The Lancaster Intelligence

STEALS IN STAMPS.

ROW A LANGASTER COUNTY PONIMAN.

And How the Government Officials tim After Him and Made Him Disgorge. The Receipts and Compensations of the Fourth Class Offices. The Reasons For Changes.

Binkley's Bridge, Lancaster county, Penn sylvania, is not much of a town. The United States government business at that point, conwisting chiefly of postal service, is not very extensive. Nevertheless for some years the receipts of the postoffice there have been recorded as very considerable. Often they were returned at as much as \$100 per quarter. is this required the mailing of an average of about 6s letters per day, and as 5 or 6 etters comprise about the usual amount of mail from that point, it began to be considered a little strange that so many slamps were cancelled and so much business reported when so little was actually done. The government began an investigation

and prosecuted it to a conclusion. Hence there has been a change in the ostmastership at Hinkley's Bridge and Eif Althouse has been superseded by John Reb-

THE COMPANY CON OF THE PARTIES. The government is liberal in its compansation of the little postoffice, which are maintained chiefly for public convenience and not for federal revenue only. Inder existing aws the number of stamps cancelled is taken as the test of the business as tunity done and of the services conterest, and this is fixed by of the services undered, and this is had by the swarr return of the incombent. For the first the of every quarier's business the postmester is sliced all the receipts; that is is is given for nothing \$50 worth of slamps to sell and if the business of the office reaches only \$50 he pockets it all in commissions, for the next \$100 in a quarter he takes 60 per author percent of the max \$200 and to per conf. on the next \$250. It may happen that at waterang places for instance, the business will
reach \$700 or \$500 in usingle quarter and then
hall off so that the total in a year will not be
over \$1,000, and yet the office be continued
as of fourth-class grafe. To provide against
such grows income in a three month the
department regulates that the scary of no
one quarter shall exceed \$200.

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to ther the this law the compensation of these postmasters depended upon the min-ber of stamps they said. This subjected the government to environment abuses. It was common for postmasters to trade off large quantities of stamps at a discount to trades men, and pooket the difference between this abuse of official trust. The higher class offices whose patrons were thus supplied, suffered in receipts and the government was grossly cheated. Hence the law was changed and the amount of cancellations the basis of compensation. But even this has not stopped the swinding, and the practice has already become just common smong country postmasters of getting stamps from the government in much larger quan-tiles than the needs of their off a require.

The postuniters in the lowns are required to observe and report firms doing extension business who never buy stamps at the business of the content of the co matter offices, descriptions between parterly returns and especially when a new polution of the politicater is followed by a udden shrinkage of bosiness are signs that In a weneral order stars time ago Post-

master Vilas said.

From a number of cases resently brought to the notice of the department, where the facts have been securialized through the special investigators of pestelles imagestors, it has become apparent that many perman-ters at fourth class offices to see teem guilty of habitually rendering to the and tor large re-

Under the act of June 11, 1875, win any case, where the postmaster general stail he extend that a perimeter has maken a tale record of business, it shall be within her discrete the discrete the discrete that it is a stail returns and allow any component on the matter and returns and some stail maken. And say postmaster who shall make a false return boths suching, for the purpose of fraudulently increasing his compensation under the provides at the case, the purpose of the deemer guitty of a mission apart, and conviction thereof, shall be fixed in a sain out less than its part post allowed. retion of the court; and no postmaster of any class or other person connected with the postal serves, intrinsied with the sale or custody of postage stamps, stamped en velopes or postal cards, shoulose or disposa-of them in the payment of debts, or in the surchase of merchan disc or other salable ar-noles, or pleage or hypothecate the same, or sell or dispose of postage stamps or postal cards for any larger or less sum than the sed or dispose of postage stamps or postal cards for any larger or less sum then the values indicated on their faces, or sell or dispose of stamped envelopes for a larger or less sum than is charged therefor by the post office department for like quantities, or sell or dispose of postage stamps, stamped cuvelones, or postal cards otherwise than as provided by law and the regulations of the post office department; and any postmaster or other person connected with the postal service, who shall violate any of these proservice, who shall violate any of these pro-visions, shall be deemed guilty of a misde-meanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be used in any sum not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned

for a term not expeeding one year."
In no case should the sales of stamps, stamped envelopes, &c., be taken as a basis for computing the commissions of postmasters at fourth class offices. The statue above quoted has been recently applied in a number of cases, and the postnasters' compensation reduced many thous

ands of dollars in those considered. In future the department will make fre-quent and special examination of the ar-counts of postmasters, which will be in addition to the examination given them by the auditor, and in every case where, from such examination, or from investigations to be made through postoffice inspectors, it appears that a postmaster has deliberately ren tered false returns of business, or has made out his returns from memory, or upon estimate and not from an actual rec-ord kept by him, the exercise of the discretion conferred by the act of Congress referred to above will require his commis-sions on such returns to be withheld, and such compensation only allowed as shall be deemed reasonable under the circumstances, and the guilty party will be summarily dis-

Every newly appointed postmaster who observes his cancellations to be materially test than those reported by his predecessor has been enjoined to promptly communicate the facts to the third assistant postmaster

THE BINKLEY'S EBIDGE CASE.

In the case of the late postmaster a Binkley's Bridge it was discovered that for yours back he had been buying stamps in much larger quantities than the needs of his office or the cancellations; and making returns based on his purchases from the gov-ernment and sales, not as required by law. After a full investigation and his affidavidisclaiming intentional fraud, a settlement was effected by which he paid to the govern-

was effected by which he pain to the govern-ment threten hundred dollars is restitution of his irregularities.

