames making such rapid headway that almost before the neighbors were aware of the catastrophe, nearly everything of a combustible nature had fallen a prey to the devouring element. This morning only the bare stone walls of the building remain to mark the spot where the people of the neighborhood were wont to worship. By the strenuous exertions of the large crowd who quickly collected, the two organs, of decided ability, who was a delegate to the clock, and the Sunday school library in committee of seventy-two" has ex- the Chicago convention that nominated the basement were saved. All the furniterials were completely destroyed. The loss will be heavy.

A tree standing in the road near Fairmount, between the school house and the residence of Michael Weaver, and quite near the latter building, was struck by lightning; the bolt divided and ran down both sides of the tree. The escape of Mr. Weaver's house was very fortunate.

Reports from the lower end of the county state that there was a severe hail storm, commencing about Refton, passing through West Willow and falling in heavy masses farther south. Very little damage was done, however.

Horse and Buggy Recovered. The horse, buggy and harness stolen from the premises of Wm. B. Mellinger, and advertised in yesterday's INTELLIGENyou know that the tusks are cut out of the | CER, have already been recovered. The benefit of my fellow-creatures; you cause was stolen, it was discovered that

APRIL COURT.

THE REGULAR QUARTER SESSIONS

Wednesday Afternoon-In the case of Lewis Sanders, charged with larceny, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Com'th vs. Anna C. Kohring, selling liquor on Sunday and to minors. The defendant is proprietress of the Mechanic's hall hotel, at Chestnut and Plum streets. this city. Joseph Puttski and Otto Hecht, testified that they bought whisky and beer from Mrs. Kohring on Sunday. George Heeht and Charles Huber, two minors, swore that Mrs. Kohring had sold them liquor in the week and once on

The defense called Mrs. Kohring, and she testified that she never sold or gave away any liquor on Sanday or to miners. enter not to do so. The mitne . e. never obtained diquer there on Sunday, bartenders and female screen of Mr. Kohing testified that they persy sold any liquors to miners or on Sunday, and did not know Mrs. Kohring to sell any. The saloon was always closed on Saturday night and not opened until Monday. Other witnesses testified that they never saw liquor sold there. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, with the prosecutor, Joseph Puttski, to pay costs.

In the case of Wayne Bard, of Ephrata township, charged with felonious assault and battery on his wife, a nol pros was

In the case of John P. Kilbarn, of Strasburg, charged with disturbing a religious meeting, a verdict of not guilty was taken, with county for office costs, for want of evidence. A not pres was entered in the case of George Groff, charged with a like offense, as the prosecutors did not wish to push the case; the defendant paid all

A not pres was entered in the case of, L. K. Fondersmith, charged with forcible entry and malicious mischief, the com-

Com'th vs. Harry L. Viller, assault and named Andrew Noll, aged twelve years.
On the second day of March, as the boy hands which were badly chapped; the stick the boy ran out of the school house; the teacher followed him, and, picking up cross examination stated that he had used profane language to the teacher when he told him to wash his hands. Several witnesses testified that they saw the boys' back which was full of ugly bruises. The defense was that young Noll, who was a very bad boy and raised a great

deal of disturbance in the school, came to school with a very dirty face and hands on this morning. He was told several times to wash them but refused and finally ran out of the school house, swearing as he made his exit. The teacher followed and asked him to come in and attempted to take him After considerable trouble he got him in and gave him a whipping with a stick about as thick as the small finger of a man. Other witnesses testified to the bad conduct of the boy on this occa-

The grand jury returned the following

True Bills .- Henry L. Villee and Fred. Schaeffer, assault and battery; A. W. Wovelward, felonious assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons; Christain Seldomridge, fornication and bastardy; David F. Horst, cruelty to animals; Paris Plumer, fornication and bastardy and seduction. Ignored .- John Eberly, larceny.

Thursday Morning-In the case of Com'th vs. Harry L. Villee, charged with assault and battery, the defense called several witnesses to prove the defendant's good character as a school teacher. Com'th vs. Henry Schaeffer, sr., felon

ious assault and battery; Frederick Schaeffer, ir., assault audibattery: Ernest Schaeffer, assault. The defendants reside on the south side of the Conestoga creek, at Reigart's landing, and right opposite to them on the side next to the city resides Christian Arleth and family. On the 8th of April Mr. Arleth's two daughters Lizzie and Kate passed across the bridge at this point and walked on the land of the accused. Immediately Ernst Schaeffer ian down from his house and hissed two dogs after them. The girls ran behind August Roth and he assisted in chasing the dogs away. The other two defendants then with some others of the family then ran down to where the girls were and told them to leave. The girls walked down to the creek and on the old towpath. Soon afterwards the accused followed them and threatened to kill them. The old man took hold of Kate with a tight grip, leaving the marks of his fingers on her arms. and also attempted to throw her into the creek. Frederick, jr., assaulted Lizzie by putting his fist in her face, catching hold of her and using other violence, Lizzie ran and cried murder, and both girls were rescued by persons who were near. Both girls were terribly frightened and Katie was very much prostrated by fright for several days. The prosecution called a number of witnesses who testified to these

