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THE OFFICIAL BALLOT.

The Question Now is Whether Ringrose's Name Shall be Printed on It.

Before the ballots for the primary election were printed Chairman Yetter of the Republican county committee filed a paper with the commissioners stating that only one candidate for county commissioner was to be nominated. In accordance with this the commissioners had the Republican ballots printed with instructions to vote for only one. When the votes were computed it was found that C. Fred Lenhart had the highest number, and he was returned as the duly nominated candidate for that office.

Elisha Ringrose, having the next highest number of votes, claimed that the party was entitled to two candidates, and served notice on the commissioners demanding that his name be printed on the official ballot for the November election.

The matter was submitted to Solicitor Rhawn for an opinion, and on Saturday the opinion was rendered, deciding that under the law two names must go on the ballot, and therefore, Ringrose's name should go on. The opinion is a lengthy one, and goes fully into the legal aspect of the case, and its conclusions appear to be well founded.

On Monday the commissioners held a meeting to consider the matter, and after some discussion the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Elisha Ringrose who with C. Fred Lenhart, W. O. Holmes, and James Fairman were the candidates of the Republican party, at the recent primary election for nomination for the office of county commissioner in said county of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, it appears by the returns of said election as computed and certified by the said commissioners, that said Elisha Ringrose and C. Fred Lenhart received a plurality of the votes cast at said election by said party, and

WHEREAS, said Elisha Ringrose has served written notice upon the county commissioners, that under the returns of said election as computed and certified aforesaid the said Elisha Ringrose with said C. Fred Lenhart are the nominees of said Republican party for said office and accordingly entitled to have his name printed upon the official ballots, in the Republican column with said C. Fred Lenhart, as the candidates of said party for said office, and

WHEREAS, said board of commissioners has been advised by their county solicitor that said Elisha Ringrose was with said Fred Lenhart nominated for said office as aforesaid and is therefore entitled to have his name printed upon said official ballot. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the name of Elisha Ringrose be printed upon said ballot, in the Republican column according to law with the name of said Fred Lenhart, as candidates of said Republican party for said office, at said November election, and that certificate of nomination as aforesaid be issued by said commissioners to said C. Fred Lenhart and Elisha Ringrose as candidates aforesaid.

Hess and Ringrose voted for the resolution, and Pohe against it.

The matter now stands as follows: If no further action is taken, Ringrose's name will go on the ballot with Lenhart. By a petition asking for an injunction to restrain the commissioners from printing Ringrose's name, the question can be brought before the court, and the decision of the court will determine what is to be done. It is a nice legal question.

SETTLED WITH LEONARD.

H. B. Leonard, superintendent of construction of the Catawissa river bridge, had a claim against the county for \$2498.00 with interest from April 11, 1906. The commissioners have refused to pay it, because it was exorbitant, and because the work which he superintended was defective. However it would have been expensive to fight it in the Dauphin county court, and the commissioners concluded to settle it if possible, and so on Saturday they effected a compromise for \$2000.

Mr. Leonard was appointed superintendent of the construction of the bridge by the Board of Public Buildings and his compensation was fixed at 3 per cent. of the cost of construction which was \$124,900, under the Act of April 21, 1903, which provides that counties shall pay the fees and expenses of superintendents of bridges built by the state for the counties.

The bridge was completed May 11, 1906, and thereupon Mr. Leonard presented his claim against the county for \$2498. The county resisted the payment on the grounds that by reason of the neglect of Leonard, the floor of the bridge had not been completed according to specifications. Therefore Leonard started proceedings in the Dauphin county court to collect his claim.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The almost unanimous re-election on the first ballot, of William W. Evans as County Superintendent for the next three years, is a well-deserved compliment to an energetic and thoroughly competent public official. Mr. Evans is an enthusiast on education, and without intending any disparagement to any of his predecessors, he is generally considered to be the best superintendent the county has ever had.

Mr. Evans has devoted all of his time, his energies, and his abilities to the advancement and betterment of the schools. He has spent hundreds of dollars of his salary in the publication of the "School Journal" and the "Bulletin", in order to keep in close touch with the teachers, the directors, and the patrons of the schools. For several years past he has given two months of his summer vacation to the Benton Summer School, without compensation, in order that teachers who were unable to attend a higher preparatory school might have advantages that they could not otherwise enjoy.

