

France, Mexico and the United States.

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PROCLAMATION

FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1864.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the said Commonwealth.

To JOHN ALDREAD, Esq., Sheriff of the County of Bedford—Sends Greeting.

WHEREAS A joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, which are as follows, viz:

And Whereas, It is provided in the tenth article of said Constitution, that any amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the people in such manner, and at such time, as the Legislature shall prescribe: such submission to be in such manner and form, that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately and distinctly.

And Whereas, By an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed on the twenty-third day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, it is provided, "that for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this Commonwealth in regard to the adoption or rejection of said amendments, either a writ of election, directed to each and every Sheriff of this Commonwealth, commanding them to give notice in the usual manner, in not less than two newspapers in each city and county: Provided, That so many are published in each election district, of every city and county wherein no newspaper is published, as shall be held in each of the townships, boroughs, wards, precincts and districts therein, on the

FIRST TUESDAY OF AUGUST.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification, or rejection, of the said amendments, which said election shall be opened, held and closed, on the day last aforesaid, at the places and within the hours, at and within which, the general election of this Commonwealth are directed to be opened, held and closed.

Now, therefore, in obedience to the requirements of the tenth article of the Constitution, and in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, I, ANDREW G. CURTIN, Governor of the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby give notice, commanding and requiring you, the said JOHN ALDREAD, Sheriff of the said county, to give notice in the usual manner, and by law required, that an election will be held according to the terms of the Constitution, and provisions of the act of the General Assembly, aforesaid, in each of the townships, boroughs, wards, precincts and districts therein, on the FIRST TUESDAY OF AUGUST, next, to-wit: in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification, or rejection, of the said amendments.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Harrisburg, this Twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-sixth.

By the Governor: ELI SLIFER, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS A joint resolution, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, has been agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each house of the Legislature, at two successive sessions of the same, the first session commencing on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and the second session commencing on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and the said amendments are as follows, to-wit:

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GOODNEWS FOR THE FARMERS.

THE following kinds of Threshing Machines, CONSTANTLY ON HAND AT THE MACHINE SHOP OF Peter H. Shires, Bedford, Pa.

The Celebrated RAILWAY, or TRAMP-POWER Threshing Machines, with all the latest and best improvements, and closed upon the day last aforesaid, at the places and within the hours at which the general elections of this Commonwealth are directed to be opened, held and closed; and it shall be the duty of the Judges, inspectors and clerks of each said township, borough, ward, precinct and district to receive at the said election, tickets, not exceeding the number of such amendments, either written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, and to deposit them in a box or boxes, to be for that purpose provided by the proper officers, which tickets shall be respectively, labelled on the outside, "First Amendment," "Second Amendment," and "Third Amendment," and those who are favorable to said amendments, or any of them, may express their approval thereof, by voting, each, as many separate written or printed or partly written or partly printed ballots or tickets, as there are amendments approved by them, containing, on the inside thereof, the words "For the amendment," and those who are opposed to such amendments, or any of them, may express their opposition by voting, each, as many separate, written or printed or partly written and partly printed ballots or tickets, as there are amendments not approved by them, containing on the inside thereof, the words "Against the amendment;" the electors voting for or against the amendment shall be considered as voting for or against the proposed eighth section to article eleven of the Constitution, and electors voting for or against the third amendment shall be considered as voting for or against the proposed ninth section to article eleven of the Constitution.

ONE AND TWO-HORSE MACHINES.

ONE-HORSE MACHINES.

ALL MACHINES WARRANTED.

REPAIRING.

BUCKEYE MOWER AND REAPER.

A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendments be proposed to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the tenth article of the said Constitution.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE.

A farm in Bedford township, owned by Jno. H. Rush about four miles from Bedford, containing 180 acres, about 50 acres cleared, with log-house, log barn and other outbuildings thereon erected; also an apple orchard thereon.

Also. A tract of land in Harmon's Bottom, Juniata township, 70 acres and allowance. Best part cleared and under fence, and in a good state of cultivation. Near to school house, Mill &c., adjoining Scott Log, Hughes, and others, and lately purchased from J. M. Hurley.

Also. 60 acres of land, 10 cleared and under fence, with log house thereon erected, adjoining Geo. Troutman, Geo. Gray and others, in Juniata township, and partly in Londonderry, lately owned by Andrew Wolcott.

Also. 160 acres near Stonerstown—within 1/2 mile of Broadport Railroad—about 100 acres cleared, with a two story dwelling house—new bank—stable &c., thereon erected; also two apple orchards, thereon, of choice fruit. The soil is rich and capable of producing every variety of crops in this climate.

Also. Two one hundred and sixty acre tracts, adjoining Elkhorn City, in the richest valley of the west—the Platte Valley—about 20 miles west of Omaha City, and close to the great national government road leading west in Nebraska Territory.

Also. A tract of land in Union township, containing 225 acres, 72 acres cleared, with a half log house and double log barn, also an apple orchard thereon, also a good new saw mill thereon, known as the "Snyder or Koons property."

Also. 100 acres, two miles above Omaha City, on the great bend of the Missouri. This tract is well timbered and very desirable. All of these lands were located after a personal inspection and careful examination on the ground and can be well relied upon for future wealth. Maps showing the precise location are in my possession.

Also. These desirable lots in Omaha City, Nebraska Territory.

Also. A lot of ground in the City of Decatur, Nebraska Territory.

Also. A Tract of LAND, containing Fifteen Acres, about seven acres cleared, with a Story and a half Log House and Log Stable thereon erected, adjoining lands of Joseph Brinkley, John A. Ogrun and others, in Juniata Twp. The cleared land is in good order, and the balance well timbered, and all capable of easy improvement and cultivation.

Also. The above real estate will be sold at such prices as to insure safe and profitable investments. Notes or obligations of any kind that are good will be taken in exchange—particularly good bank notes.

O. E. SHANNON, apr. 8, 1864.

NEW GOODS IN HOPEWELL!

LOWERY & EICHELBERGER have associated with them John B. Caster, Esq., of Hopewell, in a general mercantile and forwarding business at their old stand in Hopewell, the business of which will be transacted in the name of LOWERY, EICHELBERGER & CO.

They are now receiving and opening a large and complete stock of Foreign Dry Goods comprising a greater variety than is usually kept in a country store. Among the articles they keep may be enumerated the following:

DRESS GOODS, Colored Delaines, Alpaca, Merino and Sprague prints, Bombazines, Shooting, Shirting, Irish Linen, &c.

LADIES DRESS GOODS in great variety, Velvets, Gloves, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Hoop, Guffs, &c.

CLOTHS—A variety of spring and summer cloths, Broadcloths, Cassimers of different styles, Satinets, &c.

CLOTHING—Men's and boys' spring and summer styles of Coats, Pants and Vests.