The defense called all of the defendants. They showed that the bridge is owned by Schaeffer, who recently had it built. There is a bad feeling existing between the two families, and the Schaeffers had warned the Arleths to stay off the land. On this day Ernest Schaeffer told them to leave, and as they did not do so called the other members of the family. He did not make any assault or hiss the dogs on them. The animals were but pups and were not cross. The other defendants testified that they did not commit the can say is "Philadelphia," and he is conoffense alleged, but only endeavored to eject the girl from the premises. On trial. George W. McAlpine alias Harris, the

young man who was arrested at the house of A. P. McIlvaine at Bellmont, Paradise township, was brought into court to plead guilty to feloneous assault and battery. The history of this young man's offense was given fully in the INTELLIGENCER at the time of the occurrence. Before passing sentence Mr. McIlvaine made a statement. It appears that McAlpino who knew Mr. McIlvaine, came to his house some time ago and was going to remain over night. He got up at a late hour after the family had retired and complained of feeling sick. Mr. McIlvaine went to his room and then proceeded to get him some ginger brandy. When he returned to the room McAlpine had on a mask and a large pistol was in his hand. He placed the weapen at the head of Mr. McIlvaine and told him to keep quiet. The latter caught hold of him and after a tussle got out of his room. The neighbors was arrested. In his effects were found one for thirty days. The wandering Arab, two revolvers several masks and false whose presence on the street was noticed beards, a large dirk knife, bottle of chloroform and some other things. After hearing Mr. McIlvaine's statement the court sentenced the prisoner to undergo an imprisonment of five years at labor. In the

bills:

True Bills.—Irwin Rineer and Samuel Porter, fornication and bastardy; Wm. Heston, assault; Benjamin Morton, George

have find the board of directors of the bank. Mr. Falck will leave for his is a very responsible man and made a number of complaints against young men

Braime and John Backett, assault and bat tery; Samuel M. Hess, false pretense Joseph Hinder and John Larne, felonious assault and battery ; Robert C. Thornton bigamy; Maze Taylor, forpication Michael Slain, larceny (four cases); Peter Robinson, larceny as bailee; Borough of Adamstown, neglect of duty.

Ignored-Charles Black, assault and battery, with Ida Baight for costs; Chas. Black, carrying concealed deadly weapons. with A. J. Kauffman for costs; City of Lancaster, nuisance with county for costs; Harry Snyder, assault and battery, with Samuel Taylor for costs; John Eberly, false pretense, with Mary Eberly for costs George Ehman and Leonard Schoenberger conspiracy and larceny; Fred Grotwald assault and battery, with county for costs.

LITTLE LUCALS.

Here and There god Everywhere. Alderman McConome this afternoon committed the men for ten days, each of thom Kathread Officer Pyle had caught

tealing rides on treight trains. On fast line west this afternoon there were 70 persons who were going to California and New Mexico on the California excursion. They were quartered in Pull-

Mr. Wohlsen, builder and carpenter, to whom was awarded the contract for building the Lighth ward public school house, has already broken ground for the new structure, and will push forward the work with his accustomed vigor. The school house is to be finished by the 15th of August.

A small audience witnessed the performance of " A Life's Mistake," by Alex Caufman and his company, at Fulton opera house last evening. The play gave general satisfaction and was worthy of a

more liberal patronage. This afternoon a man named Welsh while drunk went to a house on South Queen street near Middle and raised a light. He is a powerful man, and it required Chief Deichler and Officers Stormfeltz, Cramer and Leman to get him to the station house, as he resisted the whole

The funeral of Adam S. Dietrich took place from his late residence in Manor township and was very largely attended. The religious services were conducted by Revs. Brubaker and Shenk. The inter ment took place in the Old Mennonite

burying ground. The programme of the entertainment to be given to morrow evening in the Duke street M. E. church, by the Haven literary society, will embrace some choice musical and elocutionary selections. Besides the best home talent attainable, Mrs. Westlake and Miss Warner of Millersville; Mr. Ovan Mercer, of Philadelphia; Miss Bruner, of Columbia, and Miss Landis, of

Strasburg, will take part in the exercises. The fair of St. Anthony's church continues in successful operation at Excelsion hall and nightly attracts large attendance. The display of goods is still very attractive and it will pay any one in need of the many articles of use and ornament there on sale and chance to visit the hall and

pass a pleasant evening. Arrangements for the fair of St. Mary' congregation which begins at the opera house to night, and which is for the benefit of the new orphanage and Sisters' house, are in active preparation as we go to press, and the ladies expect to receive their visitors this evening

SNEAK THIEF ARRESTED.

