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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1903.

Political Announcements.

Subject to the Rules of the Democratic Party.

Primary Election Saturday, June 6th, 3 to 7 P. M.

FOR SHERIFF
CHARLES B. ENT,
of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF
W. W. BLACK,
of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF
B. F. RICE,
of East Scott.

MORE TROUBLE BREWING.

Divided on Nine Hour Question.—Cannot Determine on Commission's Award.

The award of the strike commission has not entirely settled the differences existing between the coal operators and the miners. Trouble has already been experienced as a result of the operators and miners not agreeing in their interpretation of the Strike Commission's award.

The commission adjudged that the men should be paid "on the basis of a nine hour day" without reduction of wages, and with a pro rata increase for overtime. This the operators say does not decree a nine hour day, but simply that they are to get the old ten hours' wages for nine hours' work and overtime for each hour worked more than nine.

At some collieries, where the companies proceeded to work ten hours as before, the men refused to work more than nine hours and the collieries had to shut down. The men themselves are divided as to the right interpretation. At the Green Ridge Coal Company colliery the adults wanted to continue working ten hours, as that was the only way they would be getting an increase in wages, but the boys declared that a nine hour day had been awarded and they did not propose to work more than nine hours, and they didn't.

At Providence, Carbondale, Olyphant, Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre, collieries of the Delaware & Hudson company the men quit work Friday at the end of nine hours work. All the other collieries of the company worked ten hours.

The Enterprise Coal company, of Scranton, received word Friday that its drivers at the Shamokin colliery had struck because the company refused to start up at 6:30 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock. Hon. W. L. Connell, Recorder of Scranton, who is president of the company, said he expected the miners to compel the drivers to return to work, as their action in striking is in direct violation of the conciliation board features of the commission's award.

In all the coal region towns the probability of another struggle is the general topic of discussion and the business men are actually fearful of the future.

The employees of the Alaska colliery, Mt. Carmel, met Tuesday evening and decided to report for duty Wednesday morning, at the same time appointing a committee to wait on the foreman and enter a specific state-

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Is a Common Spring Trouble.

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It's a warning, too, which only the hazy dawn fail to heed.

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DECISION BY JUDGE NEWCOMB

Judge Newcomb on Monday handed down his opinion in the proceedings brought by the American Electric Light Company against the Irondele Electric Light Company. It is not a victory for either company. The Judge simply defines the rights of the two companies. He decides that where the primary wires of the rival companies cross at nearly right angles the distance between them should be thirty inches, and that vertically the wires should be four feet apart. Where they run parallel they should be four feet apart vertically. The wires running parallel horizontally or nearly so they should be separated by a distance of fifteen inches. At the poles the clearance should be four feet.

It can be seen by the above that the judge agrees with neither company. The plaintiff contended for a separation of thirty-six inches where the wires crossed each other, a distance of fifteen inches horizontally and five feet at the poles. The defendant proposed twenty-two inches vertical space where lines cross each other or where they parallel except near poles where the space should be three feet.

The opinion in full would occupy more space than is available in this issue. In part it is as follows: "Both plaintiff and defendant companies have a right to use the streets, lanes and alleys of the Town of Bloomsburg for the purpose for which they were incorporated.

"The plaintiff companies have a prior location and therefore a superior right and the defendant must so construct and maintain its lines and so occupy and use the streets and highways under its franchise as not to interfere with, obstruct or hinder the plaintiffs in the lawful exercise and enjoyment of their corporate rights and franchises in the construction, maintenance and operation of their works and lines.

"That a decree should be made fixing the minimum separation of the rival lines where they are parallel and at crossings in accordance with the eighth, ninth and tenth findings of fact.

"That the injunction was properly issued and so far as it conforms to the foregoing proceedings of fact and conclusion of law should be made permanent.

"The defendant should pay the costs of proceeding.

"I can see nothing to be added by way of discussion. The only question of difficulty—indeed the only matter in dispute—is how far must the primary wires of rival electric light companies be separated to prevent interference or disturbance between the two currents by induction, and injury to property and persons by accidental contact.

"The witnesses differed substantially. They were experts, and if the facts involved are capable of demonstration, there ought to be no ground of dispute. It amounts to this, in my judgment, that their testimony is largely a matter of theory derived no doubt in part from actual experience and observation. The agency with which the parties are dealing is highly dangerous. So far as human safety is concerned, I take it, the courts are bound to resolve the doubt in favor of the workmen who keep the lines in repair. As to the separation required to keep the wires out of range of induction, it may be said with some confidence that the distance cannot well be fixed, regardless of the inevitable sagging and relaxing of wires that will occur in spite of great care and vigilance. The danger also of accidental contact from sagging depends to some extent upon the normal separation. Looking at the disputed question in all its aspects, I feel constrained to believe that safety to both life and property lies, so to speak, somewhere between the distances contended for by the opposing counsel, and have accordingly so found."

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TOWNSEND'S

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES.

The Young Men's Christian Association is announcing for this summer conferences for college students, the first of which will open May 29th at grounds at Gearheart at the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon, which have recently been presented the Associations of the Northwest for summer use. The leading speakers at this conference will be Dr. E. I. Bosworth, H. B. Sharman and E. T. Colton.

