

PUBLIC SALES

So frequently have we been called upon to provide bank notes suitable for Public Sales, that we decided to get up a form especially adapted to this purpose. These notes are payable at this Bank and relieve you of all trouble as you can leave them with us for collection free of charge.

We Furnish These Notes

Free of Charge.

First National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa.

THE COLUMBIAN.

ESTABLISHED 1866.

THE COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT.

ESTABLISHED 1837. CONSOLIDATED 1869. PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY MORNING, AT Bloomsburg, the County Seat of Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

TERMS:—Inside the county \$1.00 a year in advance; \$1.50 if not paid in advance. Outside the county, \$1.25 a year, strictly in advance.

Keep Petty Cases Out of Court. The bill introduced in the Senate to keep petty cases out of court is a curative measure that has been long needed and which should pass both Houses without a dissenting vote.

The bill introduced in the Senate to keep petty cases out of court is a curative measure that has been long needed and which should pass both Houses without a dissenting vote. Courts everywhere in the state have suffered the annoyance of a multiplicity of cases which should never have come before them, and county treasurers through them have been compelled to meet bills they should not have been called on to pay.

Senator Fox's bill will have this effect. It provides that whenever the juries decide against the complainant they may determine whether the officers sending the petty cases to court shall pay any or all of the costs. The bill, if it becomes a law, will execute itself. One lesson in the imposition of costs will have a salutary effect upon all justices, aldermen and magistrates in the state.

New Postal Bill.

Allows the Mailing of Letters Without Stamps.

According to a provision of the post-office appropriation bill, passed by the House, persons having occasion to mail at one time 2,000 or more identical circulars or pieces of third or fourth class matter may do so without affixing stamps by merely paying the full amount of necessary postage to the postmaster.

Is Now a Plain Worker.

Wm. Jennings Bryan while in New York last week, said: "I am not and will not be again a candidate for renomination, and you cannot make that statement too emphatic. Under no consideration would I again go into the field, and I say this now for the benefit of my friends in the east. I am a plain worker in the Democratic ranks and am content to remain as such. Events make issues," answered the former candidate, "but the trust question and the question of imperialism are just now necessary issues. The tariff question and the money question are also very necessary issues, and there are many others. But those I have mentioned are now actively before the country and before congress."

The Election at Centralia.

Wm. J. Yarworth was elected Chief Burgess out of a field of six candidates. Anthony Kane was elected Auditor.

First Ward—Council, Edw. Gallagher; School Director, Thos. F. Mumford; Judge of Election, James Ryan; Inspectors, Frank Pollard and Frank Ryan.

Second Ward—Council, Reuben Fahringer, School Directors, James M. Reilly, 3 years, and Samuel Leiby 1 year; Judge of Election, Chas. H. Schaum; Inspectors, Bernard Darrah and John Hoffer.

CONYNGHAM TWP.

A. J. Doyle defeated Thos. McDonald for Director of the Poor by a majority estimated at 150.

John Potter, of Locust Dale, and John Wilson, of Centralia, were elected supervisors.

James Kerrigan, of Byrnesville, and Michael Dixon, of Locust Dale, were elected School Directors.

A Dangerous Movement.

The Hazleton Sentinel is right when it says: The opposition which labor unions in some parts of the country are displaying toward the National Guard is one of the most dangerous movements that can be imagined. It can have but one meaning, and that is a desire to place strike and mob violence above the law as laid down by the representatives of the people chosen through the medium of the ballot box. It can have no other meaning, because the only possible reason they can have for opposing membership in the National Guard is that the Guard is the principal means the state has of putting down mob violence and suppressing disorder on a big scale.

Gunners will be interested to know that the Legislature is to make better provision this year than ever before for the protection of their interests by making liberal appropriations. A large sum, possibly \$12,000 will be set apart for the prosecution of all violations of the game laws. Dr. Charles Penrose, head of the game commission, stated at a hearing before the appropriation committee, that the state has lots of game, but the supply was seriously endangered by the constant shooting out of season. The fish commission also asks for more money to build new hatcheries and extend its work in every line. The fish interests are growing in importance, but great complaints are made that the violations are such as to necessitate stringent measures for enforcement of the laws.

Colds

"I had a terrible cold and could hardly breathe. I then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and it gave me immediate relief." W. C. Layton, Sidell, Ill.

