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POLITICAL POINTERS.

It makes quite a difference whose ox is gored. When Mr. Rhodes did manual labor at the Poor House and got paid for it, the *Sentinel* charged him with the worst of intentions, and talked about fraud, and robbing the people, and all that sort of stuff. The auditors surcharged Rhodes with the amount received by him for the work so done.

When Mr. Krickbaum published the county statement for 1896 and received \$50 for it, he stood in the same relation to the county that Mr. Rhodes did to the Poor District, and his taking pay for it was just as unlawful as it was for Rhodes to take pay for work done at the Poor House. The auditors very properly surcharged Mr. Krickbaum with the amount received for publishing the county statement.

The *Sentinel* says that printing for the county to the amount of \$10 was done at that office after the Commissioners "failed to get other offices to print them, and when they were pressed for the blanks." The only job of printing that THE COLUMBIAN office could not do for the county, by reason of pressure of other work, was worth about one dollar.

We are not Judge Ikeler's champion. But Judge Ikeler is upon the bench, and it is but just to him as well as to the people of the county, that when he is wrongfully accused, he should be set right in the public eye.

In the matter of the Bloom Poor District, nominations for Poor Directors were made by both parties in the manner that has been recognized and followed ever since the organization of the district. The committeemen of the several townships embraced in the Poor District were regularly called together, and the nominations were made by them. This did not suit certain parties, and they proceeded to make nominations in a different manner. An alleged convention was held in the Court House, the Democratic delegates first holding a session and nominating Geo. W. Miller for Poor Director, and then exchanging places with the Republicans, who named B. F. Sharpless. No notice of a delegate election was given, no delegate election was held, and the so-called delegates to these conventions were entirely self-constituted. Certificates of nomination of the persons named at these conventions were filed with the Commissioners, exceptions were filed to the certificates of Rhodes, Trivelpiece and Hagenbuch, who had been nominated in the regular way, and a petition for a mandamus to compel the Commissioners to print the names of Miller and Sharpless on the ballots was presented to the Court. The cases were argued and after due consideration Judge Ikeler refused the mandamus and dismissed the exceptions, and for this action he has been very harshly criticised. He could have done nothing else with any sort of legality. If the nominees of these conventions were entitled to have their names on the ballots, forty others might have been named the same way and with as much regularity, by conventions called and conducted as these were. The action of the Court was perfectly legal and square.

William H. Rhawn, Esq., is a candidate for State Senator in this district. He is well known throughout the county as a lawyer of more than ordinary ability, one of the recognized leaders of the bar. His cases are always well prepared because of his industrious habits, and should he succeed in securing the nomination in the district, the interests of his constituents will be faithfully looked after.

C. Z. Schlicher of Beaver township has announced himself as a candidate for Representative from the south side. He is a comparatively young man, and has succeeded in obtaining an education by his own efforts. He is now, and has been for some years, engaged in teaching school. Mr. Schlicher is a nephew of the late ex-county commissioner Moses Schlicher.

Orion B. Mellick was appointed Postmaster of Bloomsburg on Monday. He secured the appointment by reason of his pull with Congressman Kulp, and despite the frantic efforts of the local leaders, who for years have controlled and led the Republican organization in this county. Mr. Mellick will probably take charge of the office within a week or two. All the clerks in the postoffice come under the civil service rules except Deputy Postmaster Clark, and his

tenure of office runs for some time yet, so that no changes will be made in the clerical force at present. It is expected that free delivery will be inaugurated soon after the new postmaster takes possession of the office.

Since the result of the postoffice contest, it is said that Quay's portrait is not so prominent a feature in certain places as it has been.

Church Wedding—Snyder—Eckert.

Wednesday about four hundred invited guests assembled in the M. E. Church of this place to witness the marriage of Katherine, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford I. Eckert, to Irvin A. Snyder, of Bloomsburg, Pa. Promptly at eleven o'clock the bridal party marched up the aisle to the soft strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, which was played by Miss Lena Burk. During the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. J. A. DeMoyer, faint echoes of "Sweet Memories" from the piano were heard throughout the room. The bride looked pretty in a blue broadcloth traveling dress and a large black velvet hat, and carrying a bouquet of white roses. Miss Emma Snyder, sister of the groom, was bride's maid, and carried a large bouquet of pink roses. The "best man" was Harry Shure of Sunbury. The ushers were Herbert Cummings and Ed. Thomas of Sunbury, and Joe Townsend and Alexander Cohen, of Bloomsburg.