It is believed Althouse sold or traded his stamps chiefly in this city; and his embarrass-ment should be a warning to any of our tradesmen or other business men who may be exchanging roods for postage stamps in the exchanging goods for postage stamps in any considerable quantity or buying stamps at a discount that they are most likely sliding to get somebody into trouble if not into the

Latest From the Court House Clock 3:30 this afternoon, hands still point to thous for coal. Four hunds it is were reported favorably.

GEN. WELSH POST, OF COLUMNIA, HAFE A OUGD TIME

I wo Hundred and Fifty Attend the Feast in the Blok-The Distinguished Visitors Who Were There Services in the Churches Boat

Regular Correspondence of 1 vita marrows.

Continua, Dec. 11. The members of Gen. Wetch Post No. 118 G. A. R., held a camp fire in the rink last night. The post members and visitors assembled in the post room, where a short time was spent in pleas ant conversation. About eight n'clock, headed by the Irenville band, the headed by the learned band, the entire party marched up Locust street to the rink, where the camp fire was held. Three large tables had been put up, running lengthwise around where the comrades were seated, and a bountful lunch enjoyed. In the centre of the room was a table around which were seated for the control of the room was a table around which were seated for the control of the room was a table around which were seated for the control of the room. Mrs. Gen. Welsh and two daughters; the speakers of the evening, and the officers of the local post. The attendance numbered about 250 persons and the good things quickly disappeared. After all present had eaten to their fill, speaking was the order of the evening, the speakers being introduced by Major J. W. Yocum, Remarks were made by Department Commander J. F. S. Gobin, Hon. Marriott Brostus, Assistant Adjutant General Thos. J. Stewart, Hop. J. F. Wokersham, Msfor A. C. Reinechl and others, who referred to the pleasant occasions of this kind and recalled reminiscences dear to the heart of the Grand Mrs. Gon, Weish and two daughters : nintscences derr to the heart of the Grand Army men. Letters were read from General W. W. Dudley, ex-commissioner of pen-sions, of Washington, John M. Vandersice and A. Wilson Norris, of Philadelphia, regretting their instillity to be present and wishing success to the comrades present. During the evening the Ironville band rendered very fine music. About eleven o'clock the camp-fire broke up and all left for their homes, saying that the camp fire was a great success. The galleries were filled with cit-lens of town, their wives and families.

Among the Churches. On Sunday evening the second lecture of the course will be delivered in the Second Street Lutheran church, by Rev. Wm. P. Evans, paster, on the subject of "Failure." Kay, J. H. Pannobesser, paster of the Reformed church, will observe the third anniversary of his present pasterate, by preaching an appropriate sermon on Sanday even

ing.
At the Church of said the observance of feet washing will take placeon Sunday even-ing. Several persons will be admitted to the

tion on next Monday morning, arrangements will be made for holding a week of prayer. Facoral of Henry Mosey. The luneral of Henry M. Mosey, of Marietta, who met with instant death at Harris

ourg on Uriday morning, will take place on Sumbay afternoon at two o'clock. Post No. 125, b. A. R. the is night of Pythias and the Proneer tire company of which deceased was a member will attend the funeral in a body. The water has been drawn off from the

Jennsylvania and Suspiehanna and Tideexter canals. The water will remain in the compylvania canal until nfly-three canal boats now lying in this canal have been put in winter quarters. The company is at an expense of the per day in cutting ice to allow the boats to move to their destination. Forty-two boats are at Southern markets, where they will most likely remain during the yesterday. Ice five inches thick had to be cut from the basis to allow the boat to get to the chutes. Orders have been received to recommence dumping coal at the chutes
Town Notes

A very large number of children, were a the Unrishman market in the armory last The managers leel very much encouraged at the success which attended their efforts. It closed this afternoon.

to Lan aster this morning by Squire Evans, where he will be taken before the judges with a view of sending him to the House of

Reluge. The parents of the boy are dead and, he is each to be incorrigible.

Twelve members of the Salvation Army parent through town yesterday on their way to york. They had a lot of baggage which had to be transferred from the Heading to the Petrosylvania railroad station. One of the Army remarked to the baggage master that 'lle would have a -- of a time to get the laggage through the snow." A pleasant party was held last evening at the houseof Last Hurst, on Walnut street, twin Serienth. Soxytwo persons were

a fox which sought reloge in the attributor at farmer. This man demanded \$10 for the animal but the party secured it by paying \$4 A report was received in town that Charles Hitseliae, a former resident of town, but now employed on the Battimore Central rathroad, was knowled from his train while running between Philadelphia and West Chester and

BUNCO HARRY RETNOLDS.

He Serves His Sentence at Williamsport With the Exception of Paring His Fine The sentence of Harry Reynolds, or "Bunco Harry," as he is known by, expired in Williamsport on I day, but he is still lingering in ail. He has paid everything now but his time of \$50, and is being held for that. It seems that Harry is a much sought after man, and many people are anxious to interview him. sheriff sprague now holds two warrants from Laneaster county for him, and has re-coived a letter from the chief of police of Newville, Cumberiand county, giving his description and inquiring about him, and also one from Dauphin county. Reynolds feels very bally to think that he is kept in jail, and proposes to make it exceedingly suffry for numerous persons when he gets out. He proposes to deal in law quite ex-tensively, and is going to bring suit against J. W. Sweely for libel. Farmer sgainst J. W. Sweely for fibel, Farmer schmole for perjury, and Officer Lee Berry for breaking in his door at Pauphin at the time he was arrested. It is pretty evident from all reports that Mr. Reynolds had better keep as far away from the temple of justice as possible if he knows what is nealthy for him. When the sheriff went in to see him be commenced to hurl a tirade of abuse at him, but the sheriff soon quelled ha bestive banco man.

