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TAFT ELECTED.

Again We Have Met the Enemy
and We Are Theirs.

Taft 322, Bryan 161 Electoral
Votes.

The clouds of war have cleared away, and the Republican forces have marched off the field victorious. Taft and Sherman have been elected President and Vice President of the United States, and will have 322 votes in the Electoral college, while Bryan and Kern will have 161. The latter carried the following states:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia Taft got all the rest.

The Republicans claim a plurality for Taft in New York state of 200,000, and in Pennsylvania 400,000, Hughes is elected Governor of New York by 50,000.

The expected landslide to Bryan did not materialize anywhere, and to those who waited up until midnight on Tuesday, "the same old story was told again".

The Democracy made a strong fight all over the country, but the odds were too great to overcome, and they went down to defeat with banners flying. There is no use of trying to explain how it happened. It has happened, and the main cause of it all was that there were too many Republicans who like Taft, and too many Democrats who do not like Bryan.

LIBRARY BENEFIT.

"Rebecca's Triumph," will be given in the Columbia Theatre Thursday evening, November 12, under the auspices of the Century Club, for the benefit of the Public Library. Under the capable direction of Mrs. John L. Richardson the cast has been practicing faithfully for some time and a fine entertainment is promised. Comedy and pathos are intermingled and the interest is held to the closing scene. The cast of characters includes the following:

Mrs. Rokeman, a wealthy lady, "aged 40," Miss Beulah Tubbs.

Mrs. Delaine, a widow, "aged 60," Miss Jean Andreas.

Rebecca, a foundling, "aged 19," Miss Anna Creasy.

Clarissa Cobman, a spinster, "aged 40," Margaret Jenkins.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

Dora Gaines, Margaret Brooke, Sadie Morrel, Gertrude Gross, Jennie Woodman, Elsie Yorks, Mellie Dunbar, Nellie Imboden, Emma Stephens, Jean Boggs, Grace Greenwood, LaVere Robbins, Marie Grey, Helen Moyer, Alice Leeds, Clarissa Peacock.

Katie Conner, an Irish girl, Miss Imogene Miller.

Gyp, a colored girl, Miss Gertrude Miller.

Meg, a vagrant, Mrs. Ralph Keller.

Time: Three consecutive days in summer.

BROKE HIS LEG.

C. Fred Lenhart of Berwick, Republican candidate for county commissioner, had the misfortune to break his leg last Thursday evening while driving home from Millville. He met another team, and in turning out his buggy went into the ditch, throwing him out. He was brought here to the Hospital where the broken limb was set. He was removed to his home next day.

The Bloomsburg National Bank

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THE SCHOOLS.

Monthly Report of Supervising Principal
Sternier.

The monthly meeting of the Bloom School Board was held last Friday evening. The payment of bills and the monthly report of Prof. Sternier was the chief business before the board. The report was as follows:

Bloomsburg, Pa., Oct. 30, 1908
To the Bloomsburg School Board:

Gentlemen: The second school month of the present term ended last Wednesday with an enrollment of 1215. This is 8 more than registered last month, and 15 more than was registered the second month of last year. Seven of the elementary schools have an enrollment of not less than fifty each, and eight an enrollment of not less than forty each. The other eight have an enrollment of not less than thirty each. The percentage of attendance of the First street school was 98%, of the Third street school 97%, and of the Fifth street school 98 per cent. This is an excellent record and a very favorable indication. The teachers' statistical reports for the month show that seventy visits were made by parents. This is very gratifying. I have good reasons for believing that good work was done in the schools during the month and that commendable progress was made.

A very interesting and profitable mothers' meeting was held in the principal's room of the Third street building Thursday afternoon, October 15. After a short program, presented by a few of the school children, Dr. J. E. Shuman gave a very clear and impressive address on contagious diseases. The address was worth much to the patrons and teachers who heard it, and was appreciated by all. There were 118 present.

Arbor Day, Friday, October 23, was properly observed in all the elementary schools of the town and was fittingly celebrated in the High School this afternoon. The elementary school programs were published in the daily papers of the town. In the High School S. C. Creasy gave a very interesting address on trees and forestry. Mr. Creasy's familiarity with the subject and his practical information held the close attention of the entire school. Preceding his address "America" was sung by the school led by Mr. Shambach. Miss Harriet Hartman recited "A Talent Used." Miss Ruth Doty, "A Telephone Conversation;" Paul Reaser, "Derrick Sterling;" Miss Nola Pegg, "My First School;" Weston Smith, "An Heroic Rescue."

Nearly all of the teachers managed their schools and classes well during the month. I believe all tried to do good work. Indeed, the faithful, earnest and effective work of the principals and teachers has been very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. STERNIER.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

A change in the schedule of the Columbia and Montour Electric Railway was made yesterday. It is as follows:

Cars leave both Berwick and Bloomsburg on the hour, after 8 o'clock in the morning at Berwick and 7 o'clock at Bloomsburg. The cars for the workmen will be run as heretofore. The 10 o'clock car leaving Bloomsburg will be held until 10:20, making connections with the Danville car, making the leaving time for the last car here, the same as heretofore. On Saturday the last car will leave Bloomsburg at 11 o'clock.

TWO CENT RATE.

Does Not Apply to B. & S. Railroad.

Judge Evans handed down an opinion Monday declaring the two cent fare law unconstitutional, a bill in equity having been filed by the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad, which will now return to their former rates. Opinion follows:

The Bloomsburg and Sullivan railroad Company vs. Columbia County. In Equity.

