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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.

NOW FOR GOOD ROADS.

Representative Cressy Figured Prominently in the Measure Which Passed Both Branches on Tuesday.

The Good Roads bill, which originated in the Senate as the combined work of Senator Sprout, of Delaware, and Senator Roberts, of Montgomery, was finally passed on Tuesday by both branches and is now in the hands of the Governor, who has had much interest in the measure from the beginning. In the House it reached a doubtful moment when it was recommitted to the Committee on Public Roads. There, however, principally through the efforts of Representative Cressy it was amended radically to meet the views of the rural counties' element, and finally passed the House Tuesday after escaping a critical movement on the part of Representative Omsher, of Lancaster, who wished to interject an amendment providing for payment of each county's share of the appropriation to County Commissioners. So strong was the protest against further delay that the amendment was withdrawn and the bill at once messaged to the Senate, and that body, with little delay, concurred in all the amendments. Many members of both branches are not wholly satisfied with the bill, but all agreed that a movement for good roads must be initiated at once, and therefore overlooked the weak spots.

The road bill provides for the creation of a State Highway Department with a commissioner at a salary of \$3,500 a year and actual traveling expenses not exceeding \$500; one assistant, a competent civil engineer and expert road builder, at a salary of \$2,000 a year and traveling expenses not to exceed \$500; a chief clerk at \$1,500, and a stenographer at \$1,000, all with rooms in the State buildings of Harrisburg. The sum of \$6,550,000 is appropriated, \$500,000 to be expended the first year, \$500,000 the second, \$1,250,000 in each of the two following years, and \$1,550,000 in each of the two years following. The duties of the officials are fully described, the various kinds of good roads, and that the State shall bear sixty-six and two-thirds of the expense, the counties sixteen and two-thirds and townships sixteen and two-thirds, the State's aid to be appointed according to the mileage of township or county roads in each county.

MUST PAY BACK \$7000 TO COUNTY.

Lycoming Auditors Surcharged the Old Board of Commissioners for Money Paid for Work on Bridges During 1902.

Nearly \$7000 is surcharged to the old board of Lycoming County Commissioners by the county auditors. The surcharges are based on two separate items, the stone work for county bridges built during 1902 and the painting of county bridges. Each Commissioner is charged with the total amount of the excess, the amounts surcharged to each being as follows: Sherman, \$6717; Wheeland, \$6717; McClarin, \$3789. McClarin was not involved in the bridge painting contracts, having refused to sign them, but is surcharged along with the other commissioners for excess paid in building bridge abutments. The amount surcharged to McClarin is equal to more than the amount of salary he received during his term of office, while the amounts surcharged to Wheeland and Sherman are more than double their salaries. The matter will undoubtedly be carried into court by the three ex-Commissioners.

Official Board Resigns.

The trouble in the Mulberry street Methodist church, Williamsport, occasioned by the appointment of Rev. Houck reached a climax on Monday, when the entire official board of the church resigned. They have nearly all decided to lift their cards of membership and attend some other church. This action is taken by the board as the quickest way of ending the difficulty. While taking the position of refusing to acknowledge the right of the conference to dictate for several years against the request of the board, they do not wish to continue the struggle indefinitely. The matter of resigning has been under consideration by the board most of the week, and culminated in the decision of seventeen of the members to present their resignations on Monday. The members say that a portion of the membership has not sustained them in their connection with the conference. How large this portion of the membership is depends entirely on the point of view of the person making the estimate. The Rev. Mr. Houck will probably now select a new board, and continue as the pastor of the church.

The marriage of Miss Cora Foye and Mr. Chas. S. Ranck took place at the home of the bride's father on Leonard street, on Tuesday evening, 14th inst at 8 o'clock. Rev. D. N. Kirkby performed the ceremony. Miss Mame Vial was bridesmaid, and Mr. Buck of Sunbury was best man. The pleasant home was well filled with relatives and near friends, and the bride received many beautiful gifts. They will go to house-keeping at once in the bride's home on Leonard street. We extend our best wishes to them.