His intelligence, his energy, his devotion to his duties, all combine to make him the highly satisfactory official that he is, and the directors of the county have acted wisely in retaining him. The action of the Directors' Convention has settled the fact that the office of County Superintendent is not a two-term office, and also the further fact that to them the Benton Summer School is not an objectionable institution.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

Sheriff Ent sold the following properties last Saturday: Property of I. John Davenport, known as the Sterner property on Market street, to Simon Richart for \$1000 over mortgage.

Property of Tony Calibro in Briarcreek township, to W. E. Elmes Esq for \$50. This sale was made on a writ issued by District Attorney Small for the Commonwealth, to collect a fine of \$500.

The previous liens against the property were \$1400 for unpaid purchase money.

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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

W. W. Evans Re-Elected by a Large Majority.

The triennial meeting of the School Directors of Columbia county was held in the Court House in Court Room No. 2, on Tuesday afternoon. One hundred and sixty three directors were present, and twenty-seven absent.

The meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock by Superintendent W. W. Evans, and James H. Mercer of Bloomsburg was elected chairman, J. R. Diemer of Catawissa was chosen secretary, and the tellers selected were William DeLong of Orangeville, and John Fortner of Catawissa.

The salary of the Superintendent for the next three years was fixed at \$2000, same as for the last term.

Nominations for Superintendent being in order, Boyd W. Trescott of Millville named W. W. Evans; I. H. Doan of Berwick named A. U. Leshner, and Clinton Herring, Esq. named Ralph E. Smith.

The vote was then taken, resulting as follows: Evans, 134; Leshner, 24; Smith, 5. On motion of Mr. Doan, the election of Mr. Evans was made unanimous.

Remarks were made by Mr. Evans and Mr. Leshner, and the meeting adjourned.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Harrisburg will meet at Lock Haven on Tuesday May 12th.

The program will be as follows: Tuesday, May 12, 7:15 p. m., service in St. Paul's church; the bishop's address to the convention and a short business session.

9:30-11:30, a reception in the armory in honor of the bishop, the clergy and the lay deputies.

Wednesday, May 13, 8:00 a. m., Holy Communion.

9:30-12:30, business session.

12:30, Luncheon in the parish house.

2:30 to adjournment - business session.

At 6:45 p. m., the members of the church club will dine at the Fallon house and addresses will be made by prominent church workers.

FOR BOARDING PRISONERS.

Judge Evans handed down an opinion Monday, in which he decides that the county cannot pay Sheriff Ent more than 25 cents a day for boarding a prisoner.

On August 5, 1907 the commissioners fixed the rate at 25 cents, and on November 7th this was changed to 45 cents, on application of the Sheriff, it appearing that the cost of board had increased. As this action had to be approved by the court, it was submitted to Judge Evans, who finds that under the constitution, and in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Apple vs. Crawford County, 105 Pa. 300, the emoluments of a public officer cannot be increased or diminished during his term of office.

CROSSING CASE REVERSED.

The Supreme Court on Monday rendered a decision in the matter of the trolley crossing at Danville, in which Judge Evans is reversed, and the Danville & Bloomsburg Electric Railway Company is finally enjoined from crossing the tracks of the D. L. & W. on Mill street.

The work of installing the Game-well system of fire alarm in Bloomsburg is now going on.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The regular May term of court opened on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Judges Evans and Yeager on the bench. The following routine business was transacted:

The report of the Commissioners in favor of dividing Penlock township into two election districts was presented and confirmed nisi.

In the divorce proceedings of Arden McHenry vs. Jennie McHenry, the report of the master in favor of the divorce was confirmed and the divorce will be granted.

In the matter of the application of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Berwick for a charter, the master, Col. John G. Freeze, Esq., reported in favor of granting the charter.

The report of the viewers against a county bridge in Scott township was presented by C. A. Small, Esq., and confirmed nisi.

C. A. Small, Esq., presented the report of the viewers in favor of a road in Scott township.

Upon petition being presented, Court ordered sale of real estate in the estate of George Shaffer, late of Mount Pleasant township. Bond in sum of \$3000 approved.

Paul Sherwood, Esq., of Wilkes-Barre, of counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Josephine F. Vought vs. The Berwick Electric Light Co., asked for a rule to take the deposition of a witness who was ill.

W. H. Rhawn, Esq., presented a petition asking for the discharge of B. F. Kelley under the insolvent laws.

The petition was in the usual form, set out the facts of publication and the defendant owned no real or personal estate and hence could not pay the costs and fine. The District Attorney stated that he desired to ask Kelley some questions. He interrogated him as to whether he had not owned real estate which he conveyed after his conviction. This he denied, stating that he never owned any real estate. He was discharged.

