DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN--SUPPLEMENT.

BELLEFONTE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1892.

FACTS FOR VOTERS.

Who can vote and How Ballots are to be Cast Under the the New Election Law.

READ CAREFULLY AND REMEMBER WHAT YOU READ

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS, will be held on Tuesday, November 8th, opening at 7 a. m. and closing at 7 p. m.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS. The law relating to the qualification of voters, the right of challenge and of proof of right to vote remains as herefore. Challenge should be made before the person offering to vote receives his ballot, but may be made at any time before he casts it.

MANNER OF VOTING. Besides the election officers and supervisors authorized by the laws of the United States, or overseers appointed by the Courts of this

Commonwealth, not more than *four* voters in excess of the number of voting shelves or compartments shall be allowed inside of the enclosed

space at one time and not more than ten outside that space.

Specimen ballots and cards of instruction can be obtained from the election officers upon request.

The person desiring to vote will

Enter the room and remain outside the chain or guard-rail.

When his turn arrives he shall first give his name and residence to one of the election officers in charge of the hellots. of the election officers in charge of the ballots.

The officer will thereupon announce the same in a loud and dis

If the voter's name is upon the *ballot check-list*, the inspector or clerk in charge of the said list will repeat the name. The voter will then enter the space enclosed by the guard-rail, unless his right to vote be challenged.

If challenged by a qualified citizen, he shall remain outside the guard-rail until his right to vote is determined, but he may be challenged any time before the vote is cast. It is recommended, however, that challenges be made before the voter enters the guard-rail, nowever fore he receives his ballot. His right to vote shall be established in the manner heretofore provided by law. If his right to vote be established his name will be entered upor the voting and check-lists.

INSIDE OF GUARD-RAIL.

The voter having the right to vote will enter within the guard-The election officer having charge of the ballots shall detach one

from the stub and give it to the voter

The said officer shall first fold it so that the words printed upon the back and outside of the ballot shall be the only words visible, and

it cannot be voted unless so folded.

Only one ballot shall be given to a voter, unless he inadvertently spoils it, when he may obtain another upon returning the spoiled one.

Upon his receiving the ballot, the check-list shall be marked by election officers, and the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the space enclosed by guard-rail, retire to one of the voting shelves of

Only official ballots can be voted, and any ballot other than sample ballot, appearing to have been obtained otherwise than provided by the Act, shall be sent to the District Attorney for his official

INSIDE THE VOTING SHELF OR COMPARTMENT. The voter, upon entering the Voting Shelf or Compartment, must

To assist him in preparing his *official* ballot he may mark a *sample* ballot before going to vote and take it with him into the voting compartment to copy from in preparing his official ballot. He must vote the official ballot only.

Cards of instruction will be posted in each voting compartment No voter will be allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment already occupied by another, except when giving the help allowed in

the preparation of his ticket; nor to remain in such compartment more than *three minutes* if all the compartments are in use and other voters are waiting to vote. If any voter declares to the Judge of Election that he desires as sistance in the preparation of his ballot, by reason of disability, he

shall be permitted by the Judge of Election to select a qualified voter of the election district to aid him in the preparation of his ballot, such preparation being made in the voting compartment, A voter who shall, except as above stated, allow his ballot to be seen with an apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about

to vote, or shall willfully violate any provisions of the Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. No person within the election room shall electioneer or solici

votes, or shall interfere with any voter when inside said enclosed space, or when marking his ballot, or endeavor to induce any voter before depositing the ballot to show how he marks his ballot.

PREPARATION OF BALLOT.

If the voter desires to vote the STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET, or in other words, for all the candidates on the Democratic ticket, he can do so by making a cross mark, thus **X**, in the square to the RIGHT of the word Democratic at the head or top of each Democratic group This single mark or cross will be equivalent to a cross mark against every name in such Democratic group, and will be counted as one vote for each Democratic candidate named. Each group in the Democratic column must be similarly marked with a cross.

This year (1892) there will be the following groups in the Democratic ticket, to wit: 1. State ticket, embracing candidate for Su preme Court Judge, two candidates for Congressmen at Large, and thirty-two candidates for Electors. 2. Candidate for Congress. 3. Two candidates for Representative. 4. Candidate for Associate Judge. 5. County candidates. To vote the full Democratic ticket, a cross must be made for each of these groups. A single cross at the top of the ticket simply votes for the State ticket, or those in the

first group. Such a ballot would not be counted for the candidates for Congress, Representatives, &c.

If the voter desires, he can make a cross mark in the square opposite and to the Right of each of the candidates for each office to be filled, and his vote will be counted as one vote for each candidate so

If the voter adopts the plan of marking a cross to the *right* of each candidate he should becareful not to miss a name, as a name not cross-

ed would not be counted. The simple method, where the voter desires to vote the "Straight" or whole ticket, is to place a cross mark to the Right of the party name at the head or top of each group in the Democratic column. The only difficulties in the use of the new ballot being those which arise from an attempt to vote a mixed or "scratched" ticket; Democratic

voters are cautioned against voting any but a straight ticket, as to do so is attended with danger that the entire ballot may be invalidated.

The many Republicans in this county, who desire to vote for the Democratic candidates for Representative, because they represent the views of the masses, or for the Democratic candidate for Associate Judge, or for any Democrat on the county ticket, can do it easily, by putting an **X** opposite the *name* of the candidate for whom he desires to vote, in place of at the word Republican at the head of the group. In other words, so far as he votes a straight ticket he *marks the groups*, and where he desires to "cut" his ticket he marks the names of the

Crosses must be marked in the appropriate margin or place only, and always at the right-hand side of the party column.

If a voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected

to an office his vote shall not be counted for such office.

The voter must not cross out any names upon the ticket, nor cover a name with a "sticker" or "paster," except in the cases referred to in

the next section.

When a candidate has died or withdrawn, and a substituted nomination is made after the ballots are printed, the new name will be printed upon a "sticker," which should be pasted *over* to cover the name of the deceased or withdrawn candidate. The voter should, in placing the "sticker" over the name of the candidate so deceased or withdrawn, use great care so as not to cover more than the one name. Under no other circumstances can a "sticker" be pasted over a name,

or be placed in the Democratic column.

Before leaving the voting shelf or compartment the voter must fold his ballot without displaying the marks made by him, in the same way it was folded when handed to him by the election officer, and keep it folded until he has voted.

After leaving the voting shelf, and before leaving the enclosed space, he shall give his ballot to the election officer in charge of the

This officer, without unfolding the ballot, shall number it on the right hand upper corner of the back of the ballot, immediately to the left of the folding line, and then shall fold the corner so as to cover the number, and paste it down so that the number cannot be seen and deposit it in the ballot-box.

The voter may make a memorandum of the number of his own No voter, not an election officer, shall be allowed to re-enter the enclosed space after he has once left it, except to give help, as hereinbefere stated.

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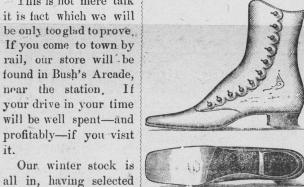
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