

CLASSIFICATION OF CITIES.

THE ACT OF 1874 DERIVED VALIDITY FROM THE SUPREME COURT.

Act of 1874 and 1887 held to be unconstitutional and void, as amounting to local or special legislation—Main points of the opinion as rendered.

Judge Brown, deciding Ayer's appeal from the supreme court, after referring to the decision which declared unconstitutional the act of 1874 making three classes of cities, and in subsequent decisions which showed the supreme court's opinion as to the classification as a check for local legislation, goes on to say that:

This court never intended to sanction classification as a pretext for special legislation. On the contrary, it has always held that the principle of the constitution is that legislation should be general, and that classification is only valid when it is necessary to give effect to the public interest, and when such classification is fairly made and does not amount to special legislation.

The purpose of the provision under consideration was to give effect to the public interest, and to prevent the enactment of special laws which would be oppressive to the general public. It is not to be construed as a grant of power to the legislature to enact special laws for the benefit of any particular class of citizens.

Without the slightest foundation in reality the number of cities was increased to five and afterwards to seven, and if the vicious principle on which that was done be recognized by the courts the number of cities would be increased until it equalled the number of cities in the commonwealth.

The fact that the classification of 1874, and more especially the classification of 1887, and therefore unwarranted, is manifest from an inspection of the acts themselves. With very few and unimportant exceptions, the classification of 1874, and the seventh class inclusive under the latter act are precisely similar.

Reference might also be made to several special provisions of the act of 1887, such as the provision for the election of judges, and the provision for the election of judges, and the provision for the election of judges.

Whether in any given case the Legislature has transcended its power and passed a law which is unconstitutional, is a question which is to be decided by the courts. It is not for the Legislature to decide this question.

What the printing press is doing, the report of the printing press, shows that for the year ended June 30, 1888, it cost the state for printing and binding \$108,817.28, and for paper and supplies, \$24,716.00, or a total of \$133,533.28.

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TALKING TO THE WESTERN FARMER.

A Southern Man Tells Why the Farmers are Oppressed by Southern Aristocrats.

The New York Times publishes a letter signed "The Solid South," in which it is stated that the Southern aristocrats are the cause of the oppression of the Western farmer.

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EPISCOPAL ARCHDEACONRY.

THE FIFTEENTH HELD AT ST. JAMES CHURCH THIS MORNING.

The archdeaconry made up of 13 Conventions. Nov. 11, 1888, at St. James Church. The archdeaconry was held at St. James Church, Lancaster, Pa., on Tuesday morning, Nov. 11, 1888.

The first meeting of the Episcopal archdeaconry of Harrisburg was held in St. James church, of this city, this morning at 9 o'clock. The session opened with the celebration of the holy communion.

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WORKING ANOTHER YEAR.

The Board of Trade Shows Ourselves—A. Fox Demolishes President—Report of Treasurer Jones.

The Board of Trade meeting of the Lancaster Board of Trade was held on Tuesday evening, with President Wickham in the chair.

The chairman of all the standing committees were called and reports asked for, but none of the committees had reports to make.

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WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE DIE.

FRANCIS X. HIEMENS, WHO LIVED IN LANCASTER FIFTY YEARS.

He Leaves His Home in Germany When Eighteen Years of Age—Dr. Joseph W. Thome, a Prominent Physician, Dies in Lancaster—Sketches of Their Careers.

Francis X. Hiemens, an old and respected citizen of Lancaster, died at his home 246 North Queen street, between 9 and 10 o'clock Tuesday evening.

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MURKIN BANK OFFICERS.

These of County Institutions Who Were Shot on Tuesday.

Following are the officers of banks in the county elected on Tuesday: The Christiana National Bank elected the following directors yesterday.

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A SCORE OF PEOPLE KILLED.

WIND CURVES TERRIBLE HAVOC IN PITTSBURGH THIS AFTERNOON.

A Building Containing Over a Hundred Persons is Blown Down by the Tremendous Gale—Many Homes Taken From the Earth—The Storm Moving Eastward.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A message just received by the Western Union Telegraph company that a large crowd of people at Pittsburgh were blown down this afternoon.

Seventeen men have been taken out of the building, and thirty-eight seriously injured and remain in the building.

A tremendous wind storm prevails, and is moving eastward. Pittsburgh, 215 p. m.—Twenty dead bodies have been taken from the building struck by the wind storm, and the building is still falling.

CLEVELAND, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A report received here says that a terrific cyclone struck the city of Pittsburgh about 1 o'clock this afternoon, and that two large buildings were blown down.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 9.—The accident which resulted so fatally was caused by the collapse of a new seven story building on the corner of Diamond and Wood streets.

The building that was wrecked, causing the destruction of three buildings mentioned in former bulletins, was the Germania building.

DEEP HAVES BEEN A FEW DAYS AGO. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 9.—A messenger a wealthy general merchant of Walnut Shade, Ark., was instantly killed in the White river bottom near the Missouri river yesterday afternoon.

VERDICT AGAINST THE SUGAR TRUST. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Judge Barrett's supreme court to-day rendered a decision in favor of the sugar trust and against the sugar trust.

THE HENDRICKS CLUB, of Indianapolis, is voting. They passed a resolution endorsing the method and calling upon the Legislature to adopt it for the government of other clubs.

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