"The case came before the court on bill and answer and without argument. The plaintiffs' bill complains that the regulation of passenger fares attempted by the Act of April 5, 1907, substantially alters its charter by curtailing its charter powers in respect to the charges to be made for transportation of passengers as to reduce its revenues from that class of traffic to such an extent as to render the passenger business noncompensatory in its results, and so does a great injustice to the incorporators and stockholders of plaintiff corporation. That prior to the passage of the said act the plaintiff company pursuant to the power and authority vested in it had duly established rates of fare for the transportation of passengers on and over the railroad operated by it, which said rates were continuously maintained and in force, on the first day of October, 1907, at the time when said Act became effective, and which said rates were in the judgment of the plaintiff company's president and directors, reasonable rates for the services thus rendered, although said rates resulted in an actual loss to the plaintiff in the operation of its passenger service. That since the first day of October, 1907, the plaintiff company has reduced its established rates to two cents per mile to comply with the provisions of the said Act, whereby the gross receipts of the plaintiff's passenger traffic have been greatly reduced when compared with those earned during the corresponding months of 1906 and 1907, with the result that such passenger business has been conducted at a still greater loss to the plaintiff company, whereby the property rights of the plaintiff have been taken without compensation and without due process of law.

That the said Act is constitutionally invalid and ineffective in that while it curtails and restricts the plaintiff company's rights and powers in respect to compensation for carriage of passengers, it makes no provision for compensating the plaintiff company or incorporators or stockholders for the manifest injury and injustice caused by depriving the plaintiff company of its existing rights in this behalf, and therein and thereby does great injustice to the plaintiff company's incorporators and stockholders and is therefore in conflict with and obnoxious to Section 10 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and that the said Act is in conflict with and obnoxious to the commerce clause of the constitution of the United States. The prayer of the bill was that the said Act of April 5, 1907 be declared void and unconstitutional as to the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad Company, and that the county of Columbia be enjoined from bringing any suit or suits for the recovery of any penalty imposed by the Act.

After reciting the facts and the conclusions of law the Court entered the following decree:

And now, November 2, 1908, this case came on to be heard on bill and answer, and upon the hearing of the said bill and answer and consideration thereof by the Court;

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TOWNSEND'S CORNER.

GOOD SERVICE.

For several years past the *Morning Press* has given the public excellent service on election day, receiving the returns from the county and calling them out by megaphone. The general returns from outside the county have heretofore been received by arrangements made by private parties, and thrown on a screen on Market Square.

This year the *Daily Mail* took a hand, and the public, profiting by this rivalry, were not only given election news from all over the country, but were also entertained with moving pictures and lantern slides.

The *Mail* had a screen in front of the Court House, on which the returns and pictures were thrown by Larned's lantern from the window of A. N. Yost's law office.

The *Press*, for the first time used their new building, and in addition to the returns and moving pictures they also entertained the crowds with music on a phonograph and by the excellent singing of a quartette.

Both places had large audiences all the evening up to midnight, and their efforts to please the public were most commendable.

McHENRY'S INCREASED MAJORITY.

The popularity of John G. McHenry was fully attested by the splendid vote he received in every county in the district, and especially in his home county. His plurality in the district is 5,436 over Dr. E. W. Samuel.

Columbia County, gave him the handsome plurality of 3,370 votes; Northumberland, Dr. Samuel's home county, gave McHenry a plurality of 1,017; Montour, 603, and Sullivan, 446.

McHenry's plurality in 1906 was 3,606.

James Townsend, of Berwick, who is an enthusiastic collector of Indian relics, made a great find the other day while looking for arrow heads on the Nescopeck Mountain. Coming to an uprooted tree he saw several arrow heads lying exposed. Making a careful search he found 45 perfect arrow heads of beautiful coloring. They had evidently been buried there at some time.

and the Court being satisfied for the sufficiency of the said bill, and the facts therein alleged being admitted by the defendant, the Court hereby orders and decrees:

First, That the said Act of April 5, 1907, is unconstitutional and void as to the plaintiff company.

Second, That the defendant, Columbia County, is perpetually enjoined from demanding of the plaintiff, The Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad Company or, or from bringing suit or suits against it for the recovery of any penalty imposed by said Act in the event of the failure of the said Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad Company, plaintiff, to comply with the requirements of the said Act, or in case the plaintiff shall maintain and establish rates of fares, which in the judgment of the plaintiff company's president and directors, are reasonable rates for the services rendered and in excess for the rates established by the Act of April 5, 1907, and shall charge and collect the same from passengers using the railroad.

By the Court,
CHARLES C. EVANS, P. J.

MONUMENT COMPLETED.

On Tuesday afternoon at twenty minutes past four o'clock the last statue was swung in its place on the Soldiers' Monument on Market Square, and the memorial was completed. The work of removing the derrick and the rubbish from the Square is about done, and the beautiful shaft can now be seen to best advantage. Mr. G. W. Keiter says that it is a much handsomer monument than a number he has seen which have cost considerably more money.

The old soldiers in whose honor it has been erected, are justly proud of it, as are the citizens generally.

The Grand Army and the county commissioners who selected it, and Judge Kurtz, the contractor, are all to be congratulated upon the excellence of their work.

LENHART ELECTED.

The contest for county commissioner between the two Republican candidates, Elisha Ringrose and C. Fred Lenhart, resulted in the election of the latter, by a majority of nearly 400.