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Political Announcements.

Subject to the Rules of the Demo-
 cratic Party.

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

FOR SHERIFF

W. W. BLACK,
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF

H. F. DIEFFENBACH,
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF

CHARLES B. ENT,
 of Bloomsburg.

FOR SHERIFF

B. F. RICE,
 of East Scott.

**State Treasurer Refuses to pay the In-
 creased Salaries to Judges**

An act of the recent legislature increases the salaries of judges all over the state. In districts like Columbia and Montour it is raised from \$4,000 to \$5,000. The Governor has signed the bill, and it has thus become a law. The State Treasurer, however, refuses to pay the increased salaries because he believes the act is unconstitutional, and says he will not pay until the Attorney General directs him to do so.

The clause of the constitution which he thinks is violated by the act is Section 13 of Article 3, which reads as follows: "No law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments, after his election or appointment."

That seems to be as plain as words can make it, and under that very section there was a time when it was held to mean just what it says. When some years ago an increase of the salaries of the judiciary was made by law, the Judges then on the bench did not draw the increase until they had been re-elected, while the new Judges elected just after the passage of the law drew the increased salary. We are not complaining of the present increase. Judges should be well paid, and this increase is deserved though somewhat tardy. Through the penurious treatment of the judiciary by the legislature, many a good Judge has spent the best years of his life on the bench, and when age or infirmity compelled him to retire, he has left the bench with scarcely a competency to support him in his declining years. We hope the present law is constitutional, but if there is any reason why the plain mandate of the constitution does not apply to this case, we have no heart it.

The annual meeting of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg and Berwick Railroad Company was held at Williamsport on Monday. J. Henry Cochran was elected president and F. H. Eaton of New York, J. L. Mitchell of Philadelphia, E. R. Payne of Williamsport, Seth F. McCormick of Williamsport and E. B. Tustin of Bloomsburg directors.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH RE-
 FUSED A CHARTER.**

The state Supreme Court on Monday sustained the ruling of the late Judge Arnold of Philadelphia, in refusing to grant a charter to a Christian Science church. The opinion is in part as follows:

"The appellants are members of an unincorporated society and desire to be incorporated as a church under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. Their application to the Court below sets forth that the purposes for which the said corporation is to be formed are to establish and maintain a place for the support of public worship, and to preach the Gospel according to the doctrines of Christ Jesus as found in the Bible and the Christian Science text books, 'Science and Health with key to the Scriptures,' by Mary Baker G. Eddy.

"The application was referred to the Hon. Dimmer Beeber as master, who reported that an examination of Mrs. Eddy's book showed that the church which it was proposed to organize, was not merely to inculcate a creed, or to establish a form of worship, but was also intended for a treatment and cure of disease through the healers, which it is to train and constitute. That the method to be pursued by these healers in curing the sick, is simply and solely by inaudible prayer, whether in the presence of the sick or at a distance, being immaterial.

"That to qualify for the practice of healing disease according to this method nothing was necessary except the study of the system taught in Mrs. Eddy's book; no knowledge of anatomy, physiology, pathology or hygiene being required. The fundamental principle of the teaching of Mrs. Eddy being that what is termed disease, had no real existence. That 'sickness, sin and death are unknown to truth, and should not be recognized by man as reality.'

"According to the testimony she teaches that inflammation, tuberculosis, hemorrhage and decomposition are beliefs and not real facts. The master points out that this theory is directly opposite to the general spirit and purpose of the laws of Pennsylvania, with regard to the public health and the treatment of disease.

"That the quarantine and inspection laws, and the enactments designed to prevent contagion and infection are all based upon the theory that disease is a reality, and that it exists without reference to the condition of mind of its subjects.

"The master reaches the conclusion that it would be injurious to the community to incorporate a group of citizens who would teach the doctrine that there is no such thing as a contagious disease, or any disease, and practice the art of curing what are called contagious diseases in the manner above described.

Tired Out

"I was very poorly and could hardly get about the house. I was tired out all the time. Then I tried Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and it only took two bottles to make me feel perfectly well."—Mrs. N. S. Swinney, Princeton, Mo.

Tired when you go to bed, tired when you get up, tired all the time. Why? Your blood is impure, that's the reason. You are living on the border line of nerve exhaustion. Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and be quickly cured.

Ask your doctor what he thinks of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. He knows all about this grand old family medicine. Follow his advice and we will be satisfied.
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"He further refers to the established policy of the Commonwealth, which in the interest of the public good, requires certain qualifications in persons who presume to treat and cure disease, and he tersely adds. 'What the good of the community requires under the law as it exists ought not to be imperiled by the incorporation of a group of citizens whose fundamental doctrine is, that the public good requires no such thing.' He therefore recommended that the application for the charter be refused.

