THE POST.

Middleburg, Oct. 28, 1880.

SNYDER COUNTY COURTS.—The Courts of Snyder County are held on the Fourth Mondays of February, May, and September, and second Monday of December.

—All communications, business letters &c., for this office, to secure prompt attention should be addressed as follows: THE POST, Middleburg, Snyder County, Pa. Advertisements, communications &c. must be handed in by Monday noon, to secure insertion in next issue

Local News, &c.

Prepare for winter.

More night than day now.

Saur kraut is being pickled.

Middleburg horses have the epizooty.

Candidates are getting in their best licks.

Come to the mass meeting on next Saturday.

Turkey hunters were out in full force last week.

The best way to make your business prosperous is by advertising'

Republicans, trim up your houses for next Saturday. Show your colors.

The flies are on their last legs. Force has greatly diminished, and those remaining are stupid and dull.

Republican meeting, Selinsgrove, Friday evening Oct. 29th. Speakers: Hon. E. W. Jackson, Col. W. C. Arnold.

E. Dentz, Jeweler, Selinsgrove, has our thanks and very best wishes because of the presentation of a fine, neat, gold pen-holder.

Pennsylvania's mountains are a beautiful sight at present, clothed as they are in autumn's scarlet, orange and russet-brown tints.

Mrs. Wm. Tippett, Owasco, N. Y. says:—I have worn an improved Excelsior Kidney Pad about three weeks and have received great relief from it for pain in the back.—See Adv.

J. N. Bick, of Toledo, Ohio, says:—My father, before wearing the "Only Lung Pad," could not sleep nights on account of his violent coughing, since wearing it he has slept soundly every night.—See Adv.

The new law now makes the taking of a newspaper and then refusing to pay for it, the same as theft, and a New York State paper has already commenced criminal prosecution against several persons, who have attempted to swindle the publishers.

Republican Grand Mass Meeting at Middleburg, Saturday, Oct. 30.

Eminent Speakers.

Excellent Music.

Grand Parade of Uniformed Clubs. Delegations from all parts of the county. A grand, good time. Let every body come.

There is demand now for all the labor the country can produce on the numerous railroads that are now in the course of construction, and all manufactories that are in full blast. Any able-bodied man who is running around begging for bread, don't want to work, and he should not be encouraged to lead a vagrant life.

Gabriel Beaver has the "boss" radish, it measures 26 inches in circumference and weighs 10 pounds. Hard beat.

Mr. B. has also a turnip measuring 24 inches in circumferance.

Misses Clementine and Jennie Dorn Millinery and Tailoring. Rooms at their residence west end of Main Street, Middleburg, Pa. work neatly, cheaply and promptly done. We bespeak for them a liberal share of public patronage.

A fine lot of Goods just received.

Thomas Rathfon was opening sheaves with a knife, the other day, at the barn of M. K. Schoch. A sheaf thrown from the mow struck his hand holding the knife and drove the blade into his abdomen. The injury is slight, but had the blade penetrated a little further it would have put his life in jeopardy.

The house of Willian Whitmer of Union township was destroyed by fire on Saturday noon. The fire originated in the roof, and as the family had gone to the fair grounds in the morning what little furniture was saved was removed by the neighbors. The building was covered by an insurance. —*Courier.*

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—Mrs. Mary Barton, of Huntingdon, was visiting friends in Milton. Rev. Houck was taking Mrs. B. to the R. R. station when the horse frightened, broke an axle, ran at brake-neck speed, but fortunately for the occupants of the buggy, was captured by a watchman thus preventing what undoubtably would have been a serious accident.

McCLURE, Oct, 25, 1880.

ED. POST.—The Republicans of West Beaver are actively engaged in preparing to attend the grand Mass Meeting next Saturday the 30 in Middleburg, if the weather is favorable you can look for a very large delegation from the west end hoping the Republicans throughout the entire county will do likewise. Let us all Rally and show the Democrats that we are opposed to Free trade and a solid South

REPUBLICAN.

