

Democrats, Your Duty is Plain.

On Saturday, August 5th, just two weeks from to-morrow, the Democratic primaries, for the election of delegates to the county convention, will be held in the various election districts of the county.

It is just as much a duty of the Democracy to attend the primaries as it is to attend the general election later. The ticket is the all important thing, because, to insure its success everyone must be satisfied.

There was a time when any Tom, Dick or Harry in the country could rush, breathless, into the sanctum of the newspaper office and gasp out some awful tale of murder, thievery, or a fight that had or was occurring at a distance which the news carrier knew was beyond the immediate reach of the editor.

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What Auditors Can Expect.

Recent decisions of several courts in the State have about definitely outlined the sources from which auditors are expected to draw pay for their various services at election time.

Judge McPHERSON, of Lebanon, and Judge SIMONTON, of Dauphin county, have concurred in the decree that for holding meetings for receiving certificates of nomination, and nomination papers, bearing objections thereto and withdrawals, and filling out certificates for watchers, the township must pay the Auditors, but for arranging ballots, correcting proof, going to and from the printing office and distributing ballots to the proper officer of any township, the cost must be paid by the county commissioners.

Such a ruling seems exceedingly explicit and should obviate any future misunderstanding between auditors, their townships and the county commissioners about pay for the election services rendered.

Pennsylvania's citizen soldiery continually keeps ingratiating itself in the hearts of her people. No other state in the Union can turn out such a vast army of men, and it should be a matter of great pride to us all that the Keystone State is the keystone of the National Guard of the country.

Things are shaping up in the Republican ranks and it looks very much as if Gen. DAN. HASTINGS has a "cinch" on the gubernatorial nomination.

There was a time when the Republican party was unheard of. The styles are continually changing. That time is coming back.

If ADAM and EVE suffered from the heat it certainly wasn't because of a super abundance of clothing.

The Comet Brings to Light a Tail.

It Throws Out an Enormous Streamer Resembling a Display of the Aurora Borealis.—The Addition to the Comet's Tail is a Long Streak of Greenish White Light Extending Almost to the Zenith—It is Sixty times as Long as the Moon is Wide.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—At 10:30 o'clock last night the comet which is now the object of so much search and speculation suddenly developed an enormous tail, which to the unpracticed eye was taken to be a display of the aurora borealis.

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Pennsylvania's New Road Law.

From the Lock Haven Democrat. The road law passed by the last legislature and signed by Governor Pattison, is regarded as a practical measure, one, it is thought, which will result in a reform in the matter of road making, in some of the districts at least, throughout the country.

The process by which this right is to be acquired is as follows: Any one or more taxpayers desirous of acquiring the said right shall, before the beginning of any township fiscal year, present to the court of quarter sessions of the county in which said right is desired, setting out that he, she, it, or they are the owners of property assessed for road purposes in said townships, or road districts, the number of miles of public road in said township or road district and the desire and ability of the petitioner or petitioners to lay out, open, make, amend and repair the public highways and bridges of said township or road district wholly at his, her, its, or their own expense for the ensuing township fiscal year, and to pay the other expenses of said township without any right against or claim upon said township or road district for or by reason of the materials, labor, or money furnished.

The work is to be done under the direction of the supervisor, who is required to view and inspect the making and repairing of the roads in his district at least once during every month, and be fully satisfied that the petitioners have fully complied with their contract, and for this service the supervisors shall each receive the sum of \$480 per year.

It likewise will be the duty of the supervisor to notify the contractors, if at any time he sees the roads needs repair, and if they fail to repair the road as required, he is empowered to purchase such materials and employ such men as may be necessary to repair said roads and charge the same to the contractors.

In addition to the salary provided for to be paid to the supervisors for supervising the work the petitioners or contractors will be required to pay to the township clerk \$50; to each of the public auditors \$25; to the township attorney \$50 and to each supervisor \$250.

They will also be required to execute a bond in a sum equal to \$500 for each and every mile of public road in said township, with sureties conditioned for the faithful performance of their trust.

The practical effect of the bill will be felt more particularly in the townships in which the greater amount of the taxable property is held by one or more persons or corporations and subsequent pay the most of the tax assessed, which in too many instances goes to other purposes than that of the repair of the streets.

It is believed that the corporations will willingly embrace the opportunity of freeing themselves from the heavy road tax generally levied, by undertaking to keep the streets in proper repair and it will be the mission of the supervisor to see that it is done properly.

Parting Down the Pensions.

Over \$112,000 Have Been Saved the Government in Two Months—Cases That Would Have Been Allowed Had They Not Been Examined by This Division of the Pension Bureau, the First Payments Amounted to Over \$150,000.—Over \$5,500 in Cash Recovered by Special Examiners.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The special examination division of the bureau of pensions, which is charged with the investigation of the criminal matters in pension claims, as well as the investigation of merit claims in which a prima facie case has been established before reference to that division, has kept a record since May 1 of the amount involved in first payment of every case rejected after special investigation.

The record shows that, for the months of May and June last, in these prima facie cases, which would have been allowed had they not been specially investigated, the first payments would have amounted to \$150,270.

A great many cases investigated were found to possess merit and were allowed; but of the number investigated and rejected a saving to the government of the above amount has resulted.

The expenses of the special examination division for the months of May and June, last, in the investigation of prima facie merit claims, and all other matters pertaining to the work of the division, amounted to \$36,895, leaving a net saving to the government of \$113,374.

To this amount may be added \$3,504, which was recovered in cash by special examiners and handed into the treasury making the total net saving to the government \$116,878.

The Free Text Book Law.

Goes Into Effect at Once, and Judge Ewing's Decision is Regretted.

HARRISBURG, July 16.—State Superintendent Schaeffer has rendered a decision that the free text book law goes into immediate effect, and that it is the duty of the directors to make provision for furnishing and equipping the schools with the necessary text books and other supplies.

Being asked what he thought of the decision of Judge Ewing, of Pittsburgh, restraining the school board from purchasing different sets of readers, he said: I regret exceedingly that Judge Ewing has felt it his duty to interpret the law concerning the adoption of text books in such a way as to bind entire cities to the purchase of one set of readers.

The use of the term "series" to denote the text books of a given author upon a specific subject is of comparatively recent origin, and the word in its original signification means a sequence or succession of any kind.

The law authorizes the directors to adopt a series of text books, which in many cities was interpreted to mean the sequence or succession of books which the board, in consultation with the teachers, deemed best adapted to promote the progress of the pupils; and in imitation of the best schools in New England, several first, second, third and fourth readers were purchased without increasing the aggregate expense or multiplying classes, and sent from school to school for the purpose of securing perennial interest and freshness in the reading lesson.

This decision turns backward the hand on the dial plate of progress of many cities, until they can find relief in the decision of a higher court or through legislative enactment.

Had a Narrow Escape.

Hanged and Shot by Lynchers, but Still Living and Likely to Live for Some Time.

NORFOLK, July 18.—Isaac Jenkins, colored, set fire to the barn owned by John Cartwright, at Cartwright wharf, on the Nasomond river, and poisoned several valuable animals. Jenkins was captured on Saturday. He admitted that he set fire to the barn and poisoned the horses.

He further said that he would not be satisfied until he had killed Mr. Cartwright. A party of citizens hanged the barn-burner from a tree, leaving his body hanging after firing a dozen shots at it.

When some of the lynchers returned to the spot on Sunday they found the body gone. A colored man was arrested in this city last night as a suspicious character, who proved to be Jenkins. He said that as he was losing consciousness while hanging, he heard several pistol shots. When he recovered it was not daylight! He was lying on the ground; the rope had broken. He got up and made his way to Norfolk through the woods.

The man's neck was badly cut and swollen and one of the pistol balls took effect in the right side of the head, but didn't enter the brain.

Weekly Crop Report.

The Alternate Showers and Sunshine Have Been Very Beneficial to Crops in Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The weekly crop report of the weather bureau states that the warm, dry weather has been especially favorable for harvest work and baying, which is well under way as far north as southern Minnesota. In view of the reported shortage in Europe, it is worthy of special note that the hay crop is excellent in almost all sections.

Some injury has resulted to crops in Kentucky, Tennessee and portions of Illinois, owing to the hot, dry weather, and rain is generally needed east of the Mississippi in Texas and in the upper Missouri valley.

There has been a general improvement in crop conditions during the week. Corn is reported in excellent condition in most states. The cotton crop is improving in South Carolina and Texas, although the plant is small.

Pennsylvania—Alternate showers and sunshine very beneficial to crops; corn and tobacco making excellent growth; oats ripening, outlook brightening in dry sections.

They Should Abide by the Work of Their Own Hands. From the Philadelphia Press.

