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CURTIN'S CLAIM.

The Contest Called Up in the House at Last.

DULY ELECTED TO CONGRESS.

BELTZHOOPER'S SPEECH IN BEHALF OF THE EX-GOVERNOR - ILLEGAL VOTES.

Special to the Philadelphia Times.

WASHINGTON, May 8.

Mr. Springer succeeded in bringing the Curtin-Yocum election case before the House to-day, and Mr. Beltzhoover, of Pennsylvania, representing the majority of the committee, made a speech two hours and a half long, in which he reviewed the legal aspects of the case in a manner so exhaustive that Mr. Springer, in speaking of it afterwards, said he would be willing to rest the case there without further argument.

Mr. Beltzhoover spoke with great earnestness, and he materially strengthened his position as one of the best lawyers in the House.

He was listened to with marked attention, and although his speech was a cold, legal argument, confined to the facts of the case, his address was more than usually entertaining. When he had finished he was congratulated very warmly.

CURTIN'S CASE.

The testimony in this case covers forty-two hundred printed pages.

Mr. Beltzhoover said, and invokes questions of law, the consideration of the new Constitution of Pennsylvania and its application to elections. These legal questions have never received the decision of the Supreme Court of the State and therefore must be argued as original.

At the general election in 1878 there were two candidates for Congress in the Twentieth district. Curtin was the nominee of the Democrats and Yocum of the Greenback party.

The Republicans made no nominations. In the years 1874 and 1876 this district went Democratic by upwards of five thousand majority.

In the election for Governor in 1878 the Democratic candidate had a majority over the combined Republican and Greenback vote.

less he makes the proof required in the fourth section, which is that a person who is not registered must in order to be entitled to vote furnish his own written affidavit and the affidavit of another citizen of the precinct containing proofs of his qualifications to vote.

The provisions of this act are so clear that there seems to be no room for any misconstruction under it. A plain construction of the act permits any citizen to determine, by an examination of the records at any election, who are illegal voters.

DECISIONS BEARING ON THE CASE.

Mr. Beltzhoover cited a number of decisions in the courts bearing on this portion of the law and the constructions which have been made of it.

Judge Harding has held that it is the right of any citizen to examine the records in the office of the Commissioner or Prothonotary.

This view of the law is sustained in a large number of cases, particular reference being had to the decision of Judge Wetmore, who holds clearly the same doctrine that unregistered voters who do not make affidavits are illegal.

This is particularly to be observed for the reason that it is decided by the same Judge who delivered the opinion in the court below in Wheelock's case, which is cited on the other side and held by the minority to rule the case otherwise.

Mr. Beltzhoover thinks the position of the majority - namely, that the election should be referred back to the people - is a sound one.

McCrary gives this as a rule to be followed in all cases where such a new election would not be entirely inconvenient.

At the time the report was made, in February last, there was an election approaching in the State, but now the time has long since passed and a separate election for this purpose would be decidedly inconvenient.

CURTIN DULY ELECTED.

The new election being out of the question, McCrary's other rule, that of dividing the illegal votes by some arbitrary rule, is cited.

Mr. Beltzhoover presents four statements, based on the testimony to show that Curtin was duly elected.

By the first he has a majority of 184, by the second of 130, by the third of 56, by the fourth, deducting all close questions of fact, he is elected by a majority of 12.

These statements are based, he says, upon common sense rules of testimony and are more consistent with justice and fairness than any division of the votes by an arbitrary rule.

Yocum has lived in the district but a short time, has been a Republican and could not, therefore, expect any Democratic votes, and could not expect Republican votes, because he stood upon a platform directly antagonistic to the principles of that party.

Curtin was the regular Democratic nominee in a strongly Democratic district and had been for some years in harmony with the Democratic party.

Mr. Beltzhoover concludes that Curtin must have received a fair majority of all the votes cast.

If, therefore, the House shall concur in the report of the majority of the committee, to refer the case back to the people, it will decide rightly.

If, on the other hand, the passage of a new election induces the House to decide that the contest should be ended here and now, let it decide to seat the contestant.

This last conclusion is supported by the law and by the facts and by the clearly preponderating presumptions and circumstances and surroundings of the case.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

From our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10, 1880.

As the time approaches for the meetings of the National conventions the political cauldron at Washington begins to boil at a rapid rate.

The Republicans especially show much concern. The 24 of June is not far off and the friends of the various candidates who will be presented to the convention at Chicago, are making good use of the intervening time.