How will your cough be tonight? Worse, probably. For it's first a cold, then a cough, then bronchitis or pneumonia, and at last consumption. Coughs always tend downward. Stop this downward tendency by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists. Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Democrats Have an Even Chance.

A spiny discussion took place a few days ago in the house of representatives at Washington between Mr. Grosvenor, Republican, of Ohio, and "Champ" Clark, Democrat, of Missouri. Replying to Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Clark said the election figures show that the Democrats will have a least an even chance of electing the president in 1904. Mr. Clark pointed out that the change of a few thousand votes in certain states would give the Democrats the presidency. A Republican congressman from Maryland interrupted Mr. Clark to ask: "While you are making these changes do you suppose we will be sitting with our hands in our laps?" "No," retorted Mr. Clark, "you will have your hands in the treasury up to the armpits just where they always are." The witty retort caused great merriment on the Democratic side. It is needless to say that the Maryland member didn't interrogate Mr. Clark any further.

The World's Forecasts.

The New York World makes the following forecast of the finding of the Anthracite Strike Commission:

- Nine hour day. Ten per cent. increase. That boycotting must cease. That child labor be abolished. That company stores be abolished. That supplies be sold at market prices. Payment by weight wherever practical. That disputes be settled by local boards of arbitration. That union miners preserve discipline at the workings. That all contracts be fulfilled according to law and usage. That laborers be paid by the company direct instead of through the miners. That all non-union men be free to work anywhere without molestation or coercion. That collective bargains be made at each colliery if desired by the mine workers. That check docking bosses be introduced wherever the miners are willing to pay their wages. It is expected that the commission, in unmistakable terms, will denounce the violence of the strike.

Over in Bedford county a township assessor has found a novel plan for ascertaining the ownership of dogs. He carries a gun with him. After assessing horses and cattle he looks about for a dog. He usually finds one, too. "Own any dogs?" he asks. "No sir." "Whose many cur is that lying in the yard?" "Don't know." "All right, too many sheep-killing dogs around here anyhow. I'll just kill that one." Suddenly the dog is claimed—at least the dog's owner yells, "hold on, I'll pay the tax." And the dog is promptly assessed, and Bedford's county treasury is rich by one dog assessment.

(Communicated.)

E. J. Bowman did not give his lecture on "The Welfare of our Country" in G. A. R. Hall on Tuesday night, a free lecture, because a cabal was formed in the early part of the session of the meeting of the Post on Friday night before to cut him off by charging him \$5.00 for the use of the hall. The Post had no voice in the matter and the Sons of Veterans who met afterwards of course had no voice. The majority in both lodges desired to have the lecture. This explanation is due Mr. Bowman in not lecturing. He delivered this lecture to an audience in Rohrsburg and they pronounced it the best they had ever heard. OBSERVER.

Bicycles will be more in vogue the coming season than for several seasons past, according to present indications. A recent invention by which the gear of the wheel can be changed while in motion from 68 to 90 or any other desirable gear, will make wheeling much more easy than by the former single gear for both level and uphill pedalling; the 68 gear, which is conceded the standard for all round work, being used in climbing hills, while the 90 may be brought into requisition on level stretches. Bicycles and supplies will advance slightly in price, it is thought, owing to improvements and better material and workmanship used in their construction. The bicycle has by no means passed out of recognition as a means of locomotion and pleasure.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's wonderful story "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be at the Opera House next Wednesday evening. The grand old historical play will be produced on a scale of magnificence never before attempted here. The company carries two bands, and a drum corps. Watch for the big street parade at noon.

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them.

They litter the whole system. Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other troubles are due to them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove all humors, overcome all their effects, strengthen, tone and invigorate the whole system.

"I had salt rheum on my hands so that I could not work. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and it drove out the humor. I continued its use till the sores disappeared." Mrs. IRA O. BROWN, Rumford Falls, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

SUMMER BIRDS.

Are summer birds migratory? is a question that has often agitated our mind. Our observation would suggest a negative answer. During mild winters we have known blue birds, robins and other summer birds to make almost weekly appearances. During very severe winters in which a few spring-like days appear, they can also be seen and heard. About the last summer birds to appear in the early summer, or late spring, though now nearly extinct, is the beautiful red headed wood-pecker. As soon as they appeared, the farmers used to say, "it is now time to plant corn;" though we have seen this bird flit among big timbers in the very heart and severity of winter.