The Mass Meeting delegations should endeavor to be here about 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

"O, Shame Where is Thy Blush ?"

Disgraceful Conduct.

We are told of a letter containing a $10 bill, pasters on which is printed the name, R. Milton Speer, signed R. Milton Speer and addressed to a Republican in Union township, and we are reliably informed that quite a number of the same kind have been recieved in other parts of the county.

When a man, seeking an honorable position—an office of high trust—stoops to so low, mean, insolent manner of procuring votes he deserves to be abandoned by the party to which he belongs. There can be no better evidence of Speer's unfitness for Congress, But the meanest part of this transaction is, the money thus sent out *is poor Old Jimmy Walls' money and Salary Grab or Tax-payers'.*

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE is on our table for November, ahead of all others, and as usual, more and more improved. It is a wonder how this unrivalled lady's book can be published at so low a price, yet always be getting better, but the secret, we suppose, lies in its enormous circulation. The price of "Peterson" is but $2 a year, or less than any other first-class magazine, postage free. To clubs the terms are even lower. Specimens are sent gratis, if written for. Subscribe to nothing until you have seen a copy of "Peterson." Address CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Several accidents are reported as happening persons returning from the Fair on Saturday Adam L. Spangler, of Union township, had his horse suddenly forced down an embankment below Selinsgrove, while another gentleman who was driving along in a buggy attempted to pass him. Mr. Spangler's family were thrown from the spring wagon but fortunately no one was hurt. Edward Peffer of Chapman township had one of the front wheels of his buggy demolished by coming in contact with another vehicle. Irvin Nethood of the same township had the occupants of his spring wagon unloaded by his horses becoming unmanageable, caused by the tongue being loosened from its fastenings.—*Courier.*

An Engraving Equally Appropriate and Beautiful has been issued by "Peterson's Magazine" for 1881, to reward persons for getting up clubs. The plate is quite large, 24 inches by 20, and would ornament even the most refined parlor; for it is executed in the highest style of art; and is such a mezzotint as is sold at retail, for five dollars. It is entitled, "*Gran'Father Tells of Yorktown.*" It represents a veteran of '76, in his old age, with his little grand-daughter between his knees, to whom he is rehearsing the story of the surrender of Cornwallis. The room is an old-fashioned one, such as elderly people remember fifty years ago, and in the embrasure of the window sits the mother of the little girl, also listening. Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A hunting party left Centreville, on Monday, 11th inst., fresh and in good spirits, and returned on Saturday, fatigued with empty guns and with tired dogs.

They are expert hunters, but only one of them saw something that looked like a deer.

A year ago this same party went on a deer hunt and took H. F. L. (a greenhorn as they thought) a long for sport, before leaving remarks were made by the party how they would excite this man and where they would station him. Mr. L. had not much to say, but went along and the result was that he shot the largest deer that was ever brought to Centreville. Let this same party try their luck again and invite some greenhorn along. R.

A THIEF CAPTURED.—For several years, Samuel Miller, a farmer living north of Millersburg, has been frequently annoyed by parties stealing corn, fruit or anything else that could be conveniently carried away. On Wednesday night his dog gave an alarm, when Mr. Miller, Jared Specht and the dog gave the intruder, who was laying in a store of winter apples, a chase, following him nearly a mile before they succeeded in capturing him. They marched their prisoner to the house, treated him with apples and wine, and a severe reprimand—and released him on the promise of never committing any similar depredations. The man lives in Frogstown, somewhat advanced in years, and has heretofore made a loud profession of religion. Out of sympathy for his family his family his name is suppressed.—*Bloomfield Times.*

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon of last week, ex-Sheriff Williamson met with a sad accident, and one that will leave him a cripple for life. While out hunting on the mountain about two miles below Liverpool, he shot and wounded a squirrel and was trying to get it out of an old stump into which it had gone. His gun laid a little behind him and as he grasped it by the barrel and stepped forward, some brush caught the cock of the gun and discharged the load into his right leg below the knee, cutting off the muscles and arteries and shatterin the bones. Mr. Leonard, who was with him, helped him down to the lock house, and the next morning he was removed up the canal on a flat, to his home. Dr. Thompson who attended him said, the only way to save his life was to amputate the leg, which was done on Wednesday, by Dr. Thompson assisted by Drs Morris and Case. He stood the operation well, and the doctor says his condition is as good as could be expected.

Later reports state that a second amputation had to be made, the first proving to be too low down.—*Bloomfield Times.*

Auctioneer.—George H. Hackenburg, of Middlecreek, P. O., would announce to the people of Snyder county, that he will cry sales for real an personal property, at short notice and on the most reasonable terms. H. guarantees satisfaction. [Mar.15.77tf

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Special Examinations.

There will be special examintions held as follows:

One at Salem Monday, Oct. 25, for Middlecreek, Monroe, and Penns districts.

One at Middleburg, Tuesday, Oct. 26, for Adams, West Beaver, and Franklin district.

One at Port Trevorton, Thursday Oct. 28, for Evendale (Ind.) West Perry, Chapman, and Union districts.

These examinations will commence at 8 o'clock, a. m.

W. P. SHARF.
Oct. 14 '80. County Suspt.

MIDDLEBURG PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY

J. W. Dreese.

Onions per bushel	75
Potatoes do	—
Butter per pound	15 to 22
Eggs per dozen	18
Tallow per pound	4
Lard	5
Cherries	5
Seeded Cherries	10
Blackberries	6
Raspberries	25
Dried Apples	3
Dried Peaches pared	—
Soap	4 to 6
Ham	12
Shoulder	8
Sides	8

Middleburg Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY

Simonton, Barber & Co.

GRAIN & SEEDS.	
Wheat per bushel	1 00
Rye do	75
Corn do	50
Oats do	35
Cloverseed per bushel	[illegible]
Timothyseed do	—
Buckwheat do	—
Flaxseed do	—
PRODUCE.	
Potatoes	1 cent per pound.
Apples	25
Cherries, pitted	16
Cherries, unpitted	3
Blackberries	6
Raspberries	25
Dried apples	03
Peaches, paired,	11
unpaired,	6
Butter, prime	22
Butter, second-class	16
Eggs	18
Onions	75
Beet	[illegible]
Spring chickens	[illegible]
Old "	4
Ham	12
Shoulder	10
Bacon	08
Lard	08
Tallow	06
Chestnut per bushel	[illegible]
COAL.	
Pea Coal	2 60
Chestnut coal	3 75
Blacksmith Coal	6 00
Egg coal	4 25

MARRIED.

Oct. 16th by Rev J. P. Shindel. Emmerson Sylvester Dubbs and Miss Sadie C. Riegel both of Snyder county.

Oct 7th, by Rev. J. K. Snyder, Daniel Arbogast and Miss Jane Shellenberger, both of Richfield.

Oct 10th, by the same, Michael Brubaker of Susquehanna Twp., Juniata Co., and Miss Priscilla Flanders of Port Trevorton, Snyder Co.

In Ellington, N. Y., Sept 1, Dr. I. R. Sweigart of Bannersville, Snyder Co., Pa. and Miss Mary F. Farman, of Ellington, N. Y.

Oct 17, at the residence of the bride, by Rev D. M. Stetler, Miss Alwilda C. Smith and Daniel A. Shell, both of Beavertown.

Oct. 14th, by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Franklin P. Dauberman, of Vicksburg, and Miss Maggie E. Christian, of New Berlin.

Oct 16th, by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Benjamin F. Buoy, of Centre twp., this Co., and Miss Sarah E. Jordan, of East Buffalo twp., Union Co.

Oct. 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W. A. Haas, Miss Dillie Moyer, of Freeburg, and George M. Wittmer, of Salem.

