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EDITORIAL.

PENROSE has become a reformer—think of it. Republicans certainly are getting reform within the party.

ANOTHER calamity comes from Connelville, Pa. Sunday night a bonded warehouse of the Overholt distillery was destroyed by fire, containing 28,000 barrels of whiskey. Some people will pronounce that an act of Providence—take it as you like it.

So numerous are the protests from influential sources to the erection of a \$20,000 statue to the memory of the late M. S. Quay, in the Capitol Park, at Harrisburg, that it is thought the project will be abandoned. The people of the state appear not to be in humor to tolerate such an act. It should not be done.

REAPPORTIONMENT OF STATE.

In the case of the reapportionment of the state, it is expected that there will be some bitter fights. Members whose county would lose one or more representatives, or whose district will be deprived of a senator, will oppose reapportionment.

Allegheny will make heavy gains at the expense of other counties. The representative apportionment bill of the last session increased the number of representatives to 207, three more than the present number.

If this bill should be introduced and pass the following counties will gain one member each: Blair, Clearfield, Fayette, Jefferson, Northumberland and Westmoreland. Lackawanna and Luzerne would gain two members each.

The counties which would lose a member each are: Adams, Bedford, Bucks, Centre, Chester and Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lancaster, Lycoming, Mercer, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Wayne.

In the senate reapportionment Lancaster and Schuylkill which have two senators would be reduced to one each, Delaware, Chester, and Bucks, Lehigh, Northampton, Lebanon and Erie have each a senator but under the reapportionment they are not entitled to classification as separate districts.

VACCINATION LAWS UPHHELD.

Recently the United States Supreme court decided that compulsory vaccination laws are enforceable, and it has thus ended a long and bitter controversy. Several State Supreme courts have so held, but the matter had never reached the highest Federal court.

Massachusetts has compulsory vaccination law requiring that adults must be vaccinated. A Mr. Jacobson declined to be vaccinated, and challenged the right of the Legislature to enact a law compelling him, contending it diminished his personal liberty, which is guaranteed him by the Fourteenth amendment to the Federal constitution, and which every State is explicitly forbidden to curtail. The case finally reached the United States court, which upheld the Massachusetts statute, declaring it was fully within the power of the Legislature of that State to enact the law.

As the editor of a law journal points out, this decision fully disposes of the entire question of compulsory vaccination in the United States, in its favor, because while in this particular case the right to compel an adult to submit to vaccination was challenged, but sustained the right to compel minors, who are in a sense wards of the State, to submit to the same process, would be if possible still more unquestioned.

They Did the "Split" Act Properly.

This is the way Editor F. L. Taylor, of the New Albany Mirror, describes the late political rumpus:

"Now it came to pass in the days of the reign of King Samuel in the province of Pennsylvania, that the people did meet in the public places and cast lots for rulers and captains to reign over them and execute judgment on the unrighteous, even the scallawags and boodlers, who did sorely oppress them with machine politics and wicked devices, so the people came to the place where the marks were wont to be made on paper in the square place at the left hand side thereof, and behold they marked not in the ancient way, but did split tickets, even as a man splitteth asunder wood with a broadax, and all the people said 'amen' and the people began again to rule as was ordained by their fathers of old."

GET WHAT THEY WANT.

For a long term of years the voters of Pennsylvania stood by the Political Bosses and upheld Machine methods. During that period we had an administration of public affairs that was a disgrace to our state and in consequence Pennsylvania became known over this broad country as the most corrupt commonwealth among the states.

In spite of all this the politicians revelled in plunder, and enacted vicious legislation for corporations and the profit of political leaders—and the people continued to vote them in power.

No matter how completely their vicious work was exposed by the independent and democratic press, they became all the more desperate. Voters were lashed into line by the appeal to party pride and prejudice, and the apology that democrats can not be trusted and reform must come from within the party. Invariably the Political Boss and the Machine triumphed.

Much space has been wasted by the press in denouncing Political Bosses like Quay, Penrose, Durham, Martin and such. These men simply gave the people what they wanted, that is all. Every election was a vote of confidence, and they simply continued to grow more corrupt.

Since the great political revolt of November 7th, how great is the change. Pennypacker calls a special session of the legislature for needed reform legislation. Senator Penrose has fallen into line and endorses all the Governor asks. Other political leaders are tumbling over each other to get in out of the wet—eager to give the people what they want.

The lesson to be drawn from this is simple. It demonstrates that the people—the voters, the independent men of this state,—have it within their power to shape and control the character of our legislation and the conduct of public officials. When voters become mere slaves to a political organization, are blind partisans, public interests will thus suffer. It took Pennsylvania a long time to awaken from her lethargy, there was little hope for a change or an awakening of conscience, but it finally came like an avalanche sweeping all before it.

It is hardly just to censure the Political Boss and the Machine for all the ills Pennsylvania has suffered these many years, for these men were endorsed year in and out at the polls. They simply gave our people what they wanted.

The man who claimed respectability, who made pretensions to good citizenship and loyalty to his country; the man who in his associations with his fellow man endeavored to be honorable and just, and by profession led a christian life, and then would by his ballot uphold, approve and sustain such corrupt practices as we have endured, is the one who has most grievously erred, of all. The Gang simply gave this state what these men voted for, and thereby were consistent.

The carnival of crime, corruption and political debauchery in this state is not due to the Boss or the Machine; but the eminently good and respectable citizens of this state are entirely responsible for all the ills we suffered.

The people can get what they want, everytime.

Funeral Over Steel.

One of the queerest funerals in history, and the only one of its kind, where the burial service was read over a huge mass of steel, was held Friday in the backyard of the Midvale Steel works at Nicetown, Pa., where two men, John Forkin and Joseph Gorda met awful deaths in a seething mass of molten metal.

