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The Auditor's Report.

The County Commissioners did not publish the County Auditor's Report, this year, at the instance of Judge Hosen, who told them that there is no law authorizing them to do so, but as the law requires them to publish a "full and accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures of the preceding year" for four weeks, and specifies that "such statement shall enumerate the respective sums paid by each ward and township within the county, and also designate all sums expended for the payment of prisoners, the pay of each committee and of their clerks, the pay of each of the erection of roads, bridges, and the sum paid to individuals for lands over which roads have been laid out, together with such other items as may have a tendency to convey general information of the transactions of the preceding year," and as the old board of Commissioners had not kept books from which they could make such a report, the new board took the Auditor's Report and made the condensed statement which appears in our columns.

Whether or no no condensed statement is satisfactory to the tax payers is for them to say. Attention has been directed to the item in the expenditures called "County Account," which is several times larger than the item of same name in the Auditor's Report for previous years, and we believe that the item that goes to make up the aggregate of that account was taken from the bunch of canceled warrants the County Treasurer had so labeled. We have looked over the items as they appear in the Auditor's Report and find that about one-half of the aggregate is composed of the Sheriff's bills for boarding prisoners and bills for transcribing.

The aggregate of all the warrants issued by the County Commissioners for 1880 was \$42,106.87, while for 1889 it was \$45,678.81, a difference of six and a half thousand, and during the year 1890, \$6,259.04 was paid to the State, while during 1889 it was \$3,773.20, resulting to the State.

At present we consider we are of one opinion that a fairer report than one published this year should be given, and that the best report can be given to the people of the county, is the Auditor's Report with the unnecessary details, such as the items of the Commonwealth account, eliminated.

The Auditors are sworn to audit, settle and adjust the accounts of the Commissioners, Treasurer and Sheriff; the business of each and every officer in the Court House is connected with that of the others, the duties of the Auditors are specific and are separate and apart from that of all the other officers, and it is their report that the people should see.

Those that render their report, have filed with the Prothonotary, and those that have been done, and how many of the taxpayers of the county are going to see it. It is also made a judgment against a delinquent officer and to pigeon hole it without publication, or to publish a report made out by any other of the county officers seems to be an absurdity, and we do not believe such to be either the spirit or the letter of the law.

**Two Hangings in Pennsylvania.**

Two men were hung in Western Pennsylvania, last Thursday.

At Washington, Pa., West, the colored man who murdered the Crouch family last May made a terrible scene. He attempted suicide a short time before the hour for execution arrived by opening a vein in his neck with a sharpened nail, and that being discovered and frustrated, he fought the Sheriff's party when they entered his cell, and had to be chloroformed, strapped to a plank and carried to the gallows. The rope broke, West fell to the ground and had to be hoisted up again. After this he was one of the most tormented affairs that has ever happened in this state.

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