Half-Sick. "I first used Ayer's Sarsaparilla in the fall of 1848. Since then I have taken it every spring as a blood-purifying and nerve-strengthening medicine." S. T. Jones, Wichita, Kans. If you feel run down, are easily tired, if your nerves are weak and your blood is thin, then begin to take the good old standard family medicine, Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It's a regular nerve lifter, a perfect blood builder. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists. Ask your doctor what he thinks of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He shows all about this grand old family medicine. Follow his advice and we will be satisfied. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

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.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Recent advices from South Africa indicate a great forward movement by the Young Men's Christian Associations of that country. It is reported that not less than six buildings, costing \$500,000, will be erected for these Associations in the near future. At Cape Town the Association building has been doubled in size at a cost of \$75,000. There is a membership of 1,500 young men here, a rapid increase from 400 having been made. This Association is the headquarters for thousands of young men in the course of the year, who come to this city—the gateway to South Africa. Young men coming to the diamond fields are accommodated by the Kimberley Branch, which is to have larger quarters. The frontier point of East London, Cape Colony, established an Association a few years ago, and is doing valuable service to the young men coming there from England. The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, together with the clergy, is moving for the establishment of an Association in that town. The Durban Association is about to expend \$85,000 for the erection of a building, towards which the merchants have given \$60,000. A membership of 1,000 is expected. Pietermaritzburg has a scheme involving an outlay of \$40,000 for a three-story building for the city centre of the "Garden Colony." In the Transvaal and Johannesburg, plans involving an expenditure of \$250,000 for buildings and improvements, are launched. The Johannesburg Association admitted 157 members in one month. These buildings will provide all that a young man needs in the way of home and club privileges. In these Associations, some of the leading men of South Africa, including the former governor-general, are engaged with enthusiasm. Some ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church went into voluntary exile in the South African prison camps in order to hold services among the prisoners. As a result of their services, over 170 men among them enlisted as missionaries. Many of these men have now entered training schools and theological seminaries in South Africa for a course of training for their chosen work.

In speaking of the bill to secure for trolley roads the right to carry freight and which has been negatively reported to the house, the Scranton Times says: "A measure of this nature is defeated at every session of the assembly of late years. Though the influence of the steam roads is doubtless responsible for the defeat of such legislation, there are sound reasons, apart from the interests of steam railroads why such privileges should be denied. The trolley roads are chartered to transport passengers, on the public highway, and to permit such roads to become carriers of freight subjects the streets and highways over which they have no right to impose. It would be manifestly unjust to give the trolley the free use of public roads, opened, built and maintained by the taxpayers, and occupy them to the danger and inconvenience of the public, and subject the steam roads to restrictions and impositions not exacted from the trolley. If they want to engage in the general business of a common carrier they should own their rights of way and build their own roadbeds."

Some people think for themselves some let others think for them. These two classes get along all right as a rule, but the fellow who thinks he can think for himself and can't, is the ass who always complicates the situation, no matter where it is, or what it is.

Postponed.

Owing to the rain on Easter Sunday, the communion service at Emanuel's Reformed church, Madison township is postponed to April 26.

PRACTICAL FISH PRODUCTION.

Suggestion for Local Production from Ponds and Streams.—By H. A. Surface, Professor of Zoology in the Pa. State College.