Among our shade trees of locust and maple in our lawn, one of the latter broke off about eight feet from the ground during a terrific wind storm many years ago, and in the stump, after sufficiently decaying, a speckled wood-pecker bored a hole about five feet from the ground, and for a number of years, or during the existence of the stump, and just immediately before sudden low temperatures, this bird would flit, hop and chirp among the branches of the shade trees, and all at once take up its abode in the stump into which it had bored the hole. And just immediately before a thaw, the bird emerged from its place of protection from cold and storm, and again flit, hop and chirp among the branches of the trees, and then depart to the woods, where it remained until another change to a sudden low temperature, when it would again return and perform the same manueuvres, and again go into the stump. This was a yearly occurrence for a series of years until the stump finally rotted away. We have known this bird to enter its place of refuge and remain for six weeks before leaving its place. One winter we determined to take this bird from its lair, and accordingly we broke away sufficient from the narrow aperture to take the bird out, and after stroking its smooth plumage we decided to leave the bird alone. For weeks thereafter we passed this stump and peeped at the bird while going to and returning from doing our barn chores.

This bird was the best weather barometer that we ever knew of. Whenever it came among our trees, we knew what kind of weather would follow; and whenever it left we were sure of a thaw. From the above observations we are of the opinion that our summer birds are not migratory as a rule. J. C. W.

The demand for good roads has been heard for many years in this state. Other interests are beginning to admit that the farmers should not bear all the cost of building and maintaining them. The probabilities are that the present legislature will make an appropriation for the public roads. This is in line with what the Grange has long been demanding. The Legislative Committee of the State Grange is striving to prevent this appropriation from being hedged about with burdensome conditions and denying that it shall be distributed in proportion to the number of miles of road in the several counties.

No Action Taken.

No action was taken on the case of John S. Gulick the convicted Sunbury murderer, by the board of pardons at their meeting in Harrisburg last week, and none will be taken until judgment has been passed on his sanity. A distinguished alienist was to have examined Gulick's mental condition, but he fell sick and the examination has been postponed.

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

BIG REDUCTIONS

IN ALL WINTER

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

AT

Townsend's

FASHIONABLE

CLOTHING HOUSE.

THE FEBRUARY

Furniture Sale

From the woodman's axe ringing in the forest to the exhibition of the product of the world's best furniture makers on our floors to-day, is a far cry. It is a specimen of magic of American progress. It is evidence of the vast possibilities and divine achievements of American furniture manufacturers.

We will Deliver the Furniture when you are ready.

It simply means that we wish to encourage as much buying as possible before the normal buying time begins; and you can get Furniture now at a much less price than later. This Sale will Begin

Thursday, February 19, 1903,

and last ONE WEEK.

Bedroom Suits at 18.50 from 22.50.

Bed nicely trimmed. Base of Dresser 45x22. Mirror 28x30. Large sized wash stand.

\$12.00 Couches at \$10.00 While this sale lasts. \$15.00 " " \$12.98 " " " " \$14.00 " " \$12.50 " " " "

Rockers

\$3.00 Fancy Rockers at \$2.49. 5.00 " " " 4.00. 5.98 " " " 5.00. 8.25 " " " 7.00. 9.00 " " " 8.00. 11.50 " " " 10.00.

Morris Chairs

\$6.00 Morris Chairs at \$5.00. 8.98 " " " 7.50. 11.50 " " " 9.00. 12.08 " " " 10.00. 11.75 " " " 8.50.

Chiffonniers

\$6.00 Chiffonniers at \$5.50. 7.00 " " " 6.25. 10.00 " " " 9.00. 14.00 " " " 12.50. 15.00 " " " 13.98.

Dining Chairs

\$5.50 Dining Chairs at \$5.00. 7.50 " " " 6.50. 9.50 " " " 8.50. 11.00 " " " 9.50. 11.00 " " " 10.00.

Our Linen Sale will end Feby. 25,

F. P. Pursel.

The Normal School basket ball team will dispute honors with the Williamsport Y. M. C. A. at that place to-night.

Mirrors, brush and comb sets, collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, jewelry cases, manicure sets, smoker's sets and all kinds of sets at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Three new granges were organized in Pennsylvania during Jan. 1903. No. 1221, Clarion county, by Ed. M. McEntire, with thirteen charter members. No. 1222, Clearfield county, by E. M. Davis and Peter Gearhart, with thirty-five charter members. No. 1223, Tioga county, by G. W. Dickinson, with twenty-six charter members.

Try THE COLUMBIAN a year.