Sensational testimony made the Merguade trial in New York bristle with life Friday. Dully was cross examined by Mr. New embe, who reasted him for an hour. In getting even Daily dropped his stupid re-plies and broke the monotony of the hour by telling Mr. Nivell that the whitewashing testimony which he gave to Mr. Conking before the Senate investigation committee was agreed upon in Newcombe's office acid at the suggestion of Mr. Newcombe. The scene that followed this thrust was exciting indeed. Mr. Newcombe demanded perhission to take the stand at once and prove Duffy a perjurer. This was one of the sensational incidents of the day. There was apparently other fire directed against Mr. Newcombe, for he said in the course of the day that he had received two letters threat-ening that he would be assaulted for his seere cross examination of Duffy.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Samuel Musketnuss, backman, has been aid for a hearing before Alderman Deen on harges of surety of the peace and drunk and The mayor to-day received \$10 from Hou.

Long and \$2.50 from Col. H. A. Ham bright for the soup fund. The "Across the Atlantic" band made street parade at noon and looked well in sailor

maker who wrapped 2 800 four and a half incheigars from two ounces of wrappers.

On Monday the semi-annual meeting of the Lancaster Bar association will be held.

W. B. Altick, of D. A. Altick's Sons' car-

riage builders, left this afternoon for Savar

nah on a business trip.
On a two days gunning trip Charles Franciscus and Frank Clark killed thirty-nine partridges and ten rabbits. The fluchanan-McLvoy relief committee met yesterday, and acted upon the applica-tions for coal. Four hundred and twenty-five WILL IT BE BROWN?



PLACE IN REAPERS CARINET.

The Conference in Philadelphia on Friday and To-day-No Outcome of the Matter Yet Indicated-Mager Arrives to Relaforce the

Special to the Intermediances.

PRILADELPHIA, Dec. 11 - The announcement of the proposed conference of Republican politicians here yesterday to consider ar d determine the composition of Governor-elect Beaver's capinet preceded the advent of some of the participants and soured others them away. In fact, while the hotel corridors and lobbies were filled with buzzing newspaper men, little substantfal was accomplished. Senators Rutan and Newmyer were around but did not show up, Senate Clerk Cochran and Senator Mylin were with Brown looking after his interests, but all went off together on the early evening train-without a commission. Cooper was biquitous and declared himself certain, Rutan mollified and that some eminent jurist had fortified him with a decision affirming his eligibility, but he presented no certificate from Butan and failed to disclose the udicatory that had decided his case in advance. Beaver was concealed somewhere in the city, but kept out of harm's way. Quay and Cameron fenced until a late hour and neitner is quite sure whom the other is for.

The real conference is on to-day. Cameron, Beaver and Quay are here. Magee, like young Lochinvar, came out of the West today, arriving on the early morning train from Pittsburg. He is for Brown up to the handle. If he stands by him ; if Cameron stays with Gilbert. Beaver with Williams, Quay may yet get a controlling vote in the choice. At this hour of 1 p. m. none of this quartette knows who will be the next attor-

Cooper's chances are not yet extinct. When they become so Brosius will be talked of for secretary of state. He has not been se-riously considered for altorney general, except in friendly newspaper offices. The talk of Benjamin Harris Brewster as a

compromise candidate for attorney general is secribed in some quarters to the older Came-ron, who is his devoted friend. By others, it is soouted; Brewster, it is said, would not take the place, and the Donegal chieflain is said to be for Brown, who has so long worn the fartan of the Located dan.

PROBE AT NOME

Beaver for attorney general, was engaged law office to professional work. He declined to say what occurred at his reported confer enco in Philadelphia with quay, and Cameron yesterday or whether or not he saw Beaver. for himself or through others solinit the appointment. None the less in legal, outcome of the present pulling and haul much interest. Mr. Brown is another lilus tration of the large number of business and professional men, not native to the manner born, who have achieved success and forever won these in greater degree by his own gentus and efforts. He is the 77th year of his age and was born in York, Pa, on the banks the slowly moving Codorus. But his ansestors were good old Lancaster county stock. of the sturdy race that has so largely peopled the lower end of this county. The Browns of Dramore were there longer than a century age; and, of his father's family, two brothers. David and Lea P., are prominent men b but section at present. The father of young Brown was the late Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, who died in this city June 19, 1852, but whose life had been mainly devoted elsewhere to the service of the Lutheran church. He spent much of this experience in pastoral service but closed his career as president of the theological seminary at fetty-source. His wife and withow is a daughter of the late firs wite and witten is a daugner of the late for Jacob Hay of York, and so it happened that after his graduation in 1867, and while engaged as tutor on Greek in his alma mater, Pennsylvania college, Jacob Hay Brown was prosecuting the study of the law under the direction of Cochran & Hay, of York, a law firm whose junter partner was his uncle.

Up to the day he offered himself for ex amination for admission to the bar he had never spent a day in a lawyer's office. Judge Fisher, still living in York, was then sole judge of York and Adams counties, where three judges now dispense law. Even then he had time enough on hand to examine or hear the examination of applicants for the bar in open court and leisurely. The stu-dents turned out in a body to hear their tutor prizzed and to see the termenter termented. After the examination by the bar committee the judge himself took a hand and adminis tered the eath of admission.

