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HOW TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS.

Officials Explain in Detail Purposes
in Changing State Constitution.

ANNUS SPRING ELECTIONS.

While each of the amendments revises a different section of the Constitution the purpose of all is to the same end—namely, to abolish the February election, to provide that the general election shall be held in November of even numbered years, and the municipal election in November of odd numbered years and that there shall be but one regular election each year.

To accomplish this purpose, and to retain the harmony of the constitutional provisions, it is necessary to amend the several sections as set forth below:—

THE AMENDMENTS.

Proposed Amendment No. 1— Provides that where a vacancy in office occurs two months or more before the general election in November—in offices in which vacancies may be filled by appointment of the Governor—the vacancy shall be filled at the said election.

The provision now in force is that the vacancy shall have occurred three months or more before the election.

Proposed Amendment No. 2— Fixes the term of the State Treasurer and the Auditor General at four years instead of three and two years, respectively, as at present; but provides that the State Treasurer and Auditor General elected in 1909 shall serve terms of three years each.

Proposed Amendment No. 3— Provides that the term of office of Justice of the Peace and of aldermen shall be six years instead of five years, as at present.

Proposed Amendment No. 4— Applies only to Philadelphia, and fixes the term of office of magistrates at six years. At present the term is five years.

FOR GENERAL ELECTION.

Proposed Amendment No. 5— Provides that the general election shall be held biennially, in each even-numbered year, on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, instead of annually, as at present.

Proposed Amendment No. 6— Abolishes the February election, and provides that the municipal election shall be held biennially, in the odd-numbered years, on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November, instead of annually, as at present.

Proposed Amendment No. 7— Provides that election boards shall be elected biennially instead of annually and, further, that the General Assembly may by law require said boards to be appointed, either generally or in cities only, instead of being elected.

Proposed Amendment No. 8— Provides that State officers shall be elected on a general election day (November of even-numbered years), and that local officers shall be elected on a municipal election day (November of odd-numbered years).

Proposed Amendment No. 9— Fixes the term of office of all county officers as four years, instead of three years, as at present.

Proposed Amendment No. 10— Provides that the terms of office of County Commissioners and of County Auditors shall be for four years, instead of three years, as at present, classifying them as county

officers coming under the ninth amendment.

HOW PLAN WORKS OUT.

By the provisions of the schedule, the terms of all offices now fixed at an odd number of years will be extended one year, so that the terms shall always be for an even number of years. That is the term of election officers will be two years; that of Assessors, Constables, School Directors, Councilmen, Supervisor, and of all city and county officers will be four years, and that of Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Magistrates will be six years.

County officers elected in 1907 and 1909 will each serve four years, but those elected in 1908 will serve only three years.

The February (municipal) election will be held in 1910 as heretofore; but all election officers chosen at that election will serve until the first Monday in December, 1911.

All officers chosen at the February election, 1910, to offices the term of which is made four years by the proposed amendments, shall serve until the first Monday in December, 1913.

All Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Magistrates elected in February, 1910, shall serve until the first Monday in December, 1915; and thereafter the terms of all, city, ward, borough, township and election officers shall begin on the first Monday of December in odd-numbered years.

SERVE TO DECEMBER 1911.

All city, ward, borough, and township officers holding office when the proposed amendments are adopted, and whose terms end in 1911, shall continue in office until the first Monday in December, 1911.

State officers' Congressman and members of the General Assembly will be elected at the general election in November of the even-numbered years, and all other officers will be elected at the municipal election in November of the odd-numbered years. This provision, however, has no reference to elections of Judges of the Courts, who may be elected in any year, nor to special elections to fill vacancies.

At the general election in 1910 the ballot will be headed by candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Internal Affairs; in 1912, by the Presidential Electors, the State Treasurer and the Auditor General. All other officers—county, city, borough, ward and township—will be elected in the odd-numbered years.

Odd-numbered Senatorial Districts will elect Senators in the years of the Presidential elections, and even-numbered Senatorial Districts will elect Senators in the years of the Gubernatorial elections.

HOW TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS.
It will also be of interest to the average voter to know how to vote on the amendments. The following information will be found invaluable:

Each amendment stands by itself; each embodies a distinct proposition, and each must be voted upon separately.

In order to vote upon the entire proposition, as contained in the amendments as a whole, it is necessary to mark opposite each amendment and the schedule.

If you are in favor of abolishing Spring elections, mark a cross opposite the word "yes" at the end of each amendment and the schedule. If you are opposed to the proposition mark a cross opposite the word "no" wherever it occurs.

Voting a straight party ticket does not vote for or against the amendments.

Voting a split ticket does not

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WOUND UP IN JAIL.

Two Pittsburgers Spent \$1,000 on Good Time Jailed for Train Jumping.

