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LAW IN CONFLICT WITH COMMON SENSE.

The Supreme Court of the United States has handed down a decision that invalidates a Texas law which barred negroes from voting in the Democratic primaries in that State.

The majority opinion was written by Mr. Justice Cardozo and was based on the theory of law that since political parties derive their power from the States "they are then the governmental instruments whereby parties are organized and regulated."

Such an argument may have sound basis in the law, but it seems rather far fetched to predicate it on presumptive violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

There was no attempt in this act to deprive the negro of any of the rights vouchsafed to the citizens of the United States by the Fourteenth Amendment, nor could it be construed as violation of the Fifteenth, which holds that the right of citizens to vote "shall not be denied or abridged."

The primary and the election are susceptible of very different interpretations when it comes to the application of the fundamental law to them. The framers of the Constitution had in mind only elections when that instrument was written and, in 1869, when the Fifteenth Amendment was submitted for ratification by the States, primaries were unknown.

The common sense view of political parties places them in exactly the same relation to the governmental structure as fraternal organizations are to the social order or the various church denominations are to the spiritual development of the country.

It is true that some of the southern States have made qualifications such as to disfranchise the great mass of the negro vote. That is purely a local problem, and has no bearing on this question, because it is applicable to elections and not primaries.

Notwithstanding the five to four determination of the question by the country's highest tribunal the reasonable lay mind will come to the conclusion that in this decision the law is at decided variance with the common sense idea that there is "a general right of political parties to prescribe qualifications for membership."

DEFLATING THE DOLLAR.

Congress has passed a bill to deflate the dollar. The purchasing power of our unit of value is now \$1.60 and in order to bring it back to where it was between 1921 and 1929 it is to be shorn of its premium.

To the public this juggling will be as intelligible as the Einstein theory or the potential energy recoverable through the recent splitting of the atom. To the average possessor a dollar is a dollar. He or she doesn't stop to think that the yardstick of value is really a very flexible unit.

To some a return in kind should be regarded as fair, but they haven't thought of the injustice such a settlement would work on Mr. B. When he sold his oats at sixty cents he was paying for everything he had to buy on the basis of that price level for his grain.

At one-sixty the dollar might have had a fictitious value, but deflating it by legislation is only another fake panacea. Because it will take more cheap dollars to pay bills contracted when dollars were dear.

Two young Cambridge physicists are reported as having discovered a method for splitting the atom. The achievement is a very remarkable one, since science, generally, believed it would never be accomplished. In fact some very eminent men have advanced the theory that when the atom was finally split some unknown disturbance would be set up that would cause the destruction of the world.

MAJ. LEDERER THANKS FRIENDS FOR SUPPORT

I wish to extend my appreciation to the many friends and supporters in Bellefonte and Centre county for their many kindnesses as expressed in the recent primary.

I appealed to the rank and file of the Republican party for their support and shall gladly yield to their expressed will.

I had promised a fair and clean campaign, free from any so called "mud-slinging" and I have kept the promise.

I congratulate the winner and shall work for a Republican victory in November.

Sincerely yours, EUGENE H. LEDERER

COUNTY CHILDREN'S AID ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Centre county was held in the W. C. T. U. room, in Petrikin hall, Bellefonte, last Monday. After completing the routine business the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1932-33.

All beds, springs, mattresses and pillows at reduced prices during "National Invest in Rest Week," at Brachbill's furniture store. 19-1t

OFFICIAL RETURNS SHOW SOME DECISIVE GAINS IN THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE

The official count of the vote cast at the primaries, on Tuesday of last week, was made by Commissioner's clerk Boyd Vonada and Miss Virginia Healy, and most every candidate on the Democratic ticket showed a gain over the computation made by newspaper men last week.