The small regard for law which has characterized South Carolina since the days of reconstruction is cropping out again in the attempt to enforce the new liquor law in the State. Whether or not it is a wise law has nothing to do with the case. It is the law of the State and it is the duty of the people to obey it.

Gallagher's Confession.

He Swears That All He Said Against Dempsey Was Untrue.

PITTSBURG, July 19.—At the western penitentiary to-day District Attorney Clarence Burleigh, Attorneys L. K. Porter and W. J. Brennan, Notary Public C. C. Lee and Stenographer J. Beal met to take the depositions of Gallagher and Davidson, serving time in the Homestead poisoning cases. Gallagher was before the committee over two hours. Davidson's examination occupied about twenty minutes.

The district attorney conducted the examination, but declined to give out anything for publication.

It was confessed, however, that Gallagher's confession in regard to Hugh Dempsey and the Homestead poisoning case is much more sweeping in its details than had been imagined by the general public. A gentleman who has heard the whole story says Gallagher's statement not only implicates Pinkerton detectives, but several men much more prominent in business and professional life.

He stated positively, the gentleman said, that every word he said against Dempsey on the stand was false. He implicates Detective Ford, of the Pinkerton agency, and gives the names of many others who were instrumental in Dempsey's conviction. He further states that he never administered poison or croton oil to the men at Homestead and that Dempsey never proposed that he should.

He sticks to the story that the \$25 Dempsey gave him was a loan to protect his furniture. To substantiate this the defense will show by members of the firm who sold him the furniture that they were pushing him for the money. Davidson made a statement similar to the Gallagher story, except that he was not in the plot as long as the men who convicted Dempsey. They both seemed willing to make their confessions under oath and stand by it if it means a lengthening of their terms of imprisonment.

Dempsey's attorneys have matters in such shape that they will corroborate the confessions by other witnesses.

Great Collapse of Denver Banks.

The Masses Excited and Streets Crowded with Anxious Depositors.—At 10 o'clock, When the Union National Bank Announced That It Would Not Open Its Doors, a Panic Was Started.—The Run on the Different Institutions Was Well Met by Most of them—Failures in Kansas Announced.

DENVER, Col., July 18.—No such scene was ever witnessed in all the west as was seen here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock, when the banks were supposed to open their doors for business. The failure of the savings banks yesterday had excited the masses, and at the hour of opening the streets were crowded with anxious depositors. The eleven clearing house banks, located within four blocks of each other, were surrounded, and far into the streets crowds gathered until officers and special police were called out to clear the way for traffic.

At 10 o'clock the Union National bank, with a capital of \$1,000,000 posted a notice that it would not open its doors. This started the panic and following quickly the Commercial National posted a similar notice. A run was immediately started on all of the other banks, though to no great extent upon the People's National. The First National appeared to be the soundest of all, it having only 60 per cent. of its deposits on hand with a private fund of \$1,500,000 in addition to draw upon, making it impossible to close its doors.

The Colorado National and several others are in equally as good condition. Those who withdrew their money are all small depositors, the large holders being satisfied to let their accounts remain. The banks paid all demands except on time certificates, they demanding that these remain until the expiration of the time.

The "Time-Saver" is a guide to the World's Fair that deserves its name. It names and locates 5,000 of the most interesting things on the Exposition grounds, grading them according to their importance. No other guide does this. The visitor who uses a "Time Saver" can see the Fair in one third of the time usually occupied and find without difficulty everything he wants to see.

An encyclopedia of World's Fair information that can be carried in your breast pocket. Compiled by a newspaper man, who inspected every exhibit on the grounds. Not sold on the Exposition grounds; but nothing sold there will take its place. Ask your newsdealer for it or send 25 cents to W. E. Hamilton, Room 12, No. 233 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Three Fall and More to Follow.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 18.—State Bank Examiner Breidenbal this morning received notice of the failures of the Citizens' bank, of Kansas City, Kan., of the Bank of Richmond and of the Farmer's and Merchant's bank, at Ossawatimie. The concerns all did a small business. Statements are unobtainable. The opinion is expressed that other institutions throughout the state will soon go under.

Herbert on a Tour of Inspection.

NEW LONDON, Conn., July 19.—Secretary Herbert, on the dispatch boat Dolphin, arrived here this morning on a tour of inspection, and paid an extended visit to the Thames naval station. He spent about two hours looking over the yard, and expressed himself as highly pleased with its capabilities as headquarters for the naval cruisers. The Dolphin steamed away for Newport this afternoon with the secretary on board.