"It was the duty of the Court below to refuse the charter if in the exercise of sound legal discretion he found its purpose, in whole or part, included anything injurious to the community.

"Can it be said that there was an abuse of discretion in the finding in this case? We are not to consider the matter from either a theological or metaphysical standpoint, but only in its practical aspects.

"It is not a question as to how far prayer for the recovery of the sick may be efficacious. The common faith of mankind relies not only upon prayer, but upon the use of means which knowledge and experience have shown to be efficient. And when the results of this knowledge and experience have been crystallized into legislative enactments, declarative of what the good of the community requires in the treatment of disease, anything in opposition thereto may fairly be taken as injurious to the community.

"Our laws recognize disease as a grim reality, to be met and grappled with as such. To secure the safety and protect the health of the public from the acts of incompetent persons the law prescribes the qualifications of those who shall be allowed to attempt the cure of healing of disease. It is not for the purpose of compelling the use of any particular remedies, or of any remedies at all.

"It is only designed to secure competent service for those who desire to obtain medical attendance. In certain diseases the individual affected may be the only one to suffer for lack of proper attention, but in other types, of a contagious or infectious nature, they may be such as to endanger the whole community, and here it is the policy of the law to assume control and require the use of the most effective known means to overcome and stamp out disease which otherwise would become epidemic.

"In such cases failure to treat, or an attempt to treat, by those not possessing the lawful qualifications are equally violative of the policy of the law. It may be said that the wisdom or the folly of depending upon the power of inaudible prayer alone in the cure of disease is for the parties who invoke such a remedy. But this is not wholly true. 'For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself,' and the consequence of leaving disease to run unchecked in the community is so serious that sound public policy forbids it.

"Neither the law, nor reason, has any objection to the offering of prayer for the recovery of the sick. But in many cases both law and common sense require the use of other means which have been given us for the healing of sickness and the cure of disease. There is ample room for the office of prayer in seeking for the blessing of restored health, even when we have faithfully and conscientiously used all the means known to the science and art of medicine.

"The findings of fact by the learned master and the conclusions of law therefrom and the opinion of the Court below, in which they are summarized and approved, vindicate the action taken.

"Under the well defined policy of the law of Pennsylvania as at present existing we are satisfied that there was no abuse of sound legal discretion in refusing the application for a charter.

"The appeal is quashed and the order refusing to approve the charter is affirmed."

Forest fires have been raging on the surrounding hills and mountains during the past week and much valuable timber has been destroyed. On Thursday night last a stiff south western breeze carried the smoke from the Catawissa mountain to Bloomsburg until it became so thick that many people not knowing from whence it came were greatly alarmed. Groups of people gathered on Normal hill and at the head of Centre Street and watched the progress of the fire.

Miss Ida Rinker has won the Morning Press free trip to Atlantic City, offered to the most popular school teacher in Columbia county. The contest was a jug handled one from the outset. Miss Rinker had 998 votes more than her next nearest contestant.

Spring Medicine

There is no other season when good medicine is so much needed as in the Spring.

The blood is impure, weak and impoverished—a condition indicated by pimples and other eruptions on the face and body, by deficient vitality, loss of appetite, lack of strength, and want of animation.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Make the blood pure, vigorous and rich, create appetite, give vitality, strength and animation, and cure all eruptions. Have the whole family begin to take them today.

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

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

—Phillip M. Ermentrout, aged 68, secretary of a fire insurance company of Reading, one of the most extensive real estate dealers of that city, and prominent in the Royal Arcanum of the state, died on Monday.

—In an opinion handed down on Monday in the wage case of Ansley against the Dunmore Lumber Co., Judge Edwards of Scranton, reversed the proceedings before the alderman because he permitted the defendant to plead by telephone. There is nothing in the law, the judge says, to warrant a party appearing at a trial by telephone.

—In speaking of the "Church of the Future" in his sermon to a large congregation in the Pilgrim Congregational church at Pottsville on Sunday Rev. George W. Brownback said that the sermons must be made pungent and sparkling like newspapers.

"Pious platitudes must go out of the window," he continued. "The clergy will have to eat ginger and wake up earlier in the morning. The church today fails to supply cardinal wants such as financial aid after illness, burial expenses, life insurance, etc."

—Mrs. George Wallace, who lost her memory five months ago and disappeared, was on Monday reunited with her children at Sayre, Pa., where they have been with relatives since their home was broken up in Wilkes-Barre.

Mrs. Wallace, who is a wealthy widow of Wilkes-Barre, disappeared November 21. On Thanksgiving Day she appealed to Mrs. John Stern of 629 Sumner street, Newark, N. J., for shelter. Then she became Mrs. Stern's servant.