COMES TO LANCASIER. His admission took place on April 17, 1871, but it was not until July, and a season when law business was not very brisk on Barbary cast, that young Brown came to this city With few acquaintances, and not even pre-senting the very warm letter which Judge Fisher had sent with him to the local court, he found welcome here, and took an office just where he has ever since continued it, No. August sessions, 1871, and soon began a professional career which in the measure of its success rivals that of another detrysburg coun-sellor who had come to Lancaster to try his

ortunes, nearly a generation before—the late Hon, Thaddeus Stevens. After a year or two at the bar here he be-came associated with the defense of Dr. Ferard, then sejourning at the Cooper house, the old Indian medicine man who was accused of rape upon a Mrs. Eaby; and who was convicted after a most stubborn trial and brilliant defense, of which Brown's clojuent plea was much spoken of at the time it served well to introduce him to the public as a rising man, and the doubts he raised as to the guilt of the prisoner have never yet been entirely dispelled; the prosecutrix sub-

sequently became insane.

The engagements of the late Hon. O. J.
Dickey in Congress at that time, and the
kindly service of his father's old friend, the
late S. W. P. Boyd, led to the appointment late S. W. P. Boyd, ted to the appointment of Brown as solicitor of the Inland Insuran of Brown as solicitor of the imand insurance and Deposit company, which was involved in considerable litigation. But strict attention to business, rare powers as an advocate, a prefound study of the principles of law, quick-processed dadslon and a positive screenive manness of decision and a positive agressive man-ner together with no little activity in politics contributed to the rapid success of the young barrister. Engagements as sole or exclusive

counsel for the defense in various suits for subscriptions trought by the Peach Bottom and the Hanover Junction & Susquehanns and the Hanover Juneton & Susquehanos rallroad company's against delinquent stock-holders; for the plaintiffs in the Hamond & McCrum suit against Malone, Painter & Gooder; and the Inland Insurance company against John W. Jackson were followed with signal professional victories; and these results soon proved that in the legal profession, as in other pursuits, nothing succeeds better

than success, as rollfice. From 1874 to 1876 Brown was city, solicitor of Lancaster and brought the business of the municipality well up in his time, withdraw ing from it only to engage upon the duties of county solicitor (1877-80) to which office he

county solicitor (1877-80) to which office he had been elected. At the Republican state convention of 1878 he represented Lancaster county. The bosses had concluded to shelve Chief Justice Agnew and to defeat his renomination with the selection of Judge Sterrest for the supreme beach. Athough the scheme was far advanced, beyond any possibility of defeat, Brown was logal to his own personal leafungs and volces the grouper. bility of defeat, Brown was loyal to his own personal feelings and voices the general sentiment of the bar of the state in placing Agnew in nomination with a most eloquent speech, that at once brought him into notice of his party and his profession in the state at large, beside commanding the unchanging gratitude of the eminent and venerable jurist's many friends. It was a notable coin-cidence that in the same very Ling Barthin. cidence that in the same year Linn Barthio-mew made the speech nominating Sterrett. For in 1880, when the great Grant-Blaine contest at Chicago came on Linn Bartholo-mew was one of the regularly chosen delegates at large from this state, and inasmuch as he couldn't go, Brown was the alternate sent in his place. He went and, as has been rather cleverly suggested in the frequent rather elevery suggested in the frequent mention of his name for a cabinet place under Beaver, like that eminent statesman he stood Beaver, like that eminent statesman, he stood up and went down with the Three Hundred and Six faithful friends of Grant and followers of Conkling. In the Republican state convention of 1885 Brown led gallantly a forthern hope and placed James A. McDevitt in nomination for state treasurer. Apart from these his public political services have consisted of two terms in the Laborater schoolstes. sisted of two terms in the Lancaster school board, where he m a faithful attendant and board, where he is a faithful attendant and intelligent participant, siding to eliminate every kind of partisanship from the proceedings. Brown usually takes a hand in the local primaries, and beefdex Senators Myilliand Stehman, a large number of the local office holders are his friends and have his backing, and he is the private counsel and official solicitor of many of them.

With all his political diversions the encobject of his attention is his practice ; and if to anything more than success itself he owes success, it is to the assiduity with which he keeps at work, the fidelity and sing eness of purpose with which he applies himself to the cause of his client, and the direct and certain applica-tion of all his energies, his time and talents o his chosen avocation.

to his chosen avocation.

Within the past ten years Mr. Brown has been engaged in many of the leading cases tried in these courts, whether of quarter sessions, common pleas, orphans court or equity He was counsel for defens in the Julia Huber and Samuel Miller cide cases, in which the detendants acquitted, and in the criminal courts he is largely engaged; his introduction to that branch of practice was his successful proce-cution of young Mulligan for ravishing s little mulatto girl. He was associated, beside many other equally celebrated and impor-tant cases, which have paid arge tes, with the farr vs. Wylie suit the rate of the county officers for their fees and the Ditmur will case. He has been alike successful in the supreme and lower courts, and has had large experience in the federal jurisdictions. It goes without saying that in this gleaning of a wide field Mr. Brown has accumulated a handsome fortune, and his open-handed charity is proverbial. He ad-heres to the church of his lather, and is a constant attendant and pew-holder at old

Trinity, having been much devoted to the late Rev. Dr. tireenwald.

Should the attorney-generalship of the state come this way it will be the first time the har of this city has been so honored since A section of the roung Lauver, Politician and Possible Attorney General.

J. Hay brown, esq. who is mentioned in the foregoing dispatches and has been prominently discussed as the possible choice of Champneys, of this tar, was all they general.