Robert Howell, Esq., master, filed his report recommending that a divorce be decreed in the case of O. B. Mellick vs. Clara Mellick.

James L. Evans, Esq., presented the report of viewers in favor of bridge and road in Briar Creek township.

The report of the sale of the real estate in the estate of Samuel Knorr deceased, was confirmed nisi.

W. C. Johnston, Esq., was upon motion continued as auditor in the estate of Mary P. Brewster, deceased.

In the divorce proceedings of Silas Chamberlain vs. Dora Chamberlain, a subpoena was ordered issued.

W. H. Rhawn, Esq., was continued as auditor in the estate of Susan Fairman, late of Berwick, deceased.

The report of the Commissioners in favor of dividing Briar Creek township into three election districts was presented and confirmed.

Upon petition, Wilson C. Derr was appointed guardian of Irene and Mabel Derr, minor children over the age of 14 years. They chose Wilson Derr, who is their father, as their guardian. The Court stated in making the appointment that they rarely appointed either parent as guardian of the estate of their children.

The return to the order of the sale of the real estate of the Bloomsburg Lumber and Manufacturing Company was presented and confirmed.

In the estate of Theodosia McHenry in which the administrator had failed to file an account after the regular notice, Fred T. Ikeler, who had accepted service of the

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THE CREATION.

All preliminary arrangements have been made for the production of the Oratorio of "The Creation" in the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, May 12th. It will be given by the Bloomsburg Choral Society under the direction of Chas. O. Skeer, on a scale never before attempted in this section.

The chorus of eighty voices will be accompanied by an orchestra of twenty pieces, led by Prof. Chas. P. Elwell, and to this will be added the piano, played by Miss Grace Housel, while in the choruses the fine pipe organ will join, played by Mrs. Fred Holmes. This will make a combination that has never before been heard in this part of the state, and to miss it will be to miss the opportunity of a life time.

The scale of prices has been fixed at 75, 50 and 25 cents. The two center sections of the gallery are 75 cents, and the end sections 50 cents. The five rear rows of the middle section down stairs, not including under the gallery, are 75 cents, and four rows in front of them are 50 cent seats. All the other parts of the church are for general admission, at 25 cents.

Seats are now on sale at Bidleman's Book Store. Such an opportunity may never be offered here again. Don't miss it. The soloists are from Scranton, and are counted among the best singers of that city.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY RECEPTION

A very pleasant entertainment was given in the Parish House on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary. The object was to raise funds to supply new vestments for the choir, and fifty dollars were realized.

The entertainment consisted of various graceful evolutions by little girls, including a "Fairy Dance," a "Gavotte," and a "Good Night" song; vocal solos by Mrs. Heimmler, Albert Rogers and Stewart Hartman; recitations by Misses Helen Stroh, Nola Pegg, and Hope Dennis, a song by Minnie Morris, and some timely remarks by Rev. J. W. Diggles. Light refreshments were served, and the latter part of the evening was spent in social intercourse. The attendance was large, and the occasion was a very enjoyable one.

NORMAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg State Normal School was held last Monday afternoon in the school parlor, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. S. F. Peacock and H. S. Barton were appointed tellers. The following persons were elected trustees on the part of the stockholders for the ensuing three years: Col. J. G. Freeze, James C. Brown, Granville J. Clark.

The following persons were nominated to the Department of Public Instruction for trustees on the part of the state, and from them three will be appointed: J. R. Townsend, F. G. Yorks, R. E. Hartman, J. R. Schuyler, J. G. Wells, C. M. Evans.

Court Trials and Sentences.

Albert Chamberlin was convicted of stealing chickens of H. S. Williams of Berwick. The jury, however, found that he was mentally unsound, and he may not be sentenced.

James Pipera was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill William Merton, at Centralia. The latter claimed that he was stabbed 32 times. Pipera was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary, and \$200 fine, and costs.

Daniel Holder was tried on a charge of assault and battery with intent to ravish Emaline Lewis, 10 years old, at Berwick. The jury found him guilty of assault and battery.

Andrew Gulosky was acquitted of the charge of highway robbery, alleged to have been committed in Conyngham township.

The case of Harry Van Houten, charged with keeping a bawdy house in West Berwick, is on trial this morning.

Will Defend Prisoner.

An act passed in 1907 provides that when a person is charged with murder, and is unable to procure counsel, the court shall appoint not more than two to defend him. The first instance in the county is that of Karoly Takac, of West Berwick. On his petition filed on Wednesday, the court appointed W. H. Rhawn and W. E. Elmes as his counsel. Under the law they will receive \$200 each from the county.