There are many persons who have ponds or available streams that could be profitably utilized if the owner but knew how. Life is far more abundant in water than in the small area on land and this means that the water can be made to yield fully as much or more for man's use as can the soil. "The waters should feed the land," is an old saying that may justly claim a literal signification. In some parts of Europe today ponds and lakes are renting at the same rate per equal area as the best land adjoining them. This is for the fish they are made to yield. Although our state and national fish commissions are doing all in their power to maintain the number of fishes useful to mankind, it must be acknowledged that they are playing at a losing game owing to (1) a lack of the complete and detailed knowledge as to what is best to do and how to do it; (2) the constantly increasing destructive effects of the so-called "march of civilization;" and (3) the lack of adequate state and federal support for placing this very important industry upon its proper scientific basis. Truly has one of America's greatest living scientists, Prof. S. A. Forbes, State Zoologist of Illinois, said in one of his recent reports, "In regard to fish culture we stand to day at a point to be compared with the American Indian's knowledge of agriculture at the time of the discovery of America by Columbus." However, we can live up to the best light and knowledge we have, and by so doing hope to obtain more. Just as the Indians could use their crude knowledge of agriculture by clearing the ground, planting the grains, tilling the soil with sharpened stones and sticks, and pulling some of the larger weeds, thus causing the maize to increase in abundance above what it would be without this effort, so can we use our crude knowledge of fish culture to make the water more productive by observing some of the following suggestions: 1. Put the pond or stream into proper condition, not only by cleaning everything out of it, and making it a proper depth, but by making a variation of conditions so the fishes can select sites to suit themselves. One part should be as deep as possible, another should be shallow and quiet and contain growing aquatic vegetation of as many varieties of plants as possible, while in the more rapid parts of current there should be sand and gravel. 2. The water should be kept as cool as possible in summer, both by shade trees growing along the banks and by artificial floats to afford shade and concealment. Grass and weeds should be permitted to overhang the water to yield some insects to vary the diet of the fishes, and give them additional protection. 3. Enemies of fishes should be reduced. These are other voracious fishes, water snakes, musk-rats, herons, ospreys or fish hawks, king fishers, sometimes owls, musk-rats, minks and raccoons. 4. Ducks and geese should not be kept in waters intended to yield fish. They defoul the water, make it muddy, and destroy the organisms that would directly or indirectly become the food of fishes. (5) After the favorable and desired conditions are established the food plants and small aquatic animals have been introduced, minnows added, if for fish eating fishes, spawning sites, winter retreats and summer shade provided, then introduce the desired fishes suited to the waters. 6. Select the kinds of fishes suited to the waters thus prepared. If this is not known send full description of the conditions to the U. S. Fish Commission, Washington D. C., or other experts and receive the essential information acting accordingly. We know where this has been done in such a practical, sensible, and scientific manner with the most gratifying results.

Farm products in Pennsylvania this year will bring fair prices. This will cause the farmer to think much of bushels, pounds and dollars. But efficient help on the farm can hardly be had and any help will cost more than it can produce. This will tempt the farmer to overwork himself and his family. Don't do it. Plow fewer acres. Plan for no more work than you can keep well in hand. Attend church and grange meetings regularly. Do not grind the life out of yourself and wife and drive the boys and girls away from the farm. At the end of the year you may have just as many dollars and what is better there will be a favorable balance in the happiness account. The Berwick Store Company will not, according to present indications have a monopoly of the business in that town very long. Jonas Long's Sons of Wilkes Barre, intend to establish a big department store in the Borough the coming summer.

Townsend's, THE PLACE TO BUY YOUR SPRING Clothing IS AT Townsend's. THE DERBY

EASTER OFFER OF Ribbons, Kid Gloves, Shirt Waists, Ladies' and Misses' Tailor Made Suits, Dress Goods and Lace Curtains.

These are all very important selling features in this shop just at Easter time. There's been some good buying done for you. Never in better shape to meet your demands. What you buy is good and you'll find prices to your liking. Every line is complete and we want you to make this store a visit.

Easter Ribbons.

A big purchase of fine Taffeta Ribbon and plain Liberty Satin Ribbon has been made especially for Easter selling. These ribbons you can buy at fully one-quarter under regular price. All silk Taffeta Ribbon, all colors, width 5 to 80, at 33 to 17c Heavy Silk Taffeta Ribbon all colors, width 9 to 60, price 10c to 25 cents. Liberty double faced Satin Ribbons, width 5 to 80, price 10c to 39 cents.

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. Ladies' Dropped Stitch hose, 12 1/2 to 50c.

Dress Goods For Easter.

This department springs up in full bloom. The very newest things that can be found for Ladies' and Misses' Dresses are here ready to show you. Voiles at any price you want. Silk Grenadines in plain, striped and figured, price 1.00 to 2.98.

The Season's Best Showing of made-up Waists.

The early waist buyers are those who get the choice of the season's handsomest productions. Don't miss the showing of Shirt Waists. White lawn waists 1.00 to 1.98. White silk waists, 2.75 to 5.00. Black silk waists, 2.75 to 5.00. Colored silk waists at 5.00.

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.

The birth of a lineal descendant of George Washington's mother in Mount Vernon occurred in 1901. As this babe was of the ninth generation after the Father of His Country, who was born in 1732, it follows that the Washington family is not guilty of "race suicide," the average interval between the generations being less than nineteen years.

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