District Sunday School Convention

A convention of the Sunday school workers of the townships of Manor, heet and West Hempfield, Conestoga, Persus and Lancas ter, was held in Zion Reformed church, Mil-lersville, Friday evening. Delegates were present from all parts of the district and the attendance of citizens of Militers tille was also

burch, after which there was an address on he field of Sunday school liberally Charles Denues, esq.
A. R. Myers, of Mounty: e, real an eses

on "How to have pastors, parents and citizens take greater interest in Sanday school work." The essay led to some discussion partnepated to by Mr. Donues and Revs Sartn, Muranand An address on "Gleaning" was delivered

by Rev. Moran, and some referred questions were answered by Dr. A. il. Howard and The proceedings were interspersed with some fine vocal and instrumental music under the lead of Dr. A. H. Heward.

From the Glen Rook Item

From the best information we can get the

habilities of the Herbst people outside of the bank will reach from \$30,000 to \$60,000, to cover which there may be about \$3,000 assets. The total liabilities will likely reach \$115,000, and the assets may reach 20,000, leaving a deficit at very small proportion of this is other than by their own paper. The people gave them money without security and the course lose it. What the mystery all the time and still is, w and also inherited considerable of money, and it is not known that they sustained an ommunity like ours.

Free Postal Delivery.

The following cities in Pennsylvan's will ome under the provisions of the bill which assed the House of Representatives relating o the extension of the free delivery service provided that in addition to the necessary annual revenue of \$10,000, or population of 10,000 according to the last census, they have the other requirements, such as paved or plantical sides. planked sidewalks, numbered streets and houses, lighted streets and the general char-acteristics of cities: Shenandan, Reaver Falls, Bethlebem, Carlisie, Chambersburg, Chester, Franklin, Hazleton, liuntingden, Johnstown, Lebanon, Mestiville, New Castle, Northarm, Ollicon, Mestiville, New Castle, Norristown, Oil City, Titusville,

A Young Thief Arrested Barvey Kreybill, a lad of Mt. Joy, was ar rested several months ago for stealing the horse of Jonas E. Risser, but the grand jury refused to return a true bill against him las month and he was released from prison. He is again in jail, this time for stealing bread tickets from the bakery of F. M. Sourbeer in Mt. Joy. When arrested he had several tickets, and he had been buying bread with them tickets for some tickets.

these tickets for some time Masonic Officers Elected.

Camphia Lodge No. 551, P. & A. M., of Mount Joy, on Friday evening elected the following officers : W. M., Harry K. Nissley S. W., Dr. Francis M. Harry J. W., Jacob R. Hipple: Tream, Benjamin M. Greider; Sec., Wm. M. Spera: trustees, Levi Rick-secker, Harry S. Stanfer and Martin E. Bomberger ; Rep. to Grand Lodge, Milton The officers were installed by Past Master Harry L. Stager.

One Hundred and Nine Squires There are 100 'squires in this county and the successors of twenty will be elected in February, among them H. R. McConomy, M. A. McGlinn and Patrick Donnelly, of this SHENCK AND ROBERTS.

MORR LIGHT ON TRANSACTIONS RULE. ING WITH CORRUPTION.

The tree Stated Against Shenck and Roberts. Why the "New Era" is Playing the Role of Defeuder-County Commissioner Myers' Read Fatrly Curovered

On May 30, 1885, when John H. Fry and A. F. Shenck were the competing candidates for county solicitor at the June primaries, the New Era proclaimed the following editorial policy in relation to the contest :

They, | the aldermen and constables | wan-o watch dog between them and the county funds, and have "signed a decree" for the selection of one of their own kind whom they think will wink at stealing if they will allow him a reasonable abare of the swag, which they can well afford to do if the old order of things is restored. Shortly afterwards, to wit, on June 5, 1585,

the day before the primary election, the New Era again raised its voice after this

The aldermen have taken Al Shenck to their bosom and in formal meeting have re-solved that he is "the kind of a man they like to see rewarded." They want the sale unlocked that contains the \$15,000 saved to the county by Solicitor Fry, and they are sure Shenck is the man to do it, if they can only persuade the voters to take the key from Fry and hand it over to their candidate. It is a equare issue and ought to be squarely rast by the taxpayers. A REPORTER STARTLED.

An INTELLIGENCER reporter, whose menory extended back to these events, was cartied to see this same New Era now take to its becom this same Shenck, whom it had then

its bosom this same Shenck, whom it had then so bitterly maligned, and he set out to find the causes thereof.

Manifestly, the sudden change of heart on the part of the New Era was either due to a belief in the conversion of Shenck from his admittedly bad ways, or to motives of personal interest.

It is only proper that the reader should judge by the facts which of these motives exercised the controlling influence in changing the New Era's judgment that Shenck was a rascal untitled to exercise any control over the county finances.

the county finances. And first of all, let a glance be cast upon Shenck's brief career as county solicitor. On Saturday last the Intelligences charged that he had received \$10 from Constable Eleboliz to look after the latter's unapprove

Ejeboliz to look after the latter's unapproved bills. In other words, Shenck, paid by the county, allowed himself to be paid by a claimant against the county. After the receipt of the Eicholtz bribs, Shenck approved the latter's bills. Shenck, to this crushing allegation, replies that he has the money given to him by Eicholtz locked in a separate drawer, and that he distinctly told Eicholtz he was not receiving it as a bribs. Was he was not receiving it as a bribs. he was not receiving it as a bribe. conduct in this case becoming that of an honest county solicitor?