Blaine is giving the third terms much more trouble than they anticipated, and should his successes continue in the States in which delegates are yet to be chosen, will be stronger than Grant when the convention meets.

Conkling, Carpenter and Cameron, the Grant syndicate, as they are now called, profess to have no fears of the result, but with the defections from their ranks announced in New York and Pennsylvania, it looks as though their hopes might end in disaster.

It is said, however, that Cameron laughs at the idea of the Pennsylvania delegation to Chicago not casting a solid vote for Grant, and says that as sure as his hair is red Grant will be nominated on the first ballot.

Wayne MacVeagh, Don Cameron's brother-in-law, who is now here, does not agree with the young Senator. He says there is no doubt that a very respectable minority of the Pennsylvania delegation will refuse to vote for Grant on the first or any other ballot.

A gentleman from the South, who saw much of Gen. Grant and his party on the recent tour through that section, says Gen. Grant himself created a very favorable impression, but that Mr. Fred. Grant had a very bad case of the "big head," and did not commend himself to the affections or the good-will of any of those with whom he came in contact.

from Massachusetts to Chicago, saying that he cannot attend the convention, and that his alternate will go in his place.

Prof. Seelye is one of those who believe in the sacred right of bolting if his favorite is not nominated, and would not agree to support the candidate of the convention unless he suited his tastes.

His alternate is an Edmunds man, with Grant as his second choice.

The evident determination of both political parties to have Congress adjourn at the close of this month seems to grow in favor, and there is a possibility of a final adjournment at the time indicated.

Of course, if this programme is carried out, all business except the appropriation bills will "go by the board."

There is now hardly any probability that the Funding bill can be passed. It may be that the House will get a little tariff bill through, but there is no chance that it will pass the Senate.

These remain yet to be disposed of by the House three appropriation bills. These are the Legislative, Executive and Judiciary, and the Sundry Civil, and General Deficiency bill.

The postal bill passed the House on Friday. The Legislative bill will be reported on Monday.

The River and Harbor bill has already been reported, and the effort is to be made on some Monday to pass it under a suspension of the rules.

Speaker Randall still holds to the opinion that Congress can adjourn by the 1st of June, and the temper of the members now is to do it if it can be done.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, does not believe that an adjournment can be effected before the 15th of June.

He thinks it will be impossible for Congress to get through the necessary business before that time. Should the adjournment not be effected before the Republican Convention, June 2, it is not believed that the Republicans will allow an adjournment before the holding of the Democratic Convention on the 22d.

The general feeling is that, should Senator Bayard's bill regulating the appointment and pay of Special Deputy United States Marshals be promptly passed and be signed by the President, Congress can, by energetic work, get through and go home by the 1st of June.

The Democrats of the special committee on the electoral vote have agreed upon a plan for a new rule. This plan has been fully determined upon without any consultation with the Republicans, and the latter are quite irritated at it.

The Republicans, of course, will maintain the old ground that the President of the Senate has the right to count the votes, while the proposed new rule deprives that official of this power altogether and makes the joint action of the two houses of Congress necessary either to count or to reject the electoral vote of a State.

Senator Davis, of West Virginia, has introduced a bill into the Senate, which may be of great importance to the business interests of the country should it become a law.

The bill prescribes as a part of the future duties of United States ministers, consuls and commercial agents abroad that they shall use diligent efforts to ascertain the character and probable quantity of American products used or likely to be used annually in foreign countries, and to report monthly to the Department of Agriculture the result of their inquiries.

One copy of these reports is to be sent to each postmaster in the United States every month to be posted in some conspicuous place. Postmasters, collectors and other employees of the United States in large towns are also to furnish to the Bureau of Agriculture once a week the prices current of leading articles of trade at their respective markets.

These are also to be summarized and sent to postmasters once a month.

The people of Plymouth, Mass., have sent a committee here to get a congressional appropriation for a statue to be placed upon Plymouth Rock.

Senator Dawes proposes Senator Edmunds' statue as the proper one.

Mr. Wheeler has gone home for his annual fishing excursion and will probably not return this session.

He is confident that Grant will be nominated at Chicago, and thinks that all the opposition to him will fall readily into his support.

Mr. Wheeler thinks Grant would poll more votes than any candidate mentioned.

In the absence of Mr. Wheeler, Senator Thurman was elected President pro tem of the Senate, a position he always fills with becoming dignity.

Hunting Ground For Sale.