No recollection of her past life, her home or her children came to her, she says, until about ten days ago. Suddenly she realized the fact that she had been living in a strange world for five months.

Mrs. Wallace does not remember why she went to Newark, what occurred there, or where she was between November 21 and Thanksgiving day.

She attributes her loss of memory to ill health and worry over the settlement of her husband's estate.

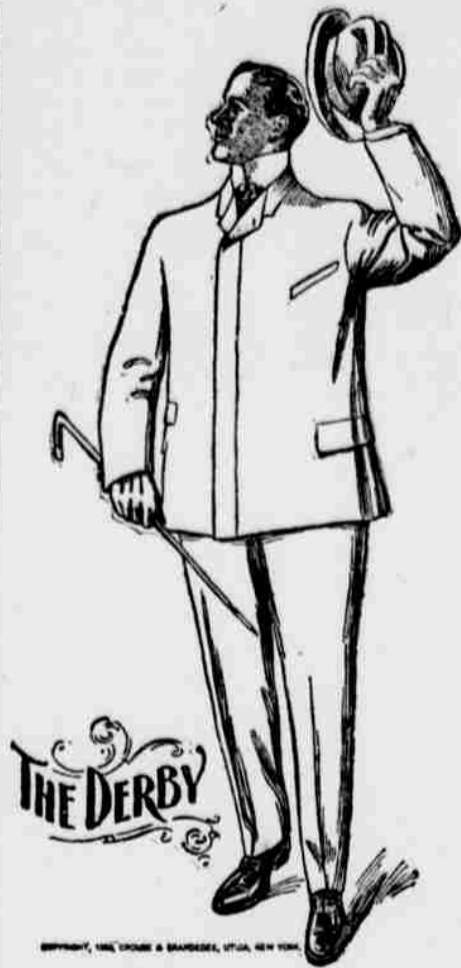
AN ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY

Our show lovers will be delighted to know that an effort is on foot to arrange for the appearance in Bloomsburg on May 20th, of Dumont's Minstrels, and give one of their inimitable performances which delight Philadelphians throughout the fall and winter season. As a rule Dumont's Minstrels never travel or leave their cozy Opera House, but as their local friends finally induced them to give a performance in each city, other requests quickly followed until the week was taken up by admirers.

It is the purpose to have the show as an Elk benefit and if the Lodge decides in favor of the proposition as it in all probability will when it meets to-night, the entire company will be here, including Frank Dumont, Hughie Dougherty, Vic Richards, Charles Turner, Alf F. Gibson, John E. Murphy, James McCool, J. M. Kane, Joseph F. Hortiz, J. M. Woods, Edwin Goldrick, J. E. Dempsey, Joseph Perry, R. P. Lilley, J. A. Armstrong and a full chorus of solo musicians, and the finest singers ever heard in minstrelsy. Added to this is Jordan and White, a pair of eccentric dancers who have delighted the patrons of Dumont's throughout the season. William J. Mills, the character change artist, will be seen in his mysterious transformations in full view of the audience, changing entire costume from male to female and vice versa, even changing shoes and hosiery. This will positively be the best minstrel performance ever given in town and should be greeted by an overflowing audience.

A two per cent. dividend, payable on or after May 25, has been declared by the Greene Consolidated Copper Company.

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28c Mercerized Gingham 17c

These Mercerized Gingham have been good selling goods all season at 28c but this lot was bought at a very low price to clean up the mill for this Season, so we sell them this week at 17c.

\$1.00 Shirt Waists at 89c.

We have these Waists in White Lawn and Linen Colored. The Yoke is Tucked, Front 1/2 in. bias Tucks with Hemstitching and cluster of small Tucks. Back Tucked Shirt Waist sleeves, price this week 89c.

2 Numbers in Counterpanes

Good size White Honey Comb Counterpanes nicely hemmed, would be good value at 85c., this week 69c.
 Large Heavy White Honey Comb Counterpane, nicely hemmed, worth \$1.50 at \$1.19.

12 1-2 & 15c Lawns 10 yds 60c

This lot of Lawns are fully worth 12 1/2c and 15c. This week we have them done up in 10 yd. pieces and will sell them for 60 cents.

F. P. PURSEL.

Postmasters R. S. Bowman, of Berwick, and C. E. Geyer, of Catawissa, have received an increase in salary of \$100 a year. The former's yearly pay now is \$2300 and the latter's \$1500. The salary of postmaster Brown remains as it was \$2400 a year.

A. H. Genari, Henry J. Casey and Howard Cook took the Civil Service examination for clerk and George Fornwald for carrier before G. Ed. Lewis, clerk of the local commission, at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday.