

The Need of Intelligent Election Officers.

We have frequently called attention to the complicated character of the new election law and the trouble and cost it will be to the public to put it into operation.

Under the new law, and until the public has become educated to vote in accordance with its provisions, there will be a vast amount of explanations to be made and overseeing to be done.

The future success of the new election law very largely depends upon the manner in which the public is impressed with its workings, at the first election. If there is delay, trouble and vexation about the voting, it will have an influence upon the voter that will eventually crop out into a sentiment in favor of its repeal.

It will be a difficult matter to have these elections pass off smoothly even with the most intelligent and best qualified citizens in charge, under this cumbersome new law, and to elect as officials, person not qualified for this important trust, is simply to make interminable trouble and unknown costs to the districts.

For Assessors.

We have elsewhere brought to the notice of our readers the importance of choosing intelligent men for election officers, and in this connection want to remind them that the tax assessors to be elected on the 16th inst., will make the triennial assessment in this county. Under the present tax laws, but one assessor will be chosen, the position of assistants having been abolished by the act of February 1889.

It will be a matter of great gratification to the many friends of Adjutant General McCLELLAND who has been dangerously ill for some months to know that he is now gradually improving and that his physician has strong hopes of his recovery.

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Should Be Determined.

The prohibitionists who carried the question of the constitutionality of the new election law, to the Supreme Court received a set-back, on Monday, that will cause them to change their entire procedure, or abandon the effort to block the law.

One thing in this connection, is certain, however, and that is, that there is any question as to the constitutionality of the measure, it ought, in justice to the tax-payers, be determined before the expense of putting the law into operation is fastened upon them.

The men and papers that are now engaged in President making, are generally the ones who cannot control a single delegate, or who if asked, could scarcely tell you how many Democratic votes there are in the district in which they have their habitation.

A New Democratic Committee.

We now have a Democratic County Committee in full swing in this city, and embracing a considerable number of highly respected names. In 1872 when President Grant was informed that the Cincinnati Liberal Republican Convention embraced a number of able and influential members of the party, he answered in his terse, unemotional way—"Yes, they were all there."

We regard it as unfortunate that this new organization did not respect the honest advice given it by the TIMES to simplify matters by making DAVID MARTIN its Chairman. MARTIN'S close relations with Chairman PORTER of the Republican Committee, and his past skill in handling the Democratic element it is presumed to represent whenever the endangered machine needed its votes, seemed to qualify him in an eminent degree for the Chairmanship, especially in the coming campaign, when the vote of this Democratic element will be needed for RONEY and HACKETT as it was needed and given for DELAMATER in 1890 and McCREARY in 1891.

The most grotesque suggestion that has come from the new Committee is the one proposing a conference with the Republicans who are seeking the defeat of RONEY and HACKETT, avowedly with the view of adopting some policy for united action. As the rank and file of the new Committee will vote for HACKETT and RONEY because QUAY, PORTER and MARTIN shall command them to do so, it seems paradoxical that the new Committee should propose to confer with the honest Republicans of the city who are actuated by the single purpose of defeating RONEY and HACKETT.

No matter what this new Democratic Committee shall do in the nomination of additional candidates for Magistrate, or in proposing co-operation with any Republican element, the one thing that it is certain to do is to support RONEY and HACKETT at the polls under the orders of QUAY, MARTIN and PORTER; and anything that it shall do beyond that will look solely to the defeat of Mr. DONNELLY, one of the regular Democratic nominees for Magistrate, who seems to be particularly offensive to the new organization.

Whatever reasons may exist, if any, for the revolt against the Democratic organization of this city, no reform can be accomplished by an organization that starts out in the obvious political way of obeying orders from the opposing political camp to elect such men as RONEY and HACKETT. If HARRITY is not acceptable to the Democrats of Philadelphia as a political leader, the Democrats have an unquestionable right to make manly, honest effort to depose him and put another in his place; but it must be done in some other way, and by some other leadership, than by obeying orders from the most corrupt of the machine leaders in the Republican party.

Chill Compliments the People.