For President: Alfred E. Smith 185 Franklin D. Roosevelt 1586

United States Senator: Lewis C. Cassidy 437 Lawrence H. Rupp 1185

State Treasurer: L. B. Shannon 1532

Auditor General: Wilson G. Sarig 1484

Judge of Supreme Court: Edward C. Higbee 1531

Judge of Superior Court: Robert A. Henderson 1514 George F. Douglas 1291 George E. McWhorter 1289

Delegates-at-Large to Nat. Convention: Edward J. Lynett 1237 James J. Campbell 1010 Henry C. Miles 697 Robert Gilmore 1248 Guy K. Bard 1213 Warren Van Dyke 1089 John R. Donohoe 910 Samuel E. Shull 669 Lewis C. Cassidy 284 Ivan P. Short 1046 Roland S. Morris 322 Sedgwick Kistler 582 John J. McDevitt 480 Louis R. Holmes 1057 Anne E. Felix 1069 Emma Guffey Miller 1057 Kathryn S. Fiohr 1033 Anne Ewing Cort 1061 Isabelle F. Crosby 1046 Emily W. Roosevelt 1051

At-Large Delegates-at-Large: Michael J. Kerwick 1132 John A. Riley 1093 Harry Auer 1137 George R. McKeenick 1152 Clinton B. Ellenberger 1229 Charles Alvin Jones 1150 Arthur E. Clark 1158 Mary A. Macklin 963 Clara S. Phillips 969 Marion C. Stone 966 Leon E. Collier 956 Kathryn M. Strine 956 Helen Sutton 956 Hedrick K. Bohlen 939 Anne L. 943

Representative in Congress: Frederick B. Kerr 1292

Representative in General Assembly: Robert J. Miller 1372

Dist. Del. to National Convention: Robert A. Henderson 1209 Bernard J. Clark 396 Edward J. Thompson 1317

Dist. Alt. to National Convention: Helen C. Shaeffer 4

Member of State Committee: Dr. Frank K. White 1466

County Chairman: John J. Bower 934 Charles E. Freeman 727

County Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Eben B. Bower 182

REPUBLICAN TICKET

For President: Joseph Irwin France 2076 Herbert Hoover 281

United States Senator: James J. Davis 2505 Smedley D. Butler 3023 William S. Adams 163

State Treasurer: Charles A. Winters 4130

Auditor General: Frank P. E. Thompson 817 Frank M. Clemens 457 Frank E. Flinn 1894 Ralph E. Flinn 1825

Judge of Supreme Court: William B. Linn 4063

Judge of Superior Court: Joseph Stadfield 3657 Arthur H. James 2696 Albert G. Rutherford 1188 Alton S. Wade 798 Robert S. Gathrop 1666

Delegates-at-Large to Nat. Convention: Edward Martin 3451 Marion Margery Scranton 3479 William S. Vore 2315 David B. Reed 3861 Jay Cooke 3739 Edward C. Shannon 3114 Robert Gray Taylor 3029 John J. McClure 3029

At-Large Delegates-at-Large: Edna M. Koch 3214 Mervin S. Eyle 3074 Mildred M. Anderson 2865 James Francis Burke 3157 Sara M. Etter 3119 Alma V. Larimer 3081 Hannah M. Durham 3076

Representative in Congress: John L. Holmes 2409

Representative in Gen. Assembly: David Kaufman 1882 Harry Boulton 1990 Erna M. Jones 1850 Charles P. Loris 3149

Dist. Del. to National Convention: Myrtle Reed Stultz 3257 Claude G. Aikens 3464

Member of State Committee: Mervin S. Eyle 2542 Harry E. Scott 3125

County Chairman: Harry A. Rossman 3078

County Vice-Chairman: Bessie A. Miles 4180

NEW GREEK RESTAURANT IN HEVERLY BUILDING TO OPEN ABOUT MAY 18.

Some decided changes are being made in the J. O. Heverly block, on the northeast corner of the Diamond. Walter Cohen has closed out his furniture annex there and Cameron Heverly has moved his sporting goods and auto accessories store from the large room, on the corner, into the smaller room vacated by Cohen.