From a life of luxury to sudden poverty and a term of imprisonment is the turn of fortune for Waldo Sharp, of New York, and George Barrington, of Pittsburg, former employees of the United States government, who were arrested at Sunbury last week. Until recently the two young men were employed on the Panama canal job, and while there they were prosperous and managed to save considerable money. They, however, tired of the work and decided to return to the United States, landing at San Francisco with \$1,000 in cash. Without regard for the future they began to live like men of never ending riches, reveling in theatre parties, automobile rides, banquets and other forms of expensive enjoyment, until they were brought to a sudden stop by the loss of nearly all their money. Starting east to obtain work, by the time they reached Wilkes-Barre they were "broke." Then, anxious to reach Pittsburg, they crawled on the baggage car of a passenger train and were arrested by railroad officers at Sunbury. They are now serving twenty days in jail for illegal car riding.

AUTOMOBILE BURNED.

Last Monday evening about seven o'clock, while Boyd Cadman and David Benschoff were en route to Danville in C. W. Funston's six cylinder automobile, the lights went out as the machine was passing the Mensch farm. The generator, which was a substitute one, refused to work, and while Cadman was attempting to put it in operation, it exploded, causing a blaze which soon destroyed the entire car.

The flames ignited the gasoline tank, which exploded also, making such a hot fire that it was possible to save but little of the fixtures. The brake connections being burned, the car started to roll down hill, blazing fiercely, and ran into the fence, where the fire soon converted it into a heap of junk.

The car was a very good one of the 1907 type of Franklin, and is a big loss to Mr. Funston. It is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Cadman has been entirely exonerated by Mr. Funston for the accident, which was due to a balky generator that was used while the regular one was being overhauled.

NO COURT IN MONTOUR.

Judge C. C. Evans sent word to the jurors drawn in that bailiwick for the October term of Court that their services would not be required, there being no cases to be tried. This means that "Little Montour" will have but one term of Criminal Court this year. Judge Evans has not been idle, however, for he now discloses that he has been doing detective work of his own recently, and had seen liquor law violations, evidence of which he can produce that constables failed to discover.

vote for or against the amendments. Voting on the amendments does not vote for the candidates.

The safest plan is to begin at the top of the ballot. Vote first for the candidates of your choice. Then mark the amendments in regular order.

CUSSED A MINISTER.

Nescopeck Man Paid \$4.97 for Using Other than Ministerial Language.

"Tom" Noss, of Nescopeck, paid a fine and costs of \$4.97 last week on a charge laid by Rev. Mr. Hitner, pastor of the Nescopeck Reformed congregation.

There had been some trouble in the church and Mr. Hitner wrote a communication to the Valley Vigilant. Noss took some of the statements to be a reflection on him and it is alleged intercepted Mr. Hitner outside the church and in a strenuous manner vented his feelings on the gentleman of the cloth.

Mr. Hitner caused his arrest on charges of using profane language and threatening bodily harm and Noss paid fine and costs in settlement.

DANIEL A. CREASY.

The death of Daniel A. Creasy occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. H. Yetter on East Main street, on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. He had been in failing health for a long time. He was past 77 years of age.

Mr. Creasy was born and raised at Millinville. When a young man he and his brother, H. W. Creasy went into the mercantile business at Lightstreet. In 1875 he moved to Bloomsburg and opened a store, which he conducted until a few months ago, when he closed it out. His brother, H. W., father of our townsman S. C. Creasy, retired from the business at Lightstreet in 1871, and died many years ago.

The deceased was a member of the M. E. church, and the Masonic Order. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. O. H. Yetter. His wife died some years ago.

At the time of going to press the funeral arrangements had not been made.

ALUMNI REUNION.

The Lackawanna County Alumni Association of the Bloomsburg State Normal School held their annual reunion and banquet at the Scranton Bicycle Club, in Scranton, last Friday night.

Among those present from here were Profs. G. E. Wilbur and J. G. Cope, Prof. and Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, Miss Swartz and Miss Smith.

Prof. E. R. Hughes acted as toast-master, and responses were made by Prof. Wilbur, Prof. Cope, Prof. A. H. Weller of the Scranton High School, Granville J. Clark Esq., of Wilkes-Barre, and D. J. Davis of Scranton. After the banquet dancing was indulged in until a late hour. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

To-night the Luzerne County Alumni Association will hold their annual reunion at Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre.

COLLISION ON LACKAWANNA.

The passenger train due here at 12:29 last Saturday ran into the rear end of a milk train in the Scranton yards as it was leaving for the south.

Many Bloomsburgers were on the train and all of them were badly shaken up. The engine was badly damaged.

On the train were Prof. J. G. Cope, Prof. and Mrs. F. H. Jenkins, Miss Smith, and Miss Swartz, of the Normal faculty, and the Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Dickson.

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