Chill's offer to accept the decision of our Supreme Court Judges is the very highest compliment that could be paid the American people. It shows among other things that Chill knows the difference between Pat Egan and Ben Harrison on the one hand and the American people on the other.

The Nebraska Muddle.

Boyd, the Democrat, Eligible for the Governorship. His citizenship affirmed.

WASHINGTON, February 1. The United States Supreme Court, in an elaborate opinion by Chief Justice Fuller, to-day held that James E. Boyd is a citizen of the United States and was a citizen for two years preceding his election as Governor of Nebraska and that, consequently, he is entitled to the office, and that John M. Thayer, the hold-over Governor, who denied the right of Boyd to succeed him, must give way. All the Justices of the Court except Justice Field united in the conclusion that the United States Supreme Court had jurisdiction of the case.

The Court says that on January 13, 1891, leave was granted to John M. Thayer by the Supreme Court of Nebraska. The Court then reviews the charges contained in the information filed by Thayer, the point as is well known being that Boyd's father, as a resident of Ohio, as shown on the record, established the assertion made by James F. Boyd and his father that the latter had, in 1854, taken out his final naturalization papers, although there is no documentary proof of the issuance of those papers.

The Court first devotes some space to an argument in support of its right of jurisdiction under the mode of procedure under which the case comes before it, reaching the conclusion that, while the Attorney General of the State refused to institute suit against Boyd, Thayer, as the aggrieved party, had a right to bring the suit in the nominal name of the State, and that the question being one of a denial of a constitutional right, Boyd has made a Federal question, which could be reviewed here.

Reference is made to the Northwest Territorial ordinance and the acts under which Illinois, Indiana and Ohio became States, as establishing that people who were empowered to take part in the creation of these new political organizations and who continued to exercise political functions included others than those who were originally citizens of the United States.

The question is not what a State may do in respect of citizenship, but what Congress may recognize in that regard in the formation of the State. The application of this doctrine is then made to the case of the State of Nebraska and its various proceedings looking to its admission are considered. One clause of the State Constitution adopted provided that white persons of foreign birth who had declared their intention to become citizens should not operate as a discrimination on account of color.

But, says the Court, it is argued that James E. Boyd had never declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, although his father had, and that because, although his father had not completed his naturalization before his son attained his majority, the latter cannot be held to have been made a citizen by the admission act of Nebraska. On this point the Court quotes from the acts of 1790, 1795 and 1802, that minor children of naturalized parents shall at the age of twenty-one years be deemed to be citizens.

Ordinarily the minor makes the application, but it does not follow that an actual equivalent may not on occasion be accepted in lieu of a technical compliance. The history of Boyd is then traced, his voting in Ohio under the belief and assurance from his father that he, the father, had taken out his final papers. In Nebraska as a voter, officer and soldier against the Indians, with the view of showing that for over thirty years Boyd had enjoyed all the rights of citizenship.

Under the circumstances, James E. Boyd, the Court says, is entitled to claim that if his father did not complete his naturalization before his son had attained majority, the son cannot be held to be in the inchoate state he had acquired by the declaration of intention. The judgment of the Supreme Court of Nebraska is reversed and the cause remanded to be proceeded in according to law and conformity with this opinion.

Unless the Nebraska courts should of their own accord depart from the usual custom, Governor Boyd will not be the earliest. Ex-Attorney General Garland asked for a mandate from the Court this afternoon, but Chief Justice Fuller said that the Court could not depart from its usual custom, and would not issue a mandate before the usual time unless notice of intention be given the other side. The motion of Mr. Garland was therefore denied. As the Court to-day adjourns until February 29, this action of the Court will have the effect of delaying the issuance of the Court's order until after its re-assembling.

Banker Dill Indicted.

CLEARFIELD, Pa. Feb. 2.—On eight different counts, William H. Dill, was to-day indicted for the embezzlement of \$20,000 from the Houtzdale Bank. The trial will be commenced to-morrow, before Judge C. A. Mayer, of Lock Haven, who is presiding in Judge Krebs' place this week.