It is expected that 1,500 men will be at these several conferences and spend from six to ten days in Bible study and the discussion of the problems of college Association management. The afternoons are to be given to athletics and recreation. The most popular meeting is held at sunset in adjacent groves. At these meetings leading Christian callings are presented, such as, the Christian ministry, city missions, foreign missions, Young Men's Christian Association work and Christian work by laymen. Most of the delegates are officers and leaders in the college Association, who are attending the meetings to prepare for the leadership of the college Association work the next fall term.

The Northfield conference is the largest and the oldest, having over 700 representatives from 132 colleges last year. This meets June 26th to July 5th, and will be addressed by Mr. Robert E. Speer, Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D. D., Rev. George Jackson of Edinburgh, Rev. William F. McDowell, D.D., Prof. E. I. Bosworth, Dr. F. K. Sanders, Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., and Hon. S. B. Capen, and Mr. John R. Mott who will preside. Normal Bible classes will be conducted by Dean Sanders, Yale University, Prof. R. A. Falconer of Halifax, N. S., Prof. Bosworth of Oberlin, Henry B. Wright of Yale, William D. Murray, Esq. and C. C. Michener.

A new student conference will be opened this year at Lakeide, Ohio, June 19-28. This conference will be attended by delegates from Ontario, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. It will be addressed by Dr. McDowell, Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D. D., Robert E. Speer, Dr. Elmore Harris, Emory W. Hunt, Mr. G. K. Shurtleff, Harlan P. Beach, Tom Jays and John R. Mott.

The Lake Geneva conference for college men in the Central West, will be held June 19 to 28th, and addressed by Dr. McDowell, Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., Dean Sanders, and Messrs. Speer, Mott and secretaries of the International Committee.

Vacation headquarters will be maintained at Silver Bay, Lake George for Association Men, June 13-26, and July 21 to October 1. Conferences for the young men of the Y. M. C. A. will be held July 31 to August 9, and for older boys August 28 to September 10. The Lake Geneva headquarters will be open all summer for a succession of special meetings.

The evangelistic meetings in the Old Presbyterian church will be continued this week. Rev. Sawtelle is highly pleased with the deep interest manifested and the largely increased attendance. He immersed five converts in Fishingcreek Sunday afternoon and the meeting Sunday evening brought another soul forward. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public, and everybody will be welcomed to the meetings.

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Easter and the Kid Glove Opening.

Always plan to have the Spring Glove Opening just before Easter, and we reach for the Easter trade in this important item as we have never reached before.

Guaranteed Kid Gloves in all the spring shades, price 1.00. Gray, brown and black Mocha Gloves at 1.00.

P. Centemeri & Co. in the new spring shades, price 1.45. P. Centemeri & Co. Black Kid Gloves, price 2.00.

The Easter Stocking Sale.

The whole outfit of spring hosiery is on dress parade. The good kinds, the honest wearing kind. Now for the power in price. Misses' Fine Ribbed Hose, 2 pair for 25c.

Boys' Black Cat Hose at 25c. Misses' Fine Black Cat Hose at 25c.

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Easter Sale in the Garment Rooms.

If it is a Suit, a Jacket, a Separate Skirt, a Walking Skirt, then you are strongly urged to visit this garment section. There's economy in it.

Ladies' Tailor made Suits, 5.00 to 35.00.

Ladies' Tailor made Jackets, 3.98 to 7.50. Ladies' Separate Skirts 2.25 to 8.50. Ladies' Walking Skirts 2.98 to 7.50.

Lace Curtains.

We've been liberal in our curtain buying and one reason is that we had the chance to buy lace curtains to better advantage than ever before. Price 39c a pair to 8.50.

F. P. Pursel.

MRS. MARGARET MATHER.

Mrs. Margaret Mather died at her home in Rohrsburg, Sunday night, of pneumonia. She had been ill for a little over three weeks. Her death came as a shock to her friends who had acquainted themselves with her condition a day or two previous, and had noticed marked signs of improvement. She suffered a relapse, however, which carried her away. The deceased was the widow of the late John Mather. She was sixty-nine years of age, and leaves a son Dr. William Mather of Rohrsburg, and a brother, John Vance of Orange township to survive. The late Major M. C. Vance was also a brother. The funeral took place yesterday morning with Rev. Dr. Frisbie officiating.

Wouldn't Reconsider.

The Sunbury Board of Health, which resigned in a body some time ago as the result of a disagreement with council, has declined to reconsider its action and a new board has been appointed.

Safely Over the Water.

A telegram was received by John M. Clark, Esq. on Monday announcing the arrival on the other side of the Atlantic of his three sisters, Mrs. R. C. Neal and Misses Mary and Martha Clark. They sailed from New York a week ago Saturday, and had a safe and pleasant voyage.

Daniel Kitchen died at his home in Rohrsburg Tuesday morning, after a very protracted illness. A wife and three sons, William of Wilkes-Barre, and John and Clark of Rohrsburg survive. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

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