KNOWN BY HIS COMPANY. A man is known by the company he keeps, and it is not unfair to consider Shenck in connection with Horace Roberts, his confidential cierk, and close companion in his office. It is needless to speak of Roberts' reputation along Barbary Coast, but it is not such as would commend him as an assistant county solicitor, which post he has been occuying apparently for some time.

shenck's companions, however, concern Shenck's companions, however, concern himself alone, but 'when these companions, under cover of Shenck's official position, squeeze county creditors, it becomes the concern of the public. This is what Roberts has been doing. According to Shenck's own statement, he learned a month ago that Roberts had bought the \$50 bill of Wm. Weidler for \$38. Did Shenck kick Roberts out of his office as an honest county solicitor would have done? Roberts evidently knew would have done? would have done? Roberts evidently kne it was all right, or he would have never attempted it.
Shenok says he told Weidler not to com-

promise, but this Weidler denies. At any rate, the fact is undisputed that Shenck knew what Roberts was doing and did not inter-

knowledge that Roberts was carrying on a brokerage business in discounting bills of magistrates and constables and then having them approved by the county solicitor. In the interview with Shenck in the New Ernthe latter says of the \$3.80 bill of Mart Daily, the latter says of the \$3.50 bill of Mart. Daily, bought for \$3 by Roberts, that it was done "in my (his) presence." These two cases clearly show that Sheuck was cognizant of what Roberts was doing. The conclusion that the public has very natually reached is that the two were in collusion. Would an honest two were in collusion. Would an honest county solicitor allow himself to be placed in this compromising position?

WHO EMPLOYED BOBERTS None appear to be willing to shoulder the exponsibility of the employment of Roberts uce the INTELLIGENCER has exposed him and Shenck. County Commiss old an INTELLIGENCER reporter on Tuesday that he never knew that Roberts had any-hing to ido with the bills until he and henck appeared before the commissioners. The same day he was quoted in the New Era as saying that "he had suggested to Mr. Shenck that he employ Mr. Roberts to assist aim in the examination of the bills and tha he would see that he was paid for it." Myers was seen by an Intelligences representative yesterday, and he revised the latter of the above statements to the extent of averring that he had only said that "Roberts ought to be paid." Shenck says in his inter-view that "Myers told him to get Roberts to on him in the investigation of these cases." rom these atterances it is not difficult to understand where Myers stood in the Roberts

WHERE MYERS HAD A PINGER IN THE FIR

On one occasion, within the past year, Rail. road Officer Pyle had a bill against the county for arrests made by him in the dis charge of his duty, the cases having been disposed of in the quarter sessions court. citor Shenck rejused to approve the bill on the ground that the county was not liable for bills of railroad policemen. Finally Pyle induced Commissioner Myers to meet im and Solicitor Shenck at the solicitor flice, to talk over his claim. cifice, to talk over his claim. Myers and Pyle talked over the matter and the commissioner maily agreed that the bill might be approved if Pyle paid a bill he owed for clothing to Myers & Rathfon, which was outlawed, having been standing oversix years. Pyle agreed to pay that bill and Myers insisted on the money being paid before the approvat of the bill. This efficer took the amount of Myers & Rathfork bill over the surround of the control of the bill. Myers & Rathfon's bill out of his pocket, paid it, and then Myers went to the front office t, and then Myers went to the front office where Shenck was setting, and said to Shenck "it is all right, the bill may now be appoved." Solicitor Shenck then and there approved the bill and Pyle got his money.

The commissioners some time ago made a rule that the bills of policemen for dismissed cases would not be considered until the bills of the aldermen before whom the cases were heard were filed. This rule was violated a Tumber of times, notably in the case of ex-Constable Swenk. His bill for dismissed Constable Swenk. His bill for dishipsed cases before Alderman Barr was presented and approved, one of the arrangements made being that Myers & Rathfon were to be paid being that Myers & Rathfon were to be paid the money due by Swenk to that firm. The bill was approved by Snenck and Myers & Rathfon were paid the amount due from Swenk and the balance of the bill was paid o Thos. J. Davis, attorney for Swenk These are the methods which the New Ere unocence. A son-in-law of one of the N Era proprietors, an able lawyer and conscientious gentieman, is appointed Shenck's assistant by Shenck's vote. Is this the price of the New Era's defense of Shenck?

Should Investigate the Scand at Roberts case is one that calls for investigation by the bar, the court and the commissioners. Whether Roberts was authorized by Shenck or the commissioners to pass upon the bills in which he bought or sought to buy an in

in which he bought or sought to buy an in-terest does not help the case.

When the commissioners employed an nonest lawyer to pass upon these bills here-after they only did half their duty; they should have excluded Shenck from all as-sociation with them, and should have promptly cut off from him the pay of an office for which he is not fit, professionally or morally. or morally.

The New Era does injustice to Mr. Beyer

by its defense of Sheuck and his practices

the commissioners do gross injustice to them-selves by refusing to investigate the scandal; and Mr. Beyer, reputable lawyer as he is, cannot afterd to be put into the position of covering up the dirty work of his predeces-sor. For, we take it for granted, if Beyer is to examine the magistrates' bills, Shenck and Roberts are not to continue deadheads in the

JAMES C. CARPENTER DEAD. The Well-Known Surveyor, Civil Engineer and

Serivener Passes Away. James C. Carpenter, the well-known surveyor, civil engineer and scrivener, died at his residence, No. 49 North Duke street, this morning, in the 60th year of his age.