George Orlady, of Huntingdon, has charge of the prosecution while Judge Orvis, of Bellefonte, will conduct the defense.

The Governor Appeals for Aid for Starving Russians.

On Monday last Governor PATTISON issued the following appeal to the citizens of the State, for such help as they could give to relieve the great distress now so wide spread throughout Russia:

WHEREAS, Information has been brought to the attention of the executive that the famine now prevailing among the peasantry of Russia is so widespread as to entail a loss of from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 of people, multitudes of whom must perish unless promptly relieved; and

WHEREAS, It has been finally determined that the Congress of the United States is not prepared to appropriate money for the transportation of supplies so that the question of relief is left to the generous impulses of the people of the different States;

And Whereas, The people of Pennsylvania, in their recent experience of a great local calamity, were the subjects of generous philanthropy from every quarter of the civilized world;

And Whereas, During the year just closed they have been blessed with abundance and prosperity;

Now therefore, I, Robert E. Pattison, Governor of the said commonwealth, in answer to the appeal from the organized agency for relief to the sufferers in Russia, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, recommending to the citizens of Pennsylvania a prompt response to this appeal and generous contributions for the cause in which it is put forth.

And I do further request and direct all citizens, societies, committees and agencies desiring to aid in this work to put themselves into communication with the Russian famine relief committee of the United States, at No. 732 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C., which is acting in full harmony with the American National Red Cross association, and which associations have arranged for the prompt and expeditious transportation to the afflicted districts of Russia, and for the systematic and judicious distribution among the sufferers of all grain and other supplies which may be received.

Harris Found Guilty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The trial of Carlyle W. Harris, charged with having poisoned his wife, Helen Potts, resulted to-night in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. It will be remembered that Harris was the young medical student who married the beautiful school girl clandestinely and afterwards prescribed for her while sick. It was charged that he put arsenic in her quinine capsules.

When the words of the foreman "guilty of murder in the first degree" were uttered Mrs. Harris, mother of the accused, shrieked and fell to the floor. "My God!" she cried "where is justice? It's a lie."

The convicted murderer turned to comfort his mother. "Carl is all right!" he whispered to her. "There mother, it is only for a time. This won't stand."

Stolen Like Charley Ross.

Eight Year-Old Ward Waterbury Carried Off and \$10,000 Demanded for His Return.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Information has been received here of the kidnaping of Ward Waterbury, the 8-year-old son of wealthy farmer Charles T. Waterbury residing ten miles from Stamford, Conn. On Monday morning Ward started for school, a quarter of mile away. He was picked up on the road by two men and carried off.

To-day the parents of the lost boy received a letter stating that unless they paid \$10,000 to the kidnapers they would never see their child again.

The Beaver Editors in Jail.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1.—A Beaver, Pa. special says the defendants in the Quay libel suit were sentenced to-day to six months imprisonment in jail, a fine of \$600 and the costs of prosecution. After sentence had been passed Melten and Porter were taken to the county jail to serve their terms. It is said after a short incarceration application will be made to the board of pardons for their release. It is also rumored their fines will be paid by the Democratic state committee.

Fitzsimmons the Noted Murderer and Robber Caught.

PITTSBURG, February 1.—Fred C. Fitzsimmons, the murderer and robber, who escaped from the county jail in this city last September, has been arrested in New Orleans, and will be brought back to Pittsburg to be tried. Fitzsimmons is regarded as one of the most desperate criminals in the country. He killed Detective Gilkinson and seriously wounded Detective Murphy, and when they attempted to arrest him for a jewelry robbery, and as he swore he would never be taken alive his capture was a hazardous undertaking. Particulars of the arrest, however, have not been received, but it is believed, and it is understood he was taken unawares and was overpowered before he had an opportunity to use his weapon.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The performance of the "Midnight Alarm" next Friday night will be given for the benefit of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of this place. A large house should greet the attraction.

The DeMoss family will appear for the benefit of the Evangelical church, on Willoughbank street, on Monday evening Feb. 8th. They are known as the Oregon lyric bands and the concert they give is unique and highly entertaining. It will be an evening well spent, especially since it is for the benefit of the new church.

