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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1901.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that the Primary Election for the purpose of voting to place in nomination one person for Associate Judge, one person for county Surveyor and five delegates to the state convention, will be held at the regular polling places in the various election districts of Columbia county, (or if such places cannot be obtained then at a place in said district convenient to the regular polling place, which shall be determined by the member of the Standing Committee and the election boards of such districts where the regular polling places cannot be obtained) on Saturday June 8th, 1901, between the hours of 3 and 7 o'clock p. m. and the County Convention will be held in the Opera House in Bloomsburg Tuesday June 11th, 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m. this call is issued in accordance with Art. III, Sec. 10 of The Democratic Rules, of Columbia County.

CHRISTIAN A. SMALL, County Chairman. J. K. BITTENBENDER, R. G. F. KSHINKA, Secretaries. Catawissa, Pa., May 7th, 1901.

Mrs. McKinley was taken seriously ill in California, and for several days her death seemed imminent. The whole country rejoiced to learn she is improving, and that the danger is past.

Among the bills introduced in the House, at Harrisburg, last week, was one providing that there shall be submitted to the voters of every city, ward of a city, incorporated borough, or ward of a borough and township, on the third Tuesday of February of next year, and on the same day of the month every two years thereafter, after the passage of the bill, the question, "Shall the retail traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage be prohibited."

A bill is before the legislature to fix the salaries of county superintendents of schools, and has already passed the Senate, as follows: \$10 each for the first 100 schools within his jurisdiction, \$5 for each school above 100 and not over 200, and \$2 for each school above 200, provided that the salary in no case be less than \$1,000 per annum nor more than \$2,000, and provided further that in all counties having 12,000 square miles or a school term exceeding seven and a half months the salary of the superintendent shall not be less than \$1,500 and that a convention of the school directors may vote him an increase in salary, which shall be taken from the school appropriation of the county.

Much attention is being given in the country districts to a new law intended for the preservation of roads. It provides that every person who shall make affidavit that he has owned and used exclusively, during the preceding year, in hauling loads of 2000 pounds or more, on the public roads of the State, wagons with tires not less than four inches wide shall for each year after the passage of the act be credited by the supervisor of highways of the district in which such tax is levied with one-fourth of the road tax assessed and levied on the property of such person. Tenants who in any way become liable for road taxes may also secure the benefits of this act by making the required affidavit. Such credits shall not exceed to any person more than five days' labor on the highways or its equivalent in cash. The same law also provides that any person who shall use on the public roads of the State, in hauling loads of 10,000 pounds or more, any wagon with tires less than four inches in width shall be liable to a fine of \$5 for each and every offense, which fines shall be recoverable in criminal proceedings instituted at the complaint of any person at the suit of the Commonwealth before any justice of the peace. The careful and conscientious application of this law would doubtless result in much benefit to the highways. But it will be of little account in some districts where road making is a farce, and the people know so many ways to get out of their road tax so cheaply that they will find the old methods less expensive than providing the broad tires.

The Government of the United States is Perpetual.

The fundamental principles of our Government are embodied in the Constitution of the United States. The Declaration of Independence was the cardinal point around which rallied all the forces opposed to tyranny and oppression. The American idea of government, though an experiment, has taken deep root in the hearts and minds of the people, not only of our own government, but of all the people of the world.

Eventually it will be copied by all the people of the world. It is true that many abuses have crept in all the forms of our government, through corrupt and designing men and factions, but these are only temporary. However, much we may deplore and deprecate corruption and abuses in governmental affairs as detrimental to the masses and beneficial only to the classes, these will be righted in their proper order and time. Sometimes corruption and abuses outlive a generation of people, but the end is bound to come as naturally and certainly as "every dog has his day."

The masses of our American people are true as steel and patriotic to their government, and in no wise would sacrifice any principal that would invalidate, or weaken its authority. But through factional strife and division of opinion among the patriotic masses, scheming men and corrupt rascals have opportunity of pilfering and plundering the people's treasury.

It is true that these abuses of profligacy pervade every department and function of our government from the highest to the lowest official. But notwithstanding these facts it is still the best government on the earth, and ours is the only one in which the hope lives, and the remedy exists through which all these wrongs may be righted and all the abuses reformed by the simple process of ballot laws.

Though corruption grasps with deathly grip at every move of reform, for which the people are battling, yet victory will perch on their banner, sooner or later, in spite of all their scheming and planning and buying. It has always been thus and will ever remain so, justice always triumphs in the end. J.