The smaller of the two rooms will be for rent. In the event an available tenant cannot be secured in a reasonable time Mr. Heverly might decide to move his loan office into it from its present location in the basement.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of May 12, 1882.

At the Republican State Convention in Harrisburg, last Wednesday, our townsman, Gen. James A. Beaver, was made the nominee of that party for Governor. Col. James Milliken made the nominating speech. It was expected that a large crowd would go down from here, as free railroad tickets were to be had for the asking, but when the time came for the departure of the train there were only fourteen persons to occupy the two extra cars.

The Bellefonte car works will be offered at public auction on the 17th inst. Mr. Tiffin, the manager, will act as auctioneer.

Rain, rain, rain. It does seem that the heavens have resolved themselves into a shower-bath. Following the heavy snow of last Saturday morning there has been incessant rain.

Because the recent loss of his arm has incapacitated him for any other railroad work William Reasner has been made night watchman at the passenger and freight station here.

Mr. Edwin Tyson, of his place, has opened a butchering establishment in Phillipsburg, in connection with John Clinedents. The latter has already moved his household goods to that thriving burg.

The corner stone for the new Lutheran church at Zion will be laid on Sunday, May 21.

The new hotel at Spring Mills, will be opened on the evening of the 18th inst., with George E. Nash, as manager.

Under the new plan for numbering the houses of Bellefonte number 1 will begin at High street and run consecutively both north and south. Allegheny will be the east and west starting street.

Thirty-five homes in Houtzdale are quarantined for smallpox. There have been five or six deaths thus far and conditions are becoming rather alarming over there.

Dr. Harshbarger, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has located in Port Matilda, where he expects to practice his profession, as well as open a drug store.

Rev. Ague, of Port Matilda, was awakened from his slumbers last Saturday night by loud and persistent rapping on his front door. When he went to investigate the cause of the commotion he found a young lady and a young gentleman standing in his porch. They were shivering with cold. To his questioning look they replied: "We came to get married."

The good man was a pretty mad at being aroused from his slumbers, but not too mad to be accommodating. He invited the couple in, tied the nuptial knot and Miss Kate Ginery and Wharton M. Cronister, of Martha Furnace, are a very happy man and wife.

Incidentally the groom of fifty years ago was none other than the popular former sheriff of Centre county who is now living in Altoona. (Editor's Note.)

The Rev. Pennypacker stood up in the Methodist church, last Sunday, and said that the Watchman's statement to the effect that many of Bellefonte' best people attended the Bachelor and Doris circus, that exhibited here last Monday a week, was an "infamous lie." We saw members of all Bellefonte churches there and they were reputed good people long before Rev. Pennypacker came into the community to judge them. The mildew of natural inanity or the dry rot of a feeble intellect is generally announced from the pulpit in tirades against the stage and the circus. It is usually the last device of a minister who realizes that he has made a mistake in his calling.

Rev. Pennypacker drew all the blinds in the windows of the parsonage when the parade was passing through the streets. He called that pagan "the devil and his flying banners." Unwritten history has it that the Reverend was the slickest horse trader ever in this community and some stories even go so far as to give the impression that he was the early day David Harum. (Editor's Note.)

Having completed a four-year detail with the Penn State military department, Colonel Walter B. McCaskey will be replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Russel V. Venable at the close of the present academic year. Col. Venable is expected to report at Pennsylvania State College as professor of military science and tactics shortly after July 1, when he will be relieved from duty with the organized reserves at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a graduate of the United States military academy at West Point and of the command and general staff school of the army.

National "Invest in Rest" Week.—Over a thousand furniture dealers offer beds, springs, mattresses and pillows at reduced prices during "National Invest in Rest Week." We are including in this sale the nationally advertised lines of Rome Co., Simmons & Foster.—W. R. Brachbill's Furniture store. 19-1t

Penn State's new \$500,000 dairy building will be dedicated August 25 and 26. It is planned to have an extensive educational program at that time. The new building is modern in every respect and will fill a long-felt need at the college. Provision has been made for all the teaching and experimental activities in dairy production and manufacture.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS

Junk—the world is full of it. Traveling along most any highway in the State one can see junkyard after junkyard of decrepit automobiles.

