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The Next Legislature.

The helplessness of the Democrats in the present Legislature should admonish the people of that faith throughout the State against a repetition of the lapse which produced the result two years ago. In other words, the Democrats of Pennsylvania should exercise that wisdom and vigilance in the coming legislative elections as will guarantee, not only a just proportion of the Representatives and Senators in the Legislature, but as many in each chamber as an insolent and arrogant majority has permitted them to hope for. That is to say, in the selection of candidates the very best men should be favored in all districts, and that achieved, such energy should be invested in the canvass for election as will guarantee success in all Democratic and most of the doubtful districts.

It may seem early to begin the discussion and the admirable record of our present Representative offers a solution of the problem in this country anyway in the event that the reapportionment cuts us down to one member. The importance of the February election should not be forgotten, moreover, and it is a matter of present interest. After all the result of the fall elections hinges largely on the character of men chosen for election boards and other local offices in the spring. But the consideration of legislative nominees for the next session of the General Assembly is timely, nevertheless, for the more thought that is given to the subject the better the results. Quick judgments in such matters are more than likely to be faulty and every point of vantage should be weighed.

The next session of the Legislature will be the most important in recent years. The special session now in progress is not likely to accomplish much. It was called not to improve conditions but to conceal faults. Nevertheless it has revealed a condition that is most reprehensible. It has shown that every department of the state government is not only corrupt but increasing in iniquity. It will be the duty of the next Legislature to expose and correct these evils. If that result is to be hoped for the Democratic force must be as large as possible and composed of men of the keenest intelligence and highest integrity. To secure such a personnel the matter must be considered in time and there is no time so appropriate as the present. Democrats of Pennsylvania keep these facts in mind.

An Absurd Proposition.

The Reading Telegram, of which Hon. HENRY D. GREEN is editor, has been discussing the primary election law pending in the Legislature and has raised some valid as well as pertinent objections to that measure. To follow all the points raised by our able Berks county contemporary in a series of well considered and somewhat lengthy articles would be impossible in the small space we have to devote to the subject. But we cannot refrain from referring to one of the salient objections. We refer to that feature of the proposed bill which fixes the qualifications of voters at primary elections.

The qualifications of voters at primary elections is no more a fit subject of legislation than the form of religion which a voter adopts. It is purely a matter for the party organizations to determine and is ought to be left to them. If a voter for one reason or another alters his mind on political questions he has a right to go to the primary election of the party he adopts and participate in the choice of candidates. All the law has a right to do is to prevent him from voting at the primary election.

both parties and that will be achieved by holding the primaries of both parties at the same time and place.

The party organizations by established rules or votes in conventions can very easily fix the qualifications of voters at primaries and if a rule proves bad it can be changed immediately after its delinquency is revealed. But if fixed by law, however unjust or unavailable it may be, there is no remedy except through a repeal of the law by the Legislature which may be impossible for several years. Clearly our contemporary is right on this question and we hope his arguments will so impress themselves on the minds of the Legislators that the absurd proposition will be literally laughed off the calendar.

Rowell's newspaper directory is at its annual business again of holding up the publishers of papers throughout the country for space in its forthcoming edition. This publication is to the legitimate newspaper business what Town Topics has just been proven to be to New York society people—a laugh upon those cowardly enough to fear it, a blackmailer of those who pay regard to its demands and a panader to the few who are weak enough to buy its good will. Like the publication referred to Rowell's newspaper directory is deserving only of the contempt of decent people.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—Two weeks from yesterday will be Washington's birthday.

—The snow-shoveling brigade had their first real work of the winter on Monday.

—David Miller, the grocer, now sports one of the nobbiest delivery wagons seen in Bellefonte.

—Hon. and Mrs. S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven, have sailed for a couple months sojourn in Cuba.

—A bright little daughter arrived on Wednesday night to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Otto.

—We notice that the Oak Extract Co., of Newport, Pa., have increased the price of Chestnut and Rock Oak wood. See their advertisement in another column.

—Rev. James R. Baker, pastor of the Lycoming Presbyterian church at Newberry, will fill the pulpit in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, both morning and evening.

—Tuesday morning the thermometer registered eight to sixteen degrees below zero, according to the location of the thermometer in town; which was the coldest morning so far this season.

—George Gutelius, a lineman in the employ of the United telephone company, while working on the line in Ferguson township, fell from a pole, on Wednesday, and was badly, though not fatally hurt.

—Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Miss Susan Criste, a dressmaker of Altoona, to Lester Zimmerman, of Philipsburg, the ceremony to take place in St. Mark's Catholic church, Altoona, Thursday, February 22nd.

—Mary, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLain, of Linden, formerly of this place, who has been ill with typhoid fever for weeks, is now convalescing, a fact the many friends of the family in this place will be pleased to learn.

—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Telephone company, at a meeting held January 31st, declared the regular quarterly dividend, No. 88, of one and one-half per cent, payable February 1st, 1906, to stockholders of record January 31st, 1906.

—Willis Wian has resigned his position as chauffeur to John Porter Lyon and on Saturday went to State College where he has accepted a position with the State College Electric Light company. He expects to move his family there in the near future.

—Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Washington, D. C., will deliver a free lecture on "That Boy and Girl of Yours," in Petrik Hall, Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Dr. Crafts is an eloquent talker and his lecture abounds in wit, wisdom and philosophy. Everybody is not only invited but urged to attend, especially the boys and girls.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Decker have decided to change their place of residence from Bellefonte to Williamsport. They have closed their house on Bishop street and yesterday went to Lancaster where they will remain a month or more and in March will move their furniture and take up their residence in the Lumber city.