He was a son of the late Henry Carpenter, surveyor, of this city. He received his education in the schools of this city and studied civil engineering and surveying under the preceptorship of his father. He practised civil engineering on the Tide Water canal, and other canals and rallways in this and other states, and had many con-tracts for building bridges in this and other ocunties. Also for sewering and manadamiz-ing streets and other city works. He built the Lancaster and Lititz turnpixes, and other turnpikes. He was an excellent clerk, and was for a great many years clerk of select council. He was also for many years city regulator, and did perhaps more work in that line than any other man that ever held the office in this city.

He was an ardent Democrat, but never sought office other than those minor places in the city government which pertsided to his profession.

The Carpenter family is one of the cident. turnpikes. He was an excellent clerk, and

The Carpenter family is one of the oldest in the county, and for nearly two hundred years have held many prominent positions. The head of the family, Dr. Henry Carpenter, The head of the family, Dr. Henry Carpenter, a Swiss, came to America in 1698; settled in West Earl township in 1717, and spent the balance of his life there. He was succeeded by his son Henry, who practiced medicine in the vicinity during a long and active life. One of his sons, Jacob, was a member of the legislature for many years, was state treasurer for three terms, and was appointed by Gov. Mo. Kean, in 1869 legisly of the orphanal court of kean, in 1800 clerk of the orphans' court of Lancaster county. Another son, Henry, succeeded to the old homestead, and his son Henry, (the father of deceased) settled in Lancaster in 1815, and raised a large family of children, of whom none now survive ex cept Dr. Henry Carpenter, the well-known physician, No. 28 and 30 South Queen street, and Mr. Isaac Carpenter, the civil engineer and conveyancer, who resided with his brother James C.

Mr. Carpenter was a man of marked intel-igence and a master of his profession. He was intimately acquainted with the details of he city government and took much interest in furthering its prosperity.

Mr. Carpenter leaves no family. His only child died several years ago and his wife a few months ago. His funeral will take place

GOING FOR A REPORTER.

Charles MacNay Has a Personal Encounter With Samuel M. Sener. Charles MacNay, the grocer, No. 145 North lucen street, stepped briskly into the INTE: LIGENCER office this afternoon about I o'clock. He was bareheaded and asked the loan of a hat, which was furnished him. In answer to inquiries he informed the INTELLI-

GENCER that one of the New Era reporters, Samuel M. Sener, had lied about him in reporting the case of the commonwealth vs. J. Sister Erb : that be (MacNay) had called upon the Nos Erst have the matter corrected, and that Mr. J. to have the matter corrected, and that Mr. J. B. Warfel, one of the publishers of the paper, had promised to have the necessary correction made. As this promise was not made good, Mr. MacNay cailed at the New Era office to-day about 1 o'clock. Neither Mr. Warfel nor Mr. Geist were present, but Mr. MacNay was directed by the business manager to go up to the editorial room where Mr. Soner and Mr. Landis were at their deals. Mr. James D. Landis were at their deaks Mr. MacNay went up stairs and made known the object of his visit, but being unable to get a satisfactory answer, he informed Mr. Sener

that unless he retracted the false report of the Erb case he would thrash He rolled under the editorial table and bobbed up (not very) serenely on the other side, Mr. James D. Landis, the managing editor, then rushed at Mr. NacNay, caught him by the back of the neck and called foundly for help. In a moment six or eight compositors same rushing in from an adjoining room, seized Mr. Mac Nay and one of them struck him. After a brisk struggle he was ejected from the premises, minus his hat, and that's why he wanted to borrow

quainted with the personnel and interior de partment of the New Era, or he would not have ventured into such a danger-ous place. One or two of the com-positions are professional pugilists, and the fighting editor," a blood-stained war club bangs threatening in the sanctum, and within

rm's length of the editor-in-chief

A Murderer Caught in Colorade A letter received in Shenandoah, Pa., from Webster, Col., announced the arrest at that place of a former resident of Shenandoah. named William Knuckey, who is charged with the murder of John C. Thomas, a prominent citizen of Plymouth, Fa. The orime was committed eleven years ago, since when the murderer has been at large. Thomas was a merchant and it was while attempting to burgiarize his store that Knuckey shothim. He recognized Knuckey and lived long enough after receiving his death wound to tell who shot him, but the murderer escaped and was never heard from until about two weeks ago. He was captured while attempting a burglary at Webster, and was identified by a former citizen of Schuylkill county as the murderer of Thomas Knuckey is a desperate character and figured in two or three shooting affairs.

At their meetings this morning the Diagnothian and Gothean Literary societies elected their speakers for the anniversaries which will be held next May. The Diagnothian programme will be as follows: versarian, A. H. Rothermel , eulogist, Dubbs; orators, A. S. Dechaut, F. A. Rupley, J. W. Dornbach, H. Cesana; salutatory, C. F. Hager. The Gotheans elected the follow. ing programme: Goethean orator, W. R. Peters; eulogist, J. L. Roush; orators, C. A. Loose, J. C. Noll, H. F. Dittmar, G. W. Richirds: salutatory, E. K. Eyerly.

M'lle Rhea, the celebrated tragedienne, appeared in comedy in Fulton opera house last evening in "Toe Widow," from the French. She has a good enough company, but the same cannot be said of the play, which is trashy in character, and of that peculiar species of French wit that has never taken hold in this country. A fair audience was

A Removed Official Dies of Grief, John L. Hoyt, for more than twenty year New York custom house inspector, has died at Kensico possibly from grief. was recently removed for offensive partisan ship and immediately suffered a noticeable depression of spirits, which ended with a fatal decline of health.

she is Not Married, But a Widow

From the Inquirer. The INTELLIGENCER says that not a married woman teaches in Lancaster's public whools; wherein the INTELLIGENCER errs or the teacher of the intermediate school or

Sent to the Retuge. Geo. McCauley, a Columbia boy, was sent to the House of Refuge this afternoon by the judges for being incorrigible.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware: Fair weather, southerly

TWO TERRIBLE EXPLOSIONS.