Junk that at one time represented thousands of dollars and which today is not worth the handling. This is the season of year for housecleaning and every housewife is sorting over the junk in the attic of her home. She goes to it with a resolve to burn the "darned old stuff and get rid of it," but as the sorting process proceeds she hesitates and is lost. It may be an old broken chair, some discarded china, a "what not" or most any old thing, but associated with it is a memory of some incident in the past and the dust is wiped off, the article stored away in another corner and when the work of cleaning out is completed about the only junk gotten rid of is a lot of old dirty newspapers and the attic looks clean and nice but as full of junk as ever.

So it is with some stores and business enterprises. Shelves are full of junk goods—goods purchased years ago and sadly out of date today, but which represents now only so much dead stock. That is where the chain stores have the advantage over the old-time merchant. They refuse to handle anything that there is any doubt about its salability. Every article must be staple and it is the quick turnover that makes the profitable results.

Watching the various election boards in Centre county bring in their returns, last week, we were impressed with the big packages of unused ballots returned to the County Commissioners' office, every ballot of which represented a stay-at-home voter but which at that time was only junk. The law requires the printing of ballots sufficient for every enrolled voter in each precinct in the county plus a small allowance for emergencies. They are never all used and the leftovers must be returned to the Commissioners' office. The ballots would make good scrap paper but they cannot be used for that purpose. The law requires that they be burned and thus several hundred dollars worth of the taxpayers money is converted into an ash heap.

And so, as we said at the beginning, the world is full of junk—junk in business and junk politicians. There were quite a number of the latter throughout the State this spring who clogged the ballot and will probably never be heard of again.

Why is it that about ninety men out of a hundred have no hesitation in picking up a lead pencil from a business man's desk and sticking it in his pocket? Or perhaps asking another man for his pencil for a minute then when he is through writing putting it in his pocket and walking away. We have seen men with half a dozen or more pencils in their pocket and no two alike, plain evidence that they were among the thoughtless ones who appropriated a pencil wherever they had a chance. Of course a pencil is only a little thing, not big enough to put appropriating one in the class of stealing, but it is mighty inconvenient at times to have some one borrow your only pencil and walk off with it and then find yourself without one when you need it real badly.

At last we have discovered how to keep the big nightcrawlers from pulling (or pushing, as we never caught them at it) up the little onions. Don't plant the onions for at least forty-eight hours after the bed has been dug. The crawlers will not stay long in the newly spaded earth but will go down into more solid ground and when they have done that they will not bother the onions.

And speaking of night crawlers, while digging garden, a few days ago, we dug up a goodly portion of a decayed root of a plum tree that had been cut down several years ago. The root was about two and a half inches thick and burrowed in it with only about half an inch of its head showing was a night crawler. We broke the root and found the worm to be about five inches in length and thicker than a lead pencil. But the thing that puzzled us was why it had bored its way into that old root.

The Walker township schools closed on Friday and in one of them, that at Mingoville, was an eight year old boy who took three prizes, one for department, one for not missing a day in the two years he has gone to school and one for not missing a word in spelling in the two years he has been in school. The boy is Earl Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gates.

The contract for erecting a new inter-county bridge on route 322, at Cascoella Mills, has been awarded by the State Highway Department to the Bailey Construction company, of Phillipsburg, at its bid of \$27,111. The bridge will be a pony truss structure.

PINE GROVE MENTION'S

A new baby girl has arrived in the home of barber Kidwell and wife.

Earl Neidigh and family are now snugly fixed up in the Burwell apartments, on Main street.

Mrs. Helen Gates, of State College, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barto.

Our grammar school nine scored another victory over Baileyville, last week, winning by the score of 21 to 0.

Thomas Harpster, of State College, spent a short time here Thursday evening, on his way to Rock Springs.