Fine Job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

How to Secure Trout Fry.—A Harrisburg dispatch says the Pennsylvania Commissioners of Fisheries are prepared to receive applications for trout fry.

One containing 2,000 young will be sent free of expense to the nearest railroad station of each applicant. Application for trout fry should be made to the following Commissioners, Henry C. Ford, 1823 Vine street, Philadelphia; W. L. Powell, Harrisburg; H. C. Demuth, Lancaster; S. B. Stillwell, Scranton; Louis Streuber, Erie; G. H. Welshons, Pittsburg.

A NEW INDUSTRY.—A project is on the tapis for a new industry in Bellefonte in which William Burnside and other Pittsburgers are interested. They propose renting the foundry building at the Valentine Iron Co's, works and operating them as general novelty works.

We hope that the scheme will materialize and that Bellefonte business will receive a boom thereby. Bright prospects are beginning to show up for an early resumption of some of our idle plants, but we prefer to wait until something definite can be given before informing our readers of anything on which they cannot implicitly rely.

A CLEARFIELD COUNTY MURDER.

A murder is reported as having occurred in Bigler township on Saturday night, in which Jack Brown, an American citizen, was riddled with bullets from the revolver of a Hungarian miner, who it seems, has up to this time evaded the officers. There was some dispute between Brown and the Hungarian as to the use of mining cars some time ago, when the Hungarian threatened to do what he did on Saturday night. The community is in a fearful temper and the woods and buildings are being searched by armed posses, who declare that if he is discovered the county will not have to pay any costs for his trial. Five bullets entered Brown's body and he never spoke.—Raftsmen's Journal.

A NEW FIRM.—Business circles in Bellefonte, were given a surprise during the fore part of the week when it was announced that Archie Allison had associated himself with S. M. Buck and become one of the owners of the Logan Machine Works.

The new member of the firm has been a resident of our town for some years and for a time was a partner of the Mann Axe Works, at Axe Mann, but when the National syndicate bought the plant Mr. Allison retired and has since been connected with Jas. Harris & Co.'s hardware on High street. He is a young man of good judgment and tact and with Mr. Buck will undoubtedly make a success of his career in the new line. The WATCHMAN wishes the new firm continued prosperity.

Mrs. DAVID M. BUTTS.—Many people were surprised to hear of the death of Mrs. Eliza Gregg Butts, which occurred Wednesday morning after an illness of but a few days.

On last Friday she took the grip, and although she had not been well for several years there was at first no apparent cause for apprehending so speedy a termination of her last illness. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Armor, she was born nearly 54 years ago. In '63 she married Mr. Butts, who with four sons Lawrence, William, Edward and Fred survive her.

Mrs. Butts was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and although of a quiet and retiring disposition those who knew her best will say that it is impossible to exaggerate the beauty and consistency of her daily life—and those who have been so deeply bereaved, will find solace in the thought that her last hour was peaceful and marked by perfect resignation and entire submission to the Divine will.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—taken from the docket: James F. Houtz, of Ferguson twp., and Birdie R. Dunning, Post Matilda. Joseph Wise, and Ella O'Leary, both of Bellefonte.

Joseph Poorman and Anna Foringer, both of Curtin twp.

F. R. Womelsdorf, Logantown, Pa., and E. J. Houtz, Rebersburg.

M. H. Grove, Marion twp., and Ida M. Poorman, Spring twp.

On last Friday night David Lewis, of Empire mines, was killed by a shifter on the Beach Creek R. R. "Y" at Philipsburg. The accident occurred between eleven and twelve o'clock and when picked up young Lewis was found to be terribly mangled. Both legs and an arm were completely severed from the body.

To MEET IN NEWPORT.—The fifth annual reunion of Old Boatmen, Portage Railroad and forwarding men will be held at Newport, Perry county, on Thursday and Friday, February 18 and 19. Capt. Thomas Paivey, of Wrightsville, will deliver the address and it will be an interesting event.