License Transfer Bill Passes.

An act of particular interest to hotel and saloonkeepers of the city of Philadelphia was passed finally by the House on Thursday by a vote of 135 to 9. The bill was introduced March 25 by Senator Snyder.

The act provides that Judges of the court may transfer license from one ward to another. Heretofore transfer of license was confined to the particular ward or borough wherein the license was granted for. The act, which has been passed finally by the Senate and now awaits the Governor's signature, further provides that in cases where the application is made to transfer from one place to another the application shall be advertised, as provided by existing laws governing original applications for license, and that residents of the ward, borough or township shall have the same right to remonstrate against such transfer as against applications for original license.

An exchange says that the first thing a woman does when she retires for the night is to look under the bed, and the first thing in the morning is to look into the mirror. The first thing a man does when he goes to bed is to hide his pocket book, and in the morning is to get hold of it again.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of council was held Thursday evening. In the absence of President Frank Ikeler Vice President Fred Hartman occupied the chair. All the members were present. The business transacted was not of any special import.

Town Solicitor Fred Ikeler was present and notified Council that the entire amount due from former County Treasurer George S. Fleckenstine has been paid.

In regard to the additional apparatus, recommended to be purchased for the fire department by Chief S. H. Harman, Mr. Ikeler stated that it could not be done without first submitting it to a vote at a special election.

The Town Solicitor was instructed to see that the ordinance granting the right of way to the Electric Railway Company is framed so as not to interfere with the location of the proposed soldier's monument on south side of Market square.

The first and fifteenth days of the month were designated for the issuing of orders in payment of work on highways. No orders to be issued for said purpose on any other days.

Chairman of Committee on Highways, Mr. Kashner, reported that deed for East Third street had been conveyed to the town by the Land Improvement Company seven years ago, and that considerable work had been performed on the street and paid for by the town. It was moved and seconded that said street, as far as Locust street, be accepted. Carried.

A. W. Duy appeared as attorney for the Electric Light Company and stated that the contract with said company expires next month. He stated that six lights had been added and asked that contract be renewed for five years at same rate as former contract. He also asked that as a condition of this contract that the poles be exempted from taxation. Referred to the committee on light to report at special meeting. Report of lights read for January, February and March. Lights out in three months, about 200. On motion, duly seconded, the amount of \$4.63 was directed to be deducted from the Electric Light Company's bill. Carried.

Building permits were granted to G. W. Sterner to repair house on Ridge Alley and to Dr. Bierman for an addition to his present residence on Fourth street.

Petition of citizens read asking to become responsible for twelve rifles and one sword to be used at military funerals and other military affairs. On motion, duly seconded, the matter was referred to Secretary to ascertain proper person to write to under seal of Council for same. Carried.

Petition of citizens read asking for water plug at Third and Barton streets. Referred to Committee on Fire and Water.

Matter of the Market street arch referred to the street committee to consult with the Town Engineer, ask for bids, and report at special or regular meeting.

Crossing at Centre street and Sterner Alley reported in bad condition. Referred to Commissioner of Highways with power to act.

Mention was made by Street Commissioner Neyhard of the many defective pavements in town. Owners are to be notified to repair same within twenty days, or the work will be done by the town, with twenty per cent. added to the cost.

Coping of arch bridge on Espy road reported in bad condition. Referred to street committee with power to act.

On motion, duly seconded, the following gutters were ordered to be piped: Fourth and Iron streets, Third and Railroad streets.

Mr. Kashner reports gutter in front of Rescue Hose Company's building in bad condition. Referred to street

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Come to a large majority of people. Probably 75 per cent. of these are cured every year by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and we hope by this advertisement to get the other 25 per cent. to take this great Spring Medicine.

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commissioner with power to act.

On motion, duly seconded, Rescue Hose Company be allowed to use brick necessary to repair pavement in front of building. Carried.

Street and gutter, near Weiss' green house, reported in bad condition and Council requested to notify Land Improvement Company to repair same. Referred to street committee, and if within province, of Council, to confer with said Company and report at next meeting.

Mr. Bittenbender states that he has been making more than an ordinary effort to collect taxes from delinquents on his unpaid duplicates. He has now given ten days notice and at the expiration of that time will levy and sell.