May George and his pretty Dillie float down the matrimonial stream, in their life-boat, avoiding breakers and sandbars, with fair winds and a calm sea always in their favor.

DIED.

In Findley, Ohio, Sept. 15th, Simon A. Snyder, aged 72 years, 4 months and 15 days. Mr Snyder was married to a Miss Couldron of Selinsgrove, Pa

Oct 16, near Fremont, of diphtheria, Margaret Louisa, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Ann Dresse, aged 7 years and 9 days.

The twelfth number of the Humboldt Library of Popular Science contains the latter half of *H.* W. Bates's celebrated work, "The Naturalist on the River Amazons". *Price* 15 cents. J. Fitzgerald & Co., publishers, 143 4th Avenue, New York. For sale by A. K. GIFT.

PRIVATE SALE.

A valuable Brick Hotel, located in Franklin, opposite the Sunbury and Lewistown Railroad depot, is offered for sale.

This is a substantial building built on the most modern style, adapted as a Hotel or private dwelling; beautifully located; a well of excellent water in the summer-house; and ample stabling, ice house and other outbuildings.

For further particulars call on or address, D. F. KERSTETTER,
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Sept, 9, '80.

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If you have Consumption, and would know that your cough can be made loose and easy—Night Fever and Night Sweats checked in 24 hours; Inflammation taken out of lungs and air passages at once; that you can be made to gain 3 to 5 pounds of healthy flesh per week; if you have Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Heart Disease, Liver Complaint, Nervous Debility, Seminal Weakness or Spermatorrhœa, loss of sexual power in either sex from any cause; if you have any form of nervous weakness, losing flesh or wasting away and would know of an immediate relief and certain cure for many of the severest cases in a short time, a new method with new agents to fatten every body, invigorate and make strong and healthy the most hopeless cases, cut this out and write at once for particulars to B. S. DISPENSARY, Berrin Springs, Mich. July 22,'80 1y.

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If you have a horse for sale, one package of Roberts' Horse Powders will improve his condition to the extent of 10 per cent. in his selling price. Farmers figure this out. 25 cents buys a package. For sale by all druggists.

Poulterers and Farmers that are alive to their interests are at this season of the year giving their chickens *M. B. Roberts'* Poultry Powders. It makes them healthy and strong, consequently more valuable for the fall trade.

They said: "She never told her love, but let concealment like a worm in the bud feed on her damask cheek;" but when they found it was not love, but the remains of a cold that was surely and softly leading to consumption, they procured for her a bottle of Sines' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Hoarhound. It is needless to remark that she recovered. Sold by all druggists. 25 Cents per Bottle.

To be? or not to be? That is the question.' Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the aches and pains that human flesh is heir to, when execration by a severe cough or cold, or to purchase a bottle of Sines' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Hoarhound, and by this opposing end them. Sold by all druggists, 25 and 50 Cents per Bottle.

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General Election Proclamation

I, DANIEL BOLENDER, High Sheriff of Snyder county, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby make known and give notice to the electors of the county aforesaid, that an election will be held in the said county of Snyder, on

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1880,

for the purpose of electing the several persons hereinafter named, to wit:

Twenty-nine persons as Presidential Electors.

One person for Supreme Judge of Pennsylvania.

One person as Auditor General of Pennsylvania.

One person to fill the office of Representative in Congress for the 15th district, composed of the counties of Snyder, Huntingdon, Juniata, Perry, Franklin and Fulton.

One person to represent the 24th Senatorial district composed of the counties of Snyder, Union and Northumberland, in the Senate of Pennsylvania.

One person to fill the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth for the county of Snyder.

One person to fill the office of Surveyor for Snyder county.

I also hereby make known and give notice that the time of holding the aforesaid election in the several townships and districts within the county of Snyder are as follows, to wit:

At the Old Court House, in and for the Borough of Selinsgrove.