If your sale bills are printed at the WATCHMAN office you will get a free advertisement in our directory and notes for your sale also.

"Midnight Alarm," a thrilling play of the fire man's life in a great city, at the opera house, on Feb. 12th.

KILLED BY ROLLING LOGS.—On last Saturday Allen Tipple, the son of Mrs. Kate Tipple, of Howard, met an untimely death while rolling logs, at Ansonia, Pa. He was an honest, industrious young man and leaves a mother, a sister and a brother to mourn his sudden death. His remains were taken to Howard on Monday and funeral services, conducted by Reverends M. S. Blair, of Beech Creek and U. B. Smith and T. A. Long, of Howard, were held on Tuesday. The funeral was largely attended as the deceased had hosts of friends and all were present to pay a last sad tribute to the memory of a loved friend.

WORK AT COURT.—In our last week's issue we gave all of the proceedings at court up to Thursday afternoon when the case of John Iddings vs. J. I. Wagner was up. A verdict for defendant was rendered.

James Duck vs. Heyette & Meyer to recover \$45 for feed furnished the lumber operation in Haines township. A verdict of \$40.65 was rendered for plaintiff.

In the case of Frank Reese vs. Thompson Reese, a claim for board, the jury returned a verdict of \$54.34 for plaintiff and in the cross suit entered to recover personal property a verdict for plaintiff was returned.

David Hampton vs. J. I. Wagner, claim for wages, verdict for defendant.

W. F. Reynolds vs. Grenoble store Co., to recover amt of a note for rent of building. Verdict of \$274.34 for plaintiff.

J. A. Stowell & Co vs. W. H. Wilkinson & Co. Verdict for defendant.

D. M. Herring vs. A. M. Hoover et al to recover damages caused by a mill dam's overflowing. Verdict for defendant.

Wm. Colpetzer vs. H. J. Tressler-slender—continued until next court.

Andrew Osticken, the Hungarian who was found guilty of furnishing the liquor which caused the riot in this place several Sundays ago, was sentenced to a fine of \$50, costs of prosecution and twenty days imprisonment. Court convened yesterday morning, but adjourned sine die, after a few questions were asked.

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—On Monday the news of the tragic death of James McCafferty reached this place but nothing definite as to the particulars could be obtained until the body reached here on Wednesday morning. Then the following account of the awful disaster was gleaned. On Sunday he, accompanied by his wife, went to Watsonville, a small place near Bradford, to visit a sister of Mrs. McCafferty whose husband was superintending a log job. During the afternoon it was proposed that they take a trip on a tramway locomotive which was designed to haul logs. Accordingly Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty with their brother and sister and the fireman and his engineer entered the locomotive and made the trip to the end of the road. They came on the homeward trip when rounding a sharp curve the brake broke and the locomotive ran off the track and was upset. Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty were thrown under the locomotive. A stamp near prevented the heavy engine from coming upon them with its entire weight but nevertheless it terribly mangled their lower limbs and both of them were frightfully scalded. It was over an hour before James could be removed and his intense sufferings can be imagined. He lived until 3 o'clock the next morning. It was at first thought probable that Mrs. McCafferty might revive and arrangements were made to bring Mr. McCafferty here for burial. She, however, failed to rally from the shock and died at 1 o'clock on Tuesday. The body of the deceased reached here at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and was taken to the Bush House, the funeral services taking place in the parlor of the hotel at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The place where the accident occurred was so isolated that medical aid could not be secured until it was too late to render any assistance. James McCafferty was the oldest son of Charles McCafferty, formerly of this place, and will be remembered as an intelligent and industrious young man. Nearly twelve years ago he entered the First National bank, of Bradford, where he has ably filled the position of book-keeper ever since. Deceased was 36 years of age and the extremely sad death is a great shock to his parents and brothers, all of whom were here. The short service of the Methodist church was conducted with beautiful solemnity and the many floral offerings were fitting tributes to the memory of one who was universally honored and admired.

It is sad to think that two young people should be so suddenly stricken just in the prime of their lives.