Stolen Goods Found on His Person. Last evening about 6 o'clock Officer Mercer arrested a drunken man near the corner of Walnut and Duke streets under rather suspicious circumstances. He had been in the yards adjoining the residences of several citizens in the neighborhood, and was seen to go from one yard to another by climbing the fence: instead of entering by the gate. When arrested he had in his possession an ironing cloth, an ironholder, black vest, in the pocket of which was a black snuff-box in the form of a shoe, and a lady's gold pencil case. He was taken to the lockup where he gave his name as James Murphy. The mayor this morning committed him to the county prison for drunken and disorderly conduct, in the hope that the property which was believed to have been stolen would be identified. After he was committed it was ascertained that the stolen goods belonged to George K. Shultz, who lives with his uncle. Rudolph Shultz, sexton of Trinity church, No. 35 South Duke street, near the church. The fellow had entered the back kitchen door by climbing over the fence of the adjoining graveyard. He also stole the ironing cloth from the kitchen and a black coat containing a blue silk handkerehief and a vest containing a snuff box and pencil-case from the adjoining room, and decamped by the same route by which he had entered. The family were up-stairs at the time, and heard him in the house, but by the time they came is probable he pawned or sold them.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Sick Arab Almost Hangs Himself. As will be seen elsewhere, a sick Arab was this morning committed to the county prison. He was assigned to cell No. and during the forenoon he attempted to take his life. About half-past ten o'elock Underkeeper Smith heard a noise in the cell and went at once to it. He found that the Arab had hung himself with the cord used to open the window of the cell He had got on the bed, and after tying the rope tightly around his neck swung himself off. When found his feet were off the floor, and he would have been dead in a short time had it not been for Mr. Smith's timely discovery. He was quickly cut down, and he did not seem to be much the worse for his experience. He was able to talk, but could not say much. The man is sick and seems to be greatly worried about something. He is unable to speak our language or he would probably tell an interesting tale. One word that he tinually yelling it.

-Shortly before noon the Arab again attempted suicide in the same way as before. He was cut down by Keeper Burkholder and an officer was placed to watch him.

Day of Appeal.

The water committee of city councils is sitting in select council chamber to-day, hearing appeals of taxpayers from the astheir properties for the present year. The number of appellants is not so great as on some former years, owing to the fact that ex-Water Superintendent Kitch has during the past few days been sitting for the accommodation of water renters, making alterations and corrections by reason of change in ownership of certain properties and other causes.

The Mayor's Court.

Mayor MacGonigle had eight cases be fore him this morning, most of whom were lodgers. He discharged five of them and committed two for five days each and yesterday, was sent out, as he was ill and needed medical attention. He had committed no offense and his commitment was twice on the same day. Would not one at his own request.

Resigned. case of carrying concealed weapons and attempting to rob verdicts of not guilty were taken.

The grand jury returned the following

Milton S. Falck, a clerk in the Lancaster County National bank has resigned to accept a position in a drug store at Asbury Park. His successor will be chosen at the that name—one from this city and the

THE INVESTIGATION.

ALDER AN H E. MCCONOMY ON THE

He Issues a Warrant for Every Complaint, Alderman H. R. McConomy, of the First ward, affir ned. He answered negatively the five leading questions asked the officers, heretofore published, qualifying one of his answers with the remark that in issuing subponas where all the witnesses were not known he allowed the officers to add other witnesses' names : and in a few cases, where complaints had been made against offenders whose names were not known, but a

the description on the warrant until the name could be ascertained. Q .- How many cases did you return to ourt during the past year? A.—29.
Mr. Greider—The whole humber of are heard and dismissed according to you bills, was all, the costs, \$800.50. The constables bills show 140 as as, and

description of whom was given, he placed

the coats \$590 to Q.-Do you issue complaints and warrants in every case heard? A .- Yes, sir. Q.-Do you preserve them? A.-Yes, for a year or two. I make out bills for policemen and constables.

Q .- Do you duplicate cases? A .- I issue a warrant for every complaint made. If a man is arrested for drunken and disorderly conduct, and some other offense, I issue a warrant for each complaint.

