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A picture displayed on this edition of the Chester Times is reproduced from a wood-cut in Sherman Day's "Pennsylvania Historical Collections," published in 1843. The drawing was made from Mr. Howe's Tavern, later the Columbia House, which stood where the Cambridge Building now stands. On the left is seen the tavern now known as the Washington House, then kept by Samuel A. Price. The old frame houses at Fifth and Market Streets, owned by the Clyde Estate, had not then been built. The sidewalk at that time was on the outside of the Washington House porch instead of passing through it as at present. On the west side of the street in the foreground is the old Prothonotary's office, where the First National Bank and Chester Times Building stand; next is the ancient Court House, erected in 1734, now happily preserved as the City Hall. The cupola is in the center of the roof, the clock tower on the front having been built by the Borough of Chester after the building was purchased from the county in 1851. Back of the linden trees is seen the old jail, where a Masonic Hall now stands. On the next corner is Mr. Irwin's tavern, now the Swan Hotel, and in the background is seen the old Bank of Delaware County. This cut appeared in the History of the Delaware County National Bank.