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CONVENTION REPRESENTATION.

An examination and investigation of the returns for this county at the late general election very plainly show the justice and necessity of reforming the representation of election districts in county convention. The old rule of representation, as established in 1870, which was suited to the condition of things which existed at that time, is unsuited to the present time, and in fact has become impracticable of application, and has broken down in practice.

The county committee for some years past has been greatly embarrassed in making out an apportionment of delegates to the several districts, and have been compelled to disregard the old rule and allow the whole number of delegates to swell to 98, by allowing two delegates to each of the small districts. Thus the number has become inconveniently large with increased expense; and the process of enlargement will go on, unless by some new arrangement the principle of limitation in the old rule shall be preserved.

Illustrations from the late election returns in support of this view might be indefinitely multiplied. The five districts of Conyngham township, with 296 votes for Singery, obtained ten delegates, or 29.6 votes to a delegate; while Bloomsburg, with a Singery vote of 624, or more than double that of Conyngham, will have but nine delegates, or one delegate for each 69 voters.

Berwick, with a Singery vote in her four districts of 173, gets eight delegates, or one delegate to each 21.6 voters. While Madison, Mt. Pleasant, Hemlock and Montour, with 413 Democratic votes, are entitled to the same number, or to one delegate for each 51.6 votes, polled at a light election. If we compare Benton township, with 73 votes to a delegate, with Southwest Conyngham, with 15 1/2 votes to a delegate, or Mifflin, with 59 votes for a delegate, with the Northwest ward of Berwick, which gets a delegate for each 17 1/2 votes, we reach like results—gross inequality and injustice in representation.

And it is a most notable fact that charges of unfairness and corruption in the late election in this county, are mainly confined to the very small election districts above pointed out, where unfair voting appears to follow as a necessary consequence upon unfair representation.

Having shown an existing mischief and evil, the next thing to be done is to point out an appropriate remedy suited to the circumstances of the case—in this case the allowance of one delegate to each of the small districts, although but a partial, will be an appropriate and useful remedy for existing mischiefs; and, as the creation of new townships, boroughs and election districts involves a very considerable amount of public expense, we think that our county court, as an agent of enlightened public opinion should, at least for the present and for some years to come, refuse to increase their number. We think it is a general sentiment that municipal and electoral divisions of the county are sufficiently numerous for all present needs.

The Commissioner of Pensions states that, in his opinion, the year 1895, thirty years after the close of the last war, must in the nature of things see the highest limit of the pension roll which, therefore, must begin to decrease. The number of pending claims in the bureau has decreased over 90,000 during the year. A large number of the new claims are for increase by pensioners now on the rolls. The number of certificates is sued was 80,213. The aggregate of persons added to the rolls during the year is 39,085 and the total number dropped for all causes 37,951. The first payments during the past year amounted to \$11,917,359.58.

The Convening of Congress and the President's Message.

At 12 o'clock on Monday, the 3d instant, the short session of the 53d Congress convened. The roll was called as usual to determine the presence of a quorum and the possibility of organization for business. It disclosed considerable indifference about getting back to official duty on the part of our statesmen, since but 86 Senators and 210 members responded to the call of their names. After roll call in the House in the afternoon a brief recess was taken for a friendly shake with the rejected and the retained alike. For many who felt themselves called failed to find themselves chosen at the last election. The usual appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President to notify him of the assemblage of Congress and its readiness for business having been made, his annual message to Congress was in due time brought in by his Secretary, Mr. Pruden. It was remarked that an ominous sense of quietness pervaded the Senate, not only during the prayer of the chaplain, but also during the reading of the President's message by Mr. Cox, secretary of the Senate. They no doubt wanted to hear the tone of the message, whether concordant or discordant.

In the more boisterous House of Representatives an enthusiastic round of applause greeted Speaker Crisp as he took the chair and called the house to order. The hour for criticism being reserved for some future occasion the clerk of the House, Mr. Kerr, was of course permitted to read the lengthy document without interruption from start to finish. Proclamations are somewhat like sermons, inasmuch as all exceptions to them are reserved as a matter of form, or out respect for the worthy cause of preacher or President, as the case may be. It was so in this case, no doubt. For the President's notions about free things (such as coal, iron and sugar, for instance) don't exactly harmonize with the views of those who prefer to monopolize or corner them, so to speak, for the sake of the money there is to be found in what is known by experience to be high protection. A synopsis of the President's message to Congress may be found on the inside of this issue, the matter having been crowded out last week.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Council met in regular session on Thursday evening the 6th instant. President Drinker and members Creasy, Knorr, Sterling and Yost were present.

Petition of citizens presented by O. B. Mellick, asking for change of course of run at Seventh and Catharine streets, so as to remove its unsightly appearance and present danger to persons and property. The petition suggested that the object might best be accomplished by piping the stream from Seventh to the canal. Referred to Street Committee.

President Drinker reported sale of bonds, as follows: P. B. Heedens, four \$500 bonds..... \$2,000 First National Bank, one \$500 bond..... 500

Building permit to W. H. Houel for erection of house on East Second street. Granted.

Geo. E. Elwell appeared before council asking that authority be granted the President and Secretary to issue an order for payment for his printing in book form the trial of the Ringrose case. On motion duly seconded such authority was granted



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A. L. Fritz appeared in behalf of several witnesses for plaintiff in the Ringrose case asking orders for amount of their witness fees. Council at the time, not being in a position to act, took no action in the matter.

Council made following agreement with Benneville Rhoads:

"We hereby agree to pay Benneville Rhoads \$150 which amount is to be in full for filling the holes made in his fields by the town when repairing and placing sewer and for all damage to his farm (or McKelvy and Neal farm) in so repairing and placing sewer to this date. No stone or cinder to be used in filling."