On motion, duly seconded, crossing to be placed across East street at Sixth, from Giger's hotel to car shops, Street commissioner to purchase stone for same.

Orders were drawn for bills presented, after which Council adjourned.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

An Old Custom

A Law That Ends the Private Interview Between the Notary and Wife in Acknowledging a Deed.

Every married man who has ever had occasion to give a deed for real estate sold by him will remember a previous bit of antiquated red tape that was required by law to accompany that transaction in driving him out of the presence of his wife and the notary, while the latter in a whisper asked the former whether she was signing the required instrument of writing or transfer of her own free will or under coercion of her husband. As the law said it was all right, we suppose it was. But the more enlightened wisdom, or perhaps wider liberality of to-day has done away with that venerable custom, and under an act approved by Governor Stone on the 4th of last month, the acknowledgements of married women to deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing required by law to be acknowledged may be taken by any notary public or justice of the peace in the same way as if the woman was female, and such acknowledgements shall have the same force and effect as if taken apart from the husband of the married woman. There are still other legal cobwebs that should be swept away.

Townsend's CLOTHING HOUSE.

SPRING OFFER!

—WE HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE A—

FREE EXCURSION

To The Buffalo Exposition.

Every purchase of one dollar's worth of goods, bought at Townsend's Clothing Store, will give the buyer a chance to go to Buffalo free. We will commence on Saturday, the 27th, to give out tickets with goods sold from that date.

ON MAY THE 31st

we will present the lucky customer with a free ticket to Buffalo for five days, at

Townsend's CLOTHING STORE.

Activity Made Doubly Active.

The natural activity of the early spring buying will be doubled when you read of the excellent offerings here advertised. Here are the wanted things. Merchandise that you will use and wear now a helpful store at all times, you'll find this store doubly helpful to you on the verge of the new season. Take early opportunity to prove these printed promises, as they are written so you will find them.

ANOTHER CUT ON LADIES' AND MISSES' TAILOR MADE SUITS.

\$11.00 and \$11.50 Tailor Made Suits reduced to \$8.89. \$12.75 Tailor Made Suit reduced to \$9.85. \$12.00 Miss Tailor Made Suit reduced to \$9.49.

The New Black Goods.

Plain or fancy weaves. Best we could find of this season's producing, and so modestly priced that they are bound to impress you, if you'll kindly investigate. 38 in. black coarse Serge, sponged, 50c. 40 in. bl'k Cheviot, sponged, 56c. 44 in. black Prunella, newest weave, \$1.00. 44 in. black Melrose, newest weave, \$1.00.

Strong Items of New Wash Goods.

Plenty to pick from if you come early. Fresh as a field of flowers, and cost you next to nothing.

5 and 5 1/2c. Lawn will make nice, cool wrappers. 12 1/2c. Lawn and Dimities are not equalled.

25c. Pongees you can't tell from a Silk Foulard.

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Special in every particular. Picked up as a bargain by us to be sold as a bargain to you. Kindly note each item carefully:

\$1.25 Lace Curtains reduced to \$1.00.

\$2.00 Lace Curtains reduced to \$1.49.

\$3.75 Lace Curtains reduced to \$2.98.

Porch Rockers.

Warm weather will soon

We sell one of the best Blended Flours at 50c. for 25 lbs.

F. P. PURSEL.

Advertisement for WICKLESS Blue Flame Oil Stove. Includes text: 'Toasting - broiling baking - ironing anything that can be done with a wood or coal fire is done better, cheaper and quicker on a WICKLESS Blue Flame Oil Stove. Heat is not diffused throughout the house—there is no smell, soot, or danger, and the expense of operating is nominal. Made in many sizes; sold wherever stoves are sold. If your dealer does not have it write to nearest agency of ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY' and an illustration of the stove.

Advertisement for Lackawanna Railroad. Includes text: 'The HANDIEST AND BEST WAY TO HANDLE A PAN IS BY THE HANDLE. The Handiest and Best Route between the PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION and NEW YORK is the Lackawanna Railroad. For Information, Rates, etc., address 429 BROADWAY, N. Y. 289 MAIN ST., BUFFALO. 102 ADAMS ST., CHICAGO. EIGHTH & OLIVE STS., ST. LOUIS. 26 EXCHANGE PLACE, N. Y. T. E. CLARKE, Gen'l Superintendent. T. W. LEE, Gen'l Passenger Ag't. B. D. CALDWELL, Traffic Manager.'