BUILDINGS WRECKED AND SEVERAL PROPLE BURIED IN THE RUISE.

The Boiler in a Planing Mill at East Cambridge Mass., and Que in the Columbus Buggy Factory - The Victims still Beneath the

Boston, Dec II .- At about 7 o'clock this norning a boiler exploded to Hastett & Underbill's plaining and moulding mill in East

The explosion occurred in the engine bouse, which stood apart from the main structure. The roof of the engine bouse was blown off and part of the walls fell in. As far as could be ascertained there were five men in the en gine room at the time, but how many were klided or wounded was not certain, as all avenues of getting to where the unfortunates lay were blocked by the debris. The firenen immediately set to work and it was not ong before three workmen were dug out. Their clothing was torn to shreds and their bodies out and bruised.

It is now learned that six men were badly njured and it is feared that one will not re

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 11.—At a few minutes after 12 o'clock to day a terrific shock quickly followed by a general fire was heard. An explosion had occurred at the Columbus company's buggy works. As this com pany employs over 1,000 men the relalives of the employed came running from all directions with anxious faces. The time of the explosion was very opportune, as nearly all the men had left for dinner. The building is a six-story one and is a total wreck and the firemen are still throwing water on the ruins, it is not yet known whether the bolter exptoded or a dust pipe, the ruins being so complete. Joe Brown, the anitor, is thought to be, fatally wounded. It s certain there are three or tour dead bodies In the ruins, but their names cannot be acer-

Probable Case of Spicide.

HARRISHURG, Dec. H .- The dead tody of man was found at an early hour this morning lying near the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad east of Dock's furnace, just below Harrisburg, by Charles Duncan, conductor of a freight train. Two bullet holes were discovered, one above the right temple, the other in the left breast. It is supposed to be a case of suicide. The name of the dead man was James McGovern, and he was formerly employed at the Bessemer mill, Steelton. He was among the number discharged on Thankegiving for intoxication, since which time he was idle. His age was about 38 years, and his parents reside in Jersey City.

serious Charges Against Michigen Politicians. NEGAUNEE, Mich., Dec. 11.-The Iron Herald yesterday published an editorial charging that there was treachery to the state ticket on the part of the Democratio managers in Michigan in the last campaign. The article states that Don M. Dickenson told S. S. Curry, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, before the Grand Rapids state convention met that Yaple would be sent to the Senate after being elected and Curry would become governor, and that Curry contributed large sums, especially to the legislative canvass in the Upper Peninsula, on the strength of these represen-

The Corpse Escapes From the Undertaker, CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. IL-Yesterday morning while a hearse driver was taking the body of a man named Hernandez, to calling "Senor! Senor!!" He still drove on and the voice repeated "Senor! Where are and found that the dead man had broken open his coffin and was sitting up looking at him. He fell in a faint, and when he re covered the corpse had first. Nothing is

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. II.—The Daily Disputch, in its edition of yesterdsy, omes out in an editorial declaring for Gov I. P. Gray for United States senator. It says that Gray is the recognized leader of the Independent Democracy since the death of Hendricks; that he is a shrewd and sagacious politician and that the young Democracy of

A throp In Coal. CAINO, III., Dec. II.—A boat containing 24,000 bushels of coal, in tow of the Boaz, unk in the bend above Cairo last night while making a landing.

the state are for him to a man. The senti-

ment for Gray for senator a mong the Demo

crats of northern Indiana is very strong.

Found Dead in a Cistern. RACINE, Wis., Dec. 11.-Mrs. William Strickland disappeared from her home Thursday and her dead body was found in a cistern

Three New Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- The postmaster general to day appointed as fourth-class postmasters in Pennsylvania : Fannie A. Dimick, Milford : T. T. Williams, Nettle Hill : J.

Woolen Mills Burned.

CLINION, Mich., Dec. 11 .- The Clinton, Lenawee county, woolen mills were burned this morning at six o'clock. The business employed 20 people. Loss \$190,000; insur-

A Cincinnati Failure. CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.-The firm of J. & W. F. Howe, manufacturers of woolen goods,

made an assignment this morning. The Habilities are estimated at \$100,000; assets between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Munificent Bequest, Bosios, Dec. 11.—The will of Caroline A. Wood be queathes to Wellesley college \$50,-

000; Bates college \$35,000, and \$5,000 to the

American board of foreign missions for the purpose of establishing a house in Camoridge for aged women.

The Cilosophic Society The Cilosophic society met last evening at he residence of Dr. E. V. Gerhart. The essay read by the Rev. Lucius M. Hardy, was a comparison of ancient with modern sys-tems of education. The next meeting will be at the residence of W. U. Hensel, on the Monday atter Christmas, when short papers will be read by Dr. E. E. Higbee and others.

The hat and fur store of Charles H. Amer, on West King street, just now presents a very fine appearance. The winter stock has just been reappearance. The winter stock has just been re-ceived, and it includes the most expensive seal goods, such as coats, caps, triumings, etc. Th di play of robes and furs of all sinds is very fine and the stock is large and complete. The store room is hung with the most costly kinds of fure, and a prettier assortment is seidom found anywhere. Mr. Amer has been in the business for over forty years and he h * thorough knowledge of the trade in all its

Tandwelling and store stan togs and Prince streets, will be December 2. This is a good sta investors will do well loatten