

AGAINST FREE TURNPIKES.

COL. B. FRANK EBLEMAN GIVES HIS REASONS TO THE BOARD OF TRADE.

He speaks from the standpoint of a Stockholder. The Other Side to be Presented at the Next Meeting—L. B. Herr's Talk on Patronizing Home Industries.

ABOUT FREE TURNPIKES.

Col. B. Frank Ebleman, who had been invited to talk on the subject by President Wickersham, began his address by stating that he had strong convictions on the feasibility of condemning turnpike roads.

The taxation that it would be necessary to make to pay for the turnpikes in the county would be unjust, unequal, unfair and oppressive.

It is the twenty-two turnpike roads of the county would not be so inviting for public use, travel would not be so great to this city, the centre of commerce.

Land, statistics show, sells at from \$7 to \$10 per acre higher along turnpikes, and why? Because turnpikes furnish free soil to and fro.

The amount required to be paid by the commoners of Lancaster county to the stockholders of the turnpikes would be not less than half a million dollars.

TURNPIKES BETTER THAN LANCASTER COUNTY.

President Wickersham said the question was an important one and he would like to have the question discussed, from the same or opposite standpoint.

Mr. Foster stated that a few years ago he had travelled through Canada. In his judgment their turnpikes were better than those in Lancaster county, and there were no tolls collected, the roads being free.

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L. B. Herr asked whether or not free turnpikes would not be an advantage to the county as a whole.

Mr. Ebleman replied that it would be a decided advantage to keep the present system if this city is to be considered the centre of the county's commerce.

Mr. Herr stated that the expense to farmers in the wear of their vehicles was less under the present system than before turnpikes were generally used.

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MANY COMING OVER.

REPUBLICANS WHO WILL CAST THEIR BALLOTS FOR TARIFF REFORM.

The views of some prominent men who leave the Free Whisky Party—Newark's Charter Election Shows a Gain of Over 3,000 Votes for Democracy.

The charter election in Newark, N. J., on Tuesday shows a Democratic gain on the general ticket of about 700.

The following is from an interview with E. G. Breen, an editor of the Newark Daily News, who has adopted the Democratic position.

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THE CITY DEMOCRATS.

They Are Making Extensive Preparations For the Big Parade.

The members of the College Democratic club will meet at their headquarters at 630 this evening, and the Young Men's Democratic club, Eighth Ward Battalion and Tariff Reform club, will meet at their rooms at 645.

The Democracy of the Third ward will meet at Emma's saloon, Queen and Vine streets, to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

The Democracy of the Ninth ward will meet at Arnold Hall, North Queen street, to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Gen. Holcomb of the New Haven carriage company, one of the biggest concerns in the country, is a Democrat and a tariff reformer.

John Heibley was found in front of the Baptist church by Officers Siegler and Crawford last night.

George Krautz, No. 535 Woodward street, was reported to the police last evening as missing from home.

HOW THEY SQUEAL!

SENATOR HALE AND HIS COMMITTEE REPORT THEIR INVESTIGATION.

The Alleged Violation of Civil Service in Four States Disclosed—Witness McGuire's Fight Not Forgotten and Mr. Cleveland's Campaign Contribution Considered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The special committee appointed under resolution of the Senate several months ago to investigate the operations of the civil service has completed its work, and the report of Senator Hale and the members of the committee is being read in the Senate.

The report accuses the New York officials of political discrimination and offensive partisanship; says that drunkenness among the New York employes while on duty is a common fault; and that civil service examinations are not fairly held.

The committee says: "In making inquiry as to the condition of the civil service in the State of Maryland, and more especially the city of Baltimore, it was found that there was a very general impression among all classes of the people that the service had been controlled altogether by political influences under the present administration, and the testimony taken by the committee confirms this view."

In conclusion the committee summarizes the civil service situation as follows: "The investigations made by the committee and the facts that have been established show these things beyond controversy: (1) That political changes have been made in the federal offices in a wholesale way, under no pretense that the good of the public service demanded such changes."

The bill to pay the widow of Chief Justice Waite \$7,745 being the balance of his year's salary, was taken up and passed.

ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA.

George Howe and John Miller Brought Here to Answer Charges.

George, alias "Reddy" Howe, and John Miller, a colored man, were arrested in Philadelphia Tuesday and brought to Lancaster by Constable Wittke to answer charges against them here.

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TWENTY-ONE DROWNED.

THREE OFFICERS AND THE COOK OF THE SCHOONER'S CREW SAVED.

New York, Oct. 10.—The National steamer Queen, collided with the fishing schooner Madeline near the point of Newfoundland, during a dense fog on Friday morning, causing the schooner to sink.

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