The church was very prettily decorated with palms and purple cinerarias, and was illuminated by electric light. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride from 11:30 A. M. to 1:30 P. M., where the bridal couple received the congratulations under an arch of smilax. The bride received many handsome presents. The young couple left on the 1:50 train for a visit to Philadelphia, New York and other cities. On their return they will reside in Bloomsburg, where Mr. Snyder is connected with his father in the hotel business. —Northumberland Press.

Suggested Requirements for Admission to the Bar.

At the meeting of the American Bar Association on August 25th, 1897, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved,—That the American Bar Association approves the lengthening of the course of instruction in law schools to a period of three years, and that it expresses the hope that as soon as practicable, a rule may be adopted in each State which will require candidates for admission to the Bar to study law for three years before applying for admission.

"Resolved,—That the American Bar Association is of the opinion that before a student commences the study of law, it is desirable that he should have received a general education, approximately at least, equivalent to a high school course, and that persons who have not completed the equivalent of such a course should not be admitted into law schools as candidates for a degree.

"The Association means by the expression, 'A high school course,' a course of study beginning at the end of a grammar school course and extending over four full years."

"The course of study referred to, would include a knowledge of English Grammar, English Composition, English and American Literature, the History of England and the United States, as well as General History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Plane and Solid Geometry, Physical Geography, Civil Government, Elementary Physics, Human Physiology, Botany, and either Zoology, Geology, Chemistry or Astronomy, as the applicant selects. The candidate might be permitted to substitute a foreign language for an equivalent amount of science study."

Quite an uproar was created during the production of "A Prisoner of War" at the Opera House, Saturday night, by reason of a small pig, which was used in the play, jumping off the stage down into the audience. It made its way through the room for a few minutes, but was finally caught in one of the dressing rooms under the stage.

The days are growing longer, and the base ball fever will soon take hold of the cranks. Of course the outlook is not very encouraging for a team at present, but things may change when the ice all melts away.

The scenic effects in Lincoln J. Carter's "Heart of Chicago" are said to be grand. It will appear at the Opera House on Friday night of next week.

New Spring Shirts for men and boys, with or without collars. Advance spring styles at 50c.

But Few Days More

Remain for Winter Suits and Overcoat bargains. One-third off on any Winter Suit or Overcoat in the store, so if you do not buy now the season's opportunity will be lost.

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| \$15 | " " " " | \$11.00. |
| \$7 | " " " " | \$5.00. |

Shoe Inducements

Still continue. Left overs from advertised lots are still here, although quantities are small. We've still some of those ladies' fine shoes—the Jones & Walter \$3.00 and \$3.50 at

98 cts.,

and \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 grades at

\$1.48.

In addition there still remains some of these—

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| \$3.00 men's rubber boots | \$2.19. |
| Keystone rubber boots | \$1.98. |
| Rubbers for felt boots | \$1.19. |

Men's fine patent leather shoes, \$5.00 grade, narrow toe,

\$2.75.

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Complete Outfitters for Men and Boys.

Auditors Surcharge Commissioners.

The county auditors finished their labors last week. In their report appears the following:

"The following bills we surcharge against the commissioners, William Krickbaum, John N. Gordon and Nehemiah Kitchen for the year 1897. Krickbaum & Creasy for printing county statement and resolutions paid on order number 572, \$52.00; also bill of the *Democratic Sentinel*, Wm. Krickbaum, proprietor, bill for printing blanks for county use paid on order number 1044, \$9.75. William Krickbaum, being a commissioner, is not allowed by law to contract or furnish supplies for the county, either directly or indirectly.

We also surcharge the above named commissioners with bill paid on order number 561, \$20, allowed James E. Davis horse hire for bringing prisoners to county jail (Daley et al.) from Centralia. We can find no law authorizing the payment of the above bill.

We also surcharge the above commissioners with amount paid C. F. Deitterick as janitor at jail on orders number 213, 278, 429, 514, 544, 578 and 777, \$200.

We find that John N. Gordon, commissioner, on February 15, 1897, charged \$20 for delivering election ballots on south side of river, which he acknowledged should have been \$15. We therefore surcharge him with \$5.

We also surcharge G. S. Fleckentine, treasurer, with excess commission allowed D. S. Patterson, collector of Greenwood township, on taxes of 1896, \$4.44 on receipt No. 1; also excess commission allowed W. E. Creasy of Centre township on county taxes of 1896, \$20 on receipt No. 2; also excess commission allowed I. W. Cherrington of Roaringcreek township on county and dog taxes of 1896, \$3.25 on receipt No. 40, making a total surcharge of treasurer \$27.69

The popular comedian James T. Kelly, will appear at the Opera House, Monday night in Charles E. Blaney's successful farce comedy "A Baggage Check." A veritable cyclone of laughter from beginning to end. Prices 25, 35 and 50c.