M. C. Woodward asked whether exoneration would be granted R. R. Phillips, E. E. Phillips, J. B. Hunt and Mrs. B. F. Savits. Not allowed by council.

It may seem rather rough on the living to be taxed for a dead dog, but such is the sad predicament of Frank Dieterick, whose plea to the council for exoneration from dead dog tax was unavailing. The tax having been levied before the dog died, in fact when it was in good health, makes the owner and not the dog or council responsible for the tax.

Orders were directed to be issued covering payment of the following bills:

- To Water Co., for hydrants.....\$86.67 E. J. Brown for hauling in Jan. 3.00 M. C. Woodward, constables' service, &c..... 5.17 G. B. Martin, for repairs to tools, &c..... 3.15 G. E. Elwell, advertising treasurer's notice..... 2.00 Gas Co., for gas, June to Nov. 1. 20.00 Pay of five policemen 1 month. 60.00 " " secretary 1 month..... 20.00 Adjourned.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of F. L. Pa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, will be sold at public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain lot of ground situated in the town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by Third street, on the east by lot of William Cummings, on the south by an alley, on the west by an alley, it being 30 feet front and 24 feet deep, whereon is erected a TWO STORY DWELLING HOUSE and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of W. J. Baldy, vs. Israel Maler, and to be sold as the property of Israel Maler. HERRING, ATTY. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following: A two-story plank building in width twenty-four feet, in length forty-six feet, and in height twenty four feet, covered with a shingle roof and sided up with lap siding, and is erected on a certain lot or piece of ground situate in the village of Mainville, township of Main, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the north by land of J. B. Yetter, on the east by land of J. B. Yetter, on the south by land of C. S. Reichard and on the west by public road leading from Mainville to Beaver, being about forty feet in front and eighty feet in depth, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of J. W. Keichner vs. The Mainville Building Association, an unincorporated association, owner or reputed owner, and The Mainville Building Association by its building committee, John Bauman, W. P. Zaner and J. W. Keichner, contractor, and to be sold as the property of 1 the Mainville Building Association, an unincorporated association, owner or reputed owner, and The Mainville Building Association by its building committee, John Bauman, W. P. Zaner and J. W. Keichner, contractor. HERRING, ATTY. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following: All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: On the north by land of T. H. Edgar, east and south by the same, and on the west by public road leading from Bloomsburg to Benton, whereon is erected a good

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, stable and other outbuildings, containing ONE-HALF ACRE of land, more or less.

ALSO: All the certain message or tract of land situate in the township of Fishingcreek, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post, on corner of lands of C. B. White and E. L. Lannon, south sixty-four degrees west one hundred and sixteen perches to a white oak on line of land of John Zaner, thence north forty seven degrees and twenty-seven minutes west, sixty-four and six-tenths perches to a white oak, thence north twenty-four and one-fourth degrees west, one hundred nine and three tenths perches to a post on corner of land of C. B. White, thence north sixty-four degrees and thirteen minutes east one hundred twenty-six and five-tenths perches to a post in line of land of C. B. White, thence south twenty-four degrees east 100 perches to a post, the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty-eight acres and one hundred and forty perches of land, more or less, whereon is erected a

DWELLING HOUSE, and barn, and other out-buildings. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of J. M. Dewitt. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Alias F. L. Pa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, Bloomsburg, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m., all the right, title and interest of John Wolf in all that certain message or lot of ground situated in the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake on the north side of Sixth street, sixty feet from the corner of Miller's alley and Sixth street, and running in a north-westerly direction parallel with said Miller alley along land of Elwood Hancock, conveyed to him by Creasy & Wells, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five feet, more or less, to a stake on Sterner's alley; thence eastwardly along said Sterner's alley, a distance of thirty-eight feet, to a stake; thence southwardly along land of Creasy & Wells to Sixth street parallel with Miller alley to a stake; thence along said Sixth street a distance of thirty-eight feet westwardly to the place of beginning, containing

SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED and fifty feet of land, more or less, on which is erected a two story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE. Seized, taken into execution at the suit of J. Wilson Miller, Exr. of Emma Miller, dec'd., vs. John Wolf, and to be sold as the property of John Wolf. JOHN MOUREY, Sheriff. HERRING, ATTY.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia county to distribute the fund in the hands of Jacob Welliver, Adm'r of the estate of Margaret Welliver, deceased, will sit at the office of Hon. Grant Herrick in the Town of Bloomsburg, said county, on the 8th day of January 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., to perform the duties of his said appointment; when and where all parties interested may appear and present their claims or be forever barred from coming in on said fund. H. RUSH ZARR, Auditor. 12-14-94.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned executor of Garret Vanbiartgen, late of Beaver twp., Columbia county, deceased, will expose at public sale on the premises of said decedent on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate to-wit: All that certain message and parcel of land bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone heap, thence by land of John Klingaman, south seventeen and three-quarter degrees west two hundred and four perches to a stone heap; thence south sixty-nine and a quarter degrees east forty perches to a white oak sapling; thence north sixty-nine and three-quarter degrees east forty-six perches to Catawissa creek, thence along said creek north two and a quarter degrees east fifty-one perches; thence north eight and a quarter degrees west sixty-three perches, thence north fifteen degrees west forty perches to an ash, near a hickory stump, thence by land of Adam Krull north seventy-one and three-quarter degrees west sixty perches to the place of beginning, containing

THIRTY ACRES, and one hundred and three perches and allowance of six per cent, for roads, etc. TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per centum of one-fourth of the purchase money shall be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent, at the confirmation absolute; and the remaining three-fourths in one year after confirmation nisi, with interest from that date. W. H. SNYDER, JOHN W. HOFFMAN, Excutor. 12-14-94.

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