John Houck and Roxey Barto motored to Altoona, Sunday, and were entertained at the W. Brooks Fry home.

The Samuel Everhart and Isaac Harpster families were guests for dinner, on Sunday, at the R. W. Reed home.

Quite a number of our families are considering purchasing new silos before feed storing time rolls around again.

Aunt Ella Gardner has entirely recovered from an injury to her hip received a week ago, and is visiting friends at Unionville.

Interest in the singing class being conducted here is steadily increasing, there being about forty members enrolled now.

Some of our enterprising farmers have their corn all in the ground and will now have a few days to devote to trout fishing.

Ewel Harpster and Glenn Frank were Marengo visitors, last weekend, where there seems to be a special attraction for them.

J. Fred Rossman and wife spent several days, last week, in the City of Brotherly Love, where the former consulted an eye specialist.

H. I. McWilliams and family, of Altoona, are spending a week among friends in the valley. Isaac is putting in the time fishing for trout.

Charles Gates, of the Gulf filling station, Tyrone, with his family, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sunday visited Mrs. Sarah Everts, in the Centre county hospital, Sunday. They found her so much improved that she expects to be discharged soon.

George Brannan, who gave up his business as a coal dealer here to go to farming in Liberty township, was here, this week, and purchased a span of mules from W. C. Frank, on the Branch.

Miss Mary McCracken has returned to her home in the Glades from a Pittsburgh hospital where she was under the care of an eye specialist. Her sight is much improved at this writing.

W. F. Hill, pastmaster of the State Grange, was at the meeting of farmers held at Baileyville, Friday, in the interest of organizing a new Grange, and things are now looking very promising.

Mrs. Isabelle Musser, Mrs. D. S. Pearson and Miss Gertrude Miller visited Mrs. G. H. Lake, at Warriorsburg, Friday, she having recently returned home from Pittsburgh, where she underwent quite a serious operation.

Twenty-nine of our young Americans took the ninth grade examination on Saturday for entrance in our new High school. The examination was held by assistant county superintendent L. R. Lenhart and Prof. A. B. Corl.

Mrs. L. B. Miller, Miss Leah Hoffman, Miss Mary Lemon, and Miss Nancy Beard, of Williamsport, Md., were week-end visitors at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. English. The pastor and his family were former residents of that city.

Boyd Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gardner, of the Glades, is making good in his position as manager of the Case Equipment Co., of Chicago. Just now he is down at Houston, Texas, superintending the rebuilding of thirty-five rice binders.

A regular meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary society was held at the Dr. G. H. Woods home, Saturday afternoon. A special program was put on, Rev. and Mrs. J. Max Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Nancy Potter being present to help out with the music.

Mrs. R. G. Goheen and daughter Betty entertained the I. W. T. band Thursday evening, 35 old members being present and several new ones added to the roll. Miss Gertrude Miller and Mrs. Mabel Harman gave very interesting reports of the convention held recently in Altoona. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The George P. Brown family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bowersox, Mrs. M. A. Dreibeis and daughter Dorothy, of State College, were among those who attended the funeral of the late Congressman Edward M. Beers, at Mount Union, last week. Mrs. Beers, by the way, was a daughter of the late "Squire Ewing, at one time a well known merchant at Baileyville.

After a very successful term Miss Mary Burwell closed her primary school here last Friday. Among the scholars who had perfect attendance for the term were Miriam Fortney, Shirley Kline, Buddy and Ross Cox, Junior Wieland and Bobby Louck, with Ivan Dodd absent half a day. The grade leaders were as follows: 1st grade, Eugene Kanarr. 2nd, Robert Parsons; 3rd grade, Shirley Kline; 4th grade, Miriam Fortney. In addition to their regular school work a number of pupils built a pioneer cabin out of corn stalks, complete even down to bed clothes. It is 16x18x20 inches in size, and will be housed and kept for exhibition at the Grange picnic the latter part of August.