Mr. Greider-Here is a bill for three earch warrants, I wish you to explain. A .- A warrant is issued for a search for goods believed to be in a certain house the goods are not found; then a belief is entertained by the officer that the goods are concealed in another house, and another warrant is issued. The officers are entitled to be paid for the service of these warrants.

Q.-I see that Officer James Kautz is prosecutor in thirteen cases, two of which are for larceny against the same defendant on the same day. Is not this duplicating cases? A .- No; the two larcenies were distinct offences, the goods belonging to different persons.

Q .- Do you ever make inquiry into the nature of the complaints made before you before receiving the complaint? A .-Yes; I think I refuse to entertain as many cases as I entertain.

Q.—Can you dismiss a case without a hearing? A.—Not without an examination; though it may be dismissed without any witnesses being heard.

Q .- Have you many railroad cases befor you? Yes, sir; a good many.

Q .- llow are you paid? A .- I am paid by the Pennsylvania railroad company; I charge nothing to the county for such cases. I collect the penalty from the train jumpers, whenever I can, and have paid over to the school board the sum of \$21.60, a part of the penalties collected. Q .- When you issue warrants to officers,

and they arrest several persons on one single trip do you allow them mileage on each case? A .- I allow them nothing ; they endorse their claims for service on the back of the warrants and I make out their bills for the amount claimed by them in their return. Q .- Do you know any professional pros centors? A .- I do not.

Q .- I see that Mr. Kautz is prosecutor in a great many cases? A .- His name nd on my docket except those special cases, and if you knew the circumstances they would not appear so bad as the look on the bills. The accused were boys who were charged with stealing books from the public school houses, and the officer was urged, by patrons of the schools, to bring the complaint.

Q.-Why did not those people make complaints themselves? A .- They claimed that the offense being known it was the officer's duty to make the complaint. Mr. Greider-When an officer makes

complaint we hold that he ought to have sufficient evidence to make his case good or receive no pay. The examination drifted into a pleasant hat between the alderman and the audi-

tors, at the end of which an adjournment took place.

The Late Clerk of Commis I. N. S. Will, late clerk to county commissioners, was affirmed and examined. He said the county commissioners were all present on the day that Barnes', Mc-Mellen's and Sheriff Strine's bills were passed. McMellen's bill was passed late in the afternoon, say 4:30 p. m.; I would not be certain that when McMellen's bill was passed Mr. Montgomery was present. The sheriff's bill was passed late at night ; he had to hunt up the commissioners to sign it.; when he found Coble he couldn't find Bushong. Strine wanted to have his bill settled before the expiration of the term of the commissioners with whom he served. Montgomery was present during the day but witness did not know whether or not he was present when the above named bills were passed. [As a matter down stairs he was gone. The coat and of fact Montgomery did not participate in handkerchief have not been found, and it the approval or payment of these bills was not present when they were paid, and he sayshe had understood prior to that that the board had adjourned sine die .-

> Squire Barr Comes Up Smiling. Thursday Morning .- At 10 o'clock Alderman J. K. Barr, of the Third ward, appeared before the auditors, and on being sworn had read to him the five questions put to the other witnesses, and answered them all negatively. He testified that he had with him all the subpoenas, complaints and warrants issued by him. He had them done up very nicely in packages those of each month in a separate package. He stated that he occupied an office that had been used as an alderman's office for 18 years; he was very often called up at night to take complaints, the truth of which at the time he had no means of ascertaining; that he refused to hear a great many complaints, and had never taken one made by a drunken person; that

in 1881 he returned 115 cases to court. Mr. Greider-Your bills for 1881 show that you charge the county \$2,344.23 costs in 856 cases, while the constables' costs are \$1,570.99 for 725 cases. How do you account for the difference between the number of your own and the constables' cases? A .- There were cases in which persons were complained against by other complainants than officers; officers get no pay for dismissed cases of drunken and disorderly conduct, while I do get pay; these and the cases returned to court wil account for the difference. I have had four city officers doing business for me sessments for water rent levied against during the year. You will find that very few of the complaints made by them were dismissed, most of their cases being returned to court.

> The alderman went on to say in answer to questions that he never issued a warrant without a complaint had been made: he could not decide upon the character of the complaint or the complaint until he had heard the evidence. He makes out the officers bills against the county, because they cannot well do it. They make return of the warants served by them and endorse the costs upon the back; they swear to their mileage, and in making out their bills I put down the distance sworn to. Mr. Greider-In your bill for October I

> find you had 96 cases, 86 of which were Hamilton, who prosecutes Jacob Price complaint and warrant have covered these cases? A.-No; I issue a warrant on

every complaint. Mr. Greider-Who is Samuel Miller