BLOOMING GROVE PARK, IN PIKE COUNTY, IN THE SHERIFF'S HANDS - ITS EXTENT AND COST, AND WHY IT IS TO BE SOLD.

Blooming Grove park, the well known hunting ground in Blooming Grove township, Pike county, Pennsylvania, is advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale on May 17, to satisfy a debt of \$71,600.

This park was established in 1870 by Charles Hallock, of the Forest and Stream; Bruck, of the Turf, Field and Farm, and several other well known sporting men of New York city.

Twelve thousand acres of land in Blooming Grove township was purchased which was inclosed with a wire fence. To make the hunting ground larger, an additional 15,000 acres of woodland was rented.

Within the enclosure, and facing Blooming Grove pond, a beautiful sheet of water one mile in length by half a mile in width, was erected a large and elegant club house, with all the modern improvements, at a great expense.

STATEMENT of the Aggregate Value of Real and Personal Property in Centre County, Pa., for the Year A. D. 1880.

Table with columns for Boroughs and Townships, Aggregate Value of Real Estate, Aggregate Value of Personal Property, and Watches. Includes entries for Bellefonte, Howard, Millheim, etc.

The Commissioners hereby give notice that they will meet as a Board of Revision, as required by the Act of Assembly, at their office in Bellefonte, on the 24th day of May, inst., to ascertain and determine whether any of the valuations have been made above or below a just rate, and to revise, correct and equalize the same, according to the requirements of the laws relating to taxation.

Attest: HENRY BECK, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, Bellefonte, Pa., May 11, 1880.

STATE NEWS.

The amount of money to be paid to the employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company in Altoona for the month of April is a trifle in excess of \$170,000, the heaviest pay-roll ever made out.

Ex-State Treasurer Noyes is going to take real pleasure at his rural home, now that he has thrown off the cares of office, by hunting and fishing.

At these sports the ex-State Treasurer is by no means a tyro.

The jury, last Saturday night, at 10 o'clock, rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Catharine Miller, and her paramour, George Smith, for the murder of Andrew Miller, husband of the first-named person, near Jersey Shore.

A large number of the hands of the Catusauqua Manufacturing Company quit work Monday last, causing the mills to stop.

The strike was caused by the proprietor discharging several hands because they belonged to the Amalgamated Union.

A special dispatch to the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette from Bradford states that the disastrous fires in the northern oil fields were caused by a workman setting fire to some bushes near Rew City.

The wind was high and the flames soon communicated with the oil wells.

John Enoch, of Sarah's Furnace, near Altoona, has lost his mind through grief over the death of a son.

He labors under the hallucination that this son has commanded him to kill his infant child. Several attempts that he has made at this have failed, and for the safety of the child he has been placed in an asylum.

A reporter of the Pittsburg Dispatch has been informed that the proposed tariff demonstration at Beaver on June 5, will probably not take place.

It is charged by the Grant men that it is intended for a Blaine "boom," and many Republicans say that it will be a Democratic demonstration, while the Democrats aver that it will be a Republican affair.

Mrs. Shoff, living near Neff's Island, in the Susquehanna river, took her two small children in a boat on last Thursday to row where her husband was fishing.

The boat struck a rock and the woman telling the children to cling to her, undertook to swim ashore with them. One of them fell off and was drowned, and she reached the shore in safety with the other, but very much exhausted.

Col. Thomas B. Bigger, who served in the war of 1812, under Gen. Harrison, was postmaster of Richmond, Va., for more than twenty years, and filled various positions in the Virginia State government, died in Richmond, last week, aged 87 years.

Col. Bigger was also one of the oldest Masons in Virginia.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. GEORGE W. THOMAS JUST RECEIVED another lot of FRESH MACKEREL.

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Subpena in Divorce. JENNIE E. GRASSMIRE, In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, vs. A. E. WHITE, Plaintiff, vs. Defendant.

JOSEPH GRASSMIRE, Defendant. The undersigned Commissioner, appointed by said Court to take testimony in the above case, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office, in Bellefonte, Pa., on THURSDAY, the 3d day of June, A. D. 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M., when and where all parties interested will please attend or be debarred from coming in on said day.

WILBUR F. REEDER, Auditor.

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GRAIN - After the growing crop is harvested we will be prepared to pay the highest market price for all kinds of grain.

COAL - Our yard is always stocked with the best Anthracite Coal which we sell at lowest prices.

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ALEXANDER & CO., Bellefonte, Pa., May 6, 1880.

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