MRS. PETER H. FREEZE.

Mrs. Peter H. Freeze died at her home a short distance above town, at eight o'clock Sunday morning. She had been in poor health for a long time, but was only confined to her bed about four weeks. The deceased was fifty-eight years of age, and is survived by a husband and five children, whose names are Fanny, wife of James Mills, Annie, Margaret, wife of Geo. Kline, Thomas Thornton and Charles. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, services being conducted in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of which the deceased was a member.

Thrown From His Buggy.

Dr. J. C. Reifsnnyder, of New Columbia, was thrown from his buggy and quite severely bruised on Saturday afternoon. He was driving down town and had nearly reached the river when the horse became frightened at a passing trolley car. The motorman stopped the car but the animal backed the buggy into a post, overturning it and throwing the occupant out. The doctor's leg was bruised but no bones were broken.—Milton Standard.

Dr. Reifsnnyder is a son of Mrs. Dr. I. W. Willits of this town.

Two Gold Medal Contests, Ministers' Oratorical and Musical, will be held at Berwick the last evening of the W. C. T. U. County Convention, March 4th. This being the first W. C. T. U. Ministers' Contest held in the state, the medal was expressly made for this contest. Ministers will take part from different parts of Columbia and Montour counties, Berwick having the honor of the Musical Class. The State President, Mrs. Rebecca Chambers will present medals. Recitation by Mrs. Masteller of Orangeville while judges decide. Something to interest each and all. General admission 20c. Children under ten years 10c.

The great musical comedy that scored such a hit here a couple years ago, "The Baggage Check," will appear at the Opera House on the evening of February 28. This is a guaranteed attraction.

ANNIVERSARY.

The Missionary Society of Trinity Reformed church will hold its annual anniversary on next Sunday evening February 27th. The programme will consist of special music, recitations, a report by the President of the society, and an address by the Rev. A. P. Frantz of Newlin, Pa. This will be an interesting and helpful service, and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

To the W. O. T. Unions of Columbia Jo.

Let earnest prayer be made on Sabbath, the 27th, for our coming County Convention, to be held at Berwick, the 3rd and 4th of March, (next Thursday and Friday) in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. We should strive to be more earnest and diligent now that our beloved leader has been removed, to help if possible fill up the loss. Let all Unions be well represented.

COUNTY EVANGELISTIC SUPT. M. E. G.

A Bomberger, a well known band master of Lebanon, Pa., has been secured as a leader and director for the Bloomsburg band. He arrived in town on Tuesday. It is earnestly hoped that each and every member of the organization will work for the best interests of the band, and try and raise it to where it rightfully belongs, among the best. Of course it will require some money to pay the instructor, and to purchase new uniforms, but if all the members make the right start, attend the rehearsals and let the leader do the leading, we have no doubt but what subscriptions will be forthcoming.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A., Basket Ball team of Philadelphia were defeated by the Normal School in the gymnasium, Tuesday afternoon. The railroad boys were no match for the Normals as the score will prove, they were weak all around. It was Brays' first appearance on the school team and his work was of the gilded order, as was also that of Berry and McGuffie. Score—Normal 40. Y. M. C. A. 3.

BISHOP ETHELBERT TALBOT.

Right Reverend Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., L. L. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, made his first visitation to Bloomsburg on Tuesday. Services were held in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday evening, when a class of nine persons were confirmed. A reception was held in the Parish House at the close of the service. The Bishop remained over Wednesday and preached both morning and evening. He also took part in the funeral services of Mrs. P. H. Freeze in the Church at 2 p. m., and held a service in St. John's Church, Catawissa later in the afternoon.

Bishop Talbot is a man of commanding presence, and all who heard him and met him are charmed with his personality and with his address. It is evident that no mistake was made in the selection of Bishop Talbot.

Washington's birthday, which fell on Monday, caused a partial suspension of business in Bloomsburg. The banks, public schools, and many of the business places were closed, and the postoffice officials were given regular holiday hours. Now and then a flag could be seen floating in the breeze, but they were few and far between.

The Columbia County Democratic Executive company, met at the Court House Saturday, for the purpose of considering the new rules which were adopted by the party at the convention last August. It was decided to have the rules published. The committee also fixed the registration fees of the various candidates.

William J. Scanlon, the well known actor, died on Saturday at the Bloomingdale Asylum, New York, where he had been a patient for the past six years. His mind became unbalanced during a Christmas night performance. He was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1852, and was known in his youth as the "boy wonder" because of his vocal ability. He was the author of many popular songs, one of which was the widely-known "Peek-a-Boo."