Life Insurance Company Dissolved.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 18.—A decree was made by the Dauphin county court to day in the cause of the Commonwealth vs. the Philadelphia Life Insurance company, dissolving the company and appointing Sylvester Bonaffon, Jr., receiver, to take charge of its effects.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Exhibit at the World's Fair.

Of more real interest to the average visitor to the World's Fair than all the confusing array of locomotives, cars, ships, wagons, bicycles, and velocipedes in the great Transportation Building is the compact yet comprehensive exhibit which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company makes in its own beautiful little model railway station.

What with signal tower, overhead foot bridge, automatic switches, tracks, ballast, and ditches just outside its doors, and the original "John Bull" locomotive, the oldest in America, with its train of antique cars, and the colossal iron vehicles upon which the huge Krupp guns were conveyed from Baltimore to the Exposition standing in the shadow of its walls, it presents to the passer-by an appearance so distinctly characteristic that a careful inspection of the treasures of the interior is almost inevitable.

Once inside, you enter immediately into a study of transportation history in the United States on the kindergarten or object-lesson basis, and by means of models, ranging from the old Conestoga wagon, through a series of curiously fashioned cars, up to the standard locomotives and passenger coaches of to-day, you secure a most effective idea of railroad progress. Nor do the models here shown have to do with vehicles only. In the cases which line the walls of the cool, white interior are also to be seen models of track of all periods, various systems of signals in use at different times, and even tickets and time-tables, not forgetting conductors' punches and lanterns.

In the way of models, the post of honor is given to a magnificent reproduction of Pennsylvania Railroad Company's new double-deck ferry-boat "Washington" which plies between New York and Jersey City, a model complete in every detail, even to the Electric lighting and the rubber mats at the doors. Maps, in relief, of a most interesting and instructive character are numerous, not the least important being one four feet wide by twelve feet long, showing at once the old Portage company over the Alleghenies, all arranged to a scale, and giving a better notion of that wonderful feat of engineering, the Horse-shoe Curve, than can be had by a trip over it.

To furnish a comprehensive idea of the magnitude of the Pennsylvania Railroad system no better method could have been adopted than that which is here presented in the shape of a perspective map, thirty-three feet long, showing the position of each train in motion on the system at 6 P. M. on Columbia Day, October 21st, 1892, the passenger trains being indicated by tiny gilt locomotives, and the freight trains by similar locomotives colored blue. In addition to all this there is case after case of photographs, posters, letters, bills, and other documents, all more or less interesting, and a number of wax figures, clothed in the uniforms of the Pennsylvania's working staff of employes, from baggage porters to conductors.

Beat the Record.

CHICAGO, July 19.—At Washington park Maid Marian ran a mile and twenty yards in 1.40, beating the record by 1 1/2 seconds. She led all the way and was three lengths ahead of Diablo who tried to overtake her during the last half mile. The mile from wire to wire was run in 1:38 3/4.

More Bank's Close.

OKLAHOMA, O. T., July 19.—The bank of Oklahoma city and the Oklahoma National bank closed their doors this afternoon. There was a heavy run on the First National, but it withstood it all right. Statements are unobtainable now.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

New slate black boards will be put in the High school building.

It is rumored that the Clearfield region coal trade will be very brisk during the coming fall.

The Reformed churches of Union and Centre counties will celebrate their Centennial by a picnic at Centre Hall, on August 16th. All are invited.

A single trial will convince you that A. M. Tenney's celebrated candies are the finest in the world. J. Zeller and Son have the exclusive sale in Bellefonte.

The Pennsylvania railroad company will soon abandon the telegraph and substitute the long distance telephone as a means of communication between offices along its lines.

The Grand lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Good Templars closed its annual session in West Chester on Wednesday. It will meet next year in Philadelphia.

John Evans, a Northumberland county man, has invented an air ship and says he will travel to Chicago in it. He don't say whether he expects to get there in time for the Fair or not.

The purest and best candies manufactured in the country to-day are A. M. Tenney's. J. Zeller and Son have their exclusive sale. If you want something really fine, try them.

One of the prettiest as well as appropriate souvenirs we have seen of Bellefonte is the collection of photographs which Fred Blair has taken of principle industrial and other buildings in town. They are on sale at Blairs jewelry store.