

Lancaster Intelligencer.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 2, 1884.

Fitz John Porter's Case.

The county auditors have at length made their report, and they surcharge the commissioners with a good round sum. If the county shall recover judgment the expenses of the auditors' long term will be more than repaid and the county tax may yet be cut down to two mills.

THE COUNTY AUDITORS.

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BURNED TO DEATH.

LIVES LOST AND HOUSES BURNED.

A Disaster in Alliance, Ohio, by Which Seven People Were Killed—Saw Work.

In Alliance, a terrible explosion of gas took place last night, by which seven lives were lost, and property to the value of \$100,000 was destroyed. The explosion occurred at the residence of F. M. Orr, Friday afternoon, the result of which was the entire demolition of the Orr block, together with the Miller building on the west side and two frame buildings on the east side. A number of people were buried under the ruins. Seven lives are known to be lost, among them being F. M. Orr, the proprietor of the store and block, and his son Elmer.

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THE GROUND HOG.

ITS ANNUAL VISITATION AT LAST.

The Sign of the False Weather Prophet.

This has been a bad winter for the weather. The predictions have failed in every particular. The ground hog, the sign of the false weather prophet, has been as far wrong as Mars, the Western astrologist, who the New Jersey seer has only made him less ridiculous by his woe predictions than has Gess, Hazen, the unsuccessful successor of "Old Probabilities." The goose bane has gone back on its faithful followers. The thin corn husks are no longer a sign of mid-winter. The hares that built their burrows in the snow, and the blackbirds and robins that declined to go South on the approach of winter. The squirrels that laid in a small supply of nuts have been on half rations for quite a time, and even the musk rats and beavers, who fitted their quarters for an open winter, can no longer be relied on as prognosticators of the weather.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

HEARING OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS—THE JUDGES.

THE DAY WINTER IN LANCASTER.

Late yesterday afternoon the plaintiff in the case of Franklin Diller, for the use of Joanna Stehman vs. the Penn Iron Company, the plaintiff asking for an amount of \$100,000, was allowed, the defense pleading surprise and the case was continued at the cost of the plaintiff. This was the last case ready for trial and the jurors were discharged. A charter was granted for the opening of Union street in the southwestern district of the city, upon the terms of the act of assembly being complied with.

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IN SOCIETY.

A VERY BRILLIANT SOCIAL GATHERING.

The Present has been an exceptionally brilliant Lancaster for even the most hospitable Lancaster has never witnessed the memory of man reaching not to the contrary, the city's reputation as a center of social festivities has been established, but it remained for the holiday season that is now coming to a close to carry for the county seat of the grandest of the state a high notch in society's temple.

Before the Christmas season was fairly ushered in, the round of social enjoyment began. Much of the gaiety may be attributed to the fact that the good sleighing, which has been abundant since Dec. 18. At all times of the day and night for weeks past, it was not an unusual sight to view sleighing parties with light hearts and merry faces hastening over the crisp snow, and for the many hospitals, in the city and private residences within the county bounds, Assemblies, societies, receptions, teas, wedding anniversaries, phantom parties and games succeeded one another in rapid succession, and the many visitors who came to Lancaster for the holidays and since have been enthusiastic in praise of the warmth and hospitality of their reception.

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THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH.

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