—The bazaar held for the benefit of the new Catholic convent, last week, came to a close Saturday night when there was a very large attendance. All of the articles offered in the contest were chance off and about everything offered for sale disposed of. The bazaar was one of the most successful ever held, close to seventeen hundred dollars being realized, which will leave a handsome sum clear of all expenses.

—The many friends of Edward M. Speer, son of our townsmen, Mr. William T. Speer, will be glad to learn that he has been promoted from the position of assistant cashier of the First National bank, of Hoxie, Kan., to that of cashier. Mr. Speer has been employed in the Hoxie bank for a number of years and his promotion is not only a merited one but shows confidence reposed in him by the board of directors.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL.—Every one of the nine members attended the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. The chairman of the various committees all reported progress.

Probably the most important question brought before council was that proposed by the borough solicitor, D. F. Fortney, that an ordinance be passed fixing the salary of the burgess of Bellefonte at ten dollars per one thousand inhabitants, which would be about fifty dollars per year. Heretofore the burgess was not entitled to any remuneration for his services but under an act passed by the Legislature of 1905 borough councils can fix the salaries of burgesses at an amount not to exceed fifty dollars per one thousand inhabitants. Mr. Fortney had prepared an ordinance which he submitted to council but action on same was deferred until the next meeting.

The Finance committee recommended the renewal of a note in favor of the borough treasurer for \$6,500; also the renewal of a note for \$4,000, held by Geo. R. Meek, for four months at five per cent. On motion of Dr. Kirk an order was drawn in favor of the sinking fund for \$2,000.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

	\$29.80
Street pay roll.....	\$29.80
Police call.....	48.10
S. H. Williams, glass.....	1.12
W. T. Kelly, cost for Beezer.....	22.60
W. T. Kelly, cost for work.....	1.12
Bellefonte Light Co., street lights.....	386.00
" "	12.60
A. E. Schad, supplies.....	5.30
J. H. Lingel, supplies.....	15.00
W. H. Lingel, paper.....	66.70
Bellefonte Electric Co.....	21.37
J. H. Lingel, repairs.....	61.11
George R. Meek, interest on note.....	66.67
Sinking Fund.....	2000.00
	29234.03

THE SAFEGUARD TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Rev. Crittenden, more than forty years a Bible school missionary in the north central part of Pennsylvania and a resident of Bellefonte the past thirty years, has developed a plan by which any boy or young person can, without failure—sure as he lives, come into possession of a genuine, reliable gold watch and chain. The way to do it is plain, easy and certain, having the approval of all good people. The names of all who undertake to follow the course as directed are placed on record in a way to ensure permanent preservation, forming what is named The Safeguard Temperance Society.

—My object is to aid the young people in "the school of life," by assistance, to fight the "bad habits," and failing into bad habits that will surely entitle the most vicious and disastrous losses, pursuing such a course that will carry them down, down, forever.

—And further, my aim is to help the boys and young folks, early in life, to form and follow the leading of good habits that will surely bring them closer to Jesus the Saviour and, at least, to a place at God's right hand where are pleasures evermore.

Any father or mother, son or daughter, who desires further information can obtain it by sending a one-cent stamp with post-office address to R. Crittenden, Missioner, Bellefonte, Pa.

CURTIN STATUE COMPLETED.

—The Curtin statue in this place has been entirely completed and has been boarded up from foundation to top in which condition it will be kept until the day of unveiling and dedication on June 8th. The soldiers' monument is not yet finished. The bronze tablet representing "War" is in place and has been veiled and boxed up. The other tablet representing "Peace" had to be sent back to the factory for resetting, as it came here in a badly warped condition. So far none of the bronze name plates have been received, and there are quite a number of these it will take some time to set them, when received, and this will complete the monument with the exception of the paving to be done around it, which in itself will take considerable time. So that there is yet a lot of work to be done before everything will be in shape for dedicating the same.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.—Rev. E. W. Rishel, who was a delegate to the world's Sunday school convention at Jerusalem in 1904, will give an illustrated lecture on his eighty days tour of the Orient in the court house, Bellefonte, on Thursday evening, February 22nd, for the benefit of the United Evangelical church. Rev. Rishel was has been justly termed the "Orator of the Conemaugh," and his lecture is said to be replete with interesting descriptions of the Holy Land and its surroundings. The illustrations consist of over one hundred stereoscopic views such sacred places as Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulchre, Bethlehem, Bethany, Olivet and down to Jericho. Don't fail to hear him.

—Carl Berger, the scenic artist of Philadelphia, has about completed repainting the scenery in Garman's opera house and theatre goers will now have the pleasure of gazing on new and beautiful pictures with every stage setting. The middle space in the big drop curtain has been adorned with a most admirable painting of Lake Como, in Italy, while every other curtain and piece of scenery in the wings shows the touch of a master hand.

—The Bellefonte Academy and Three C's basketball team of Tyrone will play a game in the armory tomorrow evening. This will be the first game of the season in the armory and should be well attended. Game called at 8:15 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

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—Miss Rose Hoover and her friend, Mr. Mark, of Philipsburg, attended Endeavor on Sunday evening.

—Robert Roan, of Union Furnace, was a pleasant visitor at his home over Sunday.

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—Miss Eva Bathgate was in Bellefonte Saturday doing shopping.

It seems more like winter now, sixteen degrees below zero Tuesday.

—There is to be a large entertainment at the Armagh school this evening.

—Mrs. D. H. Heckman is visiting her sister, Mamie, of Altoona, this week.

—Mrs. Nellie Roan, of Axe Man, spent Tuesday at the home of her parents.

We are glad to note that Miss Annie Yarnell, who had been ill with typhoid fever, has recovered sufficiently to be around again.

—Mr.