The bodies of the two men were not visible at the funeral and there was no casket. Instead there was a steel shroud weighing more than four tons. This contained the ashes of the men who were cremated in one of the furnaces at the mill early in the week.

From the mill the shroud was removed to the back lot, and there the funeral services were held. Relatives of the dead men gathered around the shroud, while the minister read his sermon. Afterward the big piece of metal was rolled into a deep hole and covered up. Within a few weeks the relatives of the dead men will erect a monument on the spot.

Conference.

The first DuBois district meeting of the Oil City conference of the Free Methodist church will be held at Unionville, commencing Nov. 30 and continuing over the Lord's day. All the preachers of the district are expected to be present. Mrs. Ella McGeary, the annual conference president of the Women's Foreign Missionary society, will be present in the interest of Foreign Missions. Jacob J. Johnson, district elder, will have charge of the services. The public is cordially invited to the meetings.

ALEXANDER SMITH, Pastor.

Must Pay Ten Cents a Pole.

In the suit of the United Telegraph and Telephone company against the borough of Carlisle Judge Sadler handed down an opinion fixing the annual tax on telegraph poles in the borough at ten cents each instead of 75 cents each, as previously fixed by the town council. This is the first decision in Pennsylvania under the recent law giving the courts power to thus fix the tax, and it is said will apply to all similar cases in the state.

The gas meter can always be depended upon to fill the bill.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

At McConnellsburg two hunters were fined fifty dollars each for using turkey callers while in the woods.

A Clearfield pastor is going to preach a series of sermons on "The Sins of Clearfield." The sinners of that town are somewhat encouraged by the fact that the series is not to be a long one.

Fred Eisenhauer, of the Cassanova house, Munson, has taken to himself a bride in the person of Miss Dorothy Nicholson, the accomplished young daughter of Thomas Nicholson, of Morrisdale. They are now enjoying a honeymoon trip to the eastern cities.

From Loganton it is learned that four deer were killed in the mountains about Sugar valley on Wednesday 15, two of which were large five pronged bucks. One was shot by John Bower, while the other three were secured by hunters from a distance.

Thomas Thompson, of Antes township, Blair county, paid \$100 fine and costs for killing a deer out of season the other day. The deer came into a field and was eating grass along with the sheep. The temptation was too strong to be resisted and Thompson shot the deer.

Passing through Tyrone, Monday, was a big family party from Altoona, on a hunting trip. It comprised John H. Elbright, better known as the "deacon" engineer of the Pittsburgh division, with his wife, six sons, four daughters-in-law and two sisters, bound for the wilds of Centre county in quest of all kinds of game.

A Tyrone bride made her first effort at cooking a few days ago and tried to make a pie for dinner. "I am afraid," she said, "that I left something out and it will not be very good." The husband tried it and said: "No, there's nothing on earth you could leave out to make a pie taste like that, its something you've put in."

There has been under advisement by the court of Huntingdon county the case of whether the county or the borough of Mount Union must pay the expenses of quarantine of those families which were unable to pay for themselves during the recent epidemic of small pox in that place. The suit was instituted by praying the court to grant a mandamus compelling the county commissioners and poor directors to pay quarantine expenses which amount to \$1175 65.

Judge Woods after a careful examination of the precedents pertaining to such cases on Tuesday returned his decision to the prothonotary of the court denying the writ of mandamus and thus leaving the expense, where it properly belongs, namely in the district where the expense was incurred, Mt. Union.

Edward Brewer, of Lock Haven, was committed to the Clinton county jail without bail on the charge of murdering Norman Porter, a boy who was engaged in Halloween sport when the shooting was done.

Thomas B. Huston, a son of Dr. J. H. Huston, of Clintondale, Pa., accepted the general managership in the Northern Telephone Company a new corporation who are attempting to drive the Bell from Colorado.

Policeman Sammy Taylor, who was shot last Sunday night at Barnesboro by Frank Farrell, while attempting to place the latter under arrest, was taken to the University hospital, in Philadelphia, where the bullet was removed and it is now thought he will recover. Farrell is still at large.

The annual Lodge of Sorrow of the Williamsport Lodge of Elks, to be held in the Lycoming opera house at that place on Sunday, December 3, will be a union service, and will be participated in by the lodges from Renovo, Lock Haven, Milton and Sunbury. A number of Elks in Bellefonte will attend this meeting.

A letter from the coroner at Goodwin, Arkansas, to Mrs. Eland, at Sutton, Que., informed her that her husband, Rev. Thomas L. Eland was hit by the west bound train on the Rock Island railroad, near Goodwin, Ark. Rev. Eland was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and was 57 years old the 6th day of last January. When 28 years of age he was sent out by the Conference to which he belonged as a missionary to Newfoundland, where he removed to Mass. Several years ago he changed his ecclesiastical relations, uniting with the Baptists, and laboring for some time in the Middle West. (He was formerly an Advent.) Rev. Eland served as pastor of the Blanchard Baptist church for a number of years. He was well known in this county, and had many warm friends who sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family in this great sorrow which has come upon them so suddenly. He left a wife, two sons, and a step-daughter to mourn his departure. How comforting is the blessed assurance, that the long dark night of weeping is to have an end and that joy will come "in the morning."

Centre Co. Pomona Grange No. 13 will meet in Grange Arcade, Centre Hall, Tuesday Nov. 28, 9:30 am. and 1 pm.; conferring of 5th degree at 1 pm. After conferring of this degree election of officers will take place. All other business will be done in 4th degree. All 4th degree members are cordially invited to come. D. M. Campbell, secretary.

—November 29th "a crime of Justice" will be presented at the opera house

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