At the House of Daniel Hovis in and for Perry township.

At the house of David H. Herrold, in and for Chapman township.

At Beaver's Town Hall, in and for Washington township.

At the house of John M. Moyer, in the Borough of Middleburg, for Franklin township.

At the Old Public Hall in Beavertown in and for Beaver township.

At the house of David Miller in and for West Beaver township.

At the house of James D. Long in and for Penn township.

At the house of J. J. Mitchel, in and for Middlecreek township.

At the house of Sarah A. Miller in and for Penn township.

At the school house in Kratzerville, in and for Jackson township.

At the school house at Shamokin Dam in and for Hartleton township.

At the house of Christian S. Graybill, in and for West Perry township.

At the Court House in and for the Borough of Middleburg.

At the house of ——Hosler in and for Union township.

At the house of the heirs of Charles Mattern in Freeburg, in and for Adams township.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT

Every person, excepting the Justices of the Peace and Aldermen, Notaries Public and persons in the militia service of the State, who shall hold or shall within six months have held any office or appointment of profit or trust under the United States, or of this State, and city or corporated district, whether a commissioned officer or otherwise, a subordinate officer or agent who is or shall be employed under the Legislative, Executive or Judiciary Department of this State, or of the city of any incorporated district, and also, that every member of congress and of the State Legislature, and of the select or common council of any city, or commissioners of any incorporated district, are by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time the office or appointment of Judge, Inspector or Clerk of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no Inspector, Judge, or other officer of said election shall be eligible to be voted for.

By the act of assembly of July 1 1840 it is also made "the duty of every Mayor, Sheriff, Alderman, Justice of the Peace, Constable, or every city, county, township or district within this Commonwealth, whenever called upon by any officer of an election, or by three qualified electors thereof, to depute any citizen of sufficient to the place of general election which shall be conducted in such a way as to prevent voters from approaching the same, and it shall be the duty of every respective Constable of each ward, district or township within this Commonwealth to be present or by Deputy, at the place of holding elections, in such ward, district or township, for the purpose of preserving the peace as aforesaid."

Also that in the tenth section of the act of Assembly entitled "An act relating to elections and other purposes," approved April 10, 1840, it is enacted that the aforesaid 10th section, "shall not be construed so as to prevent any militia officer or borough officer from serving as Judge, Inspector or Clerk at any general or special election in the Commonwealth."

By an Act of Assembly approved the 17th day of April, 1869, it is enacted that at all elections hereafter held under the laws of this Commonwealth, the polls shall be opened at seven o'clock a. m. and closed at seven o'clock, p. m.

The inspectors and Judge of the elections shall meet at the respective places appointed for holding the elections in the district to which they respectively belong, before seven o'clock in the morning, and each of those inspectors shall appoint one clerk, who shall be a qualified elector of such district.

The qualified voters of this county at all general, township, borough and special elections are hereby hereafter authorized and requested to vote by tickets, printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, severally classified as follows: One ticket shall contain the names of all judges of courts voted for and to be voted for, and to declare judicial districts shall contain the names of all State officers voted for, and be labelled "State;" one ticket shall contain the names of all county officers voted for, including those of Senator, Member and members of Assembly, if voted for, and be labelled "County;" one ticket shall contain the names of all township officers voted for, and be labelled "Township;" one ticket shall contain the names of all borough officers voted for, and be labelled "Borough;" and each class shall be deposited in a separate ballot box.

WHEREAS, The Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States is as follows:

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AND WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, on the 31st of March, 1870, passed an act, entitled "An act to enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes," the first and second sections of which are as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all citizens of the United States, who are now or shall be hereafter qualified by law to vote at any election by the people, in any State, Territory, district, county, city, parish, township, school district, municipality or other territorial subdivision, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all such elections, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, any constitution, law, custom, usage or regulation of any State or Territory, or by, or under its authority, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That if by or under the authority of the Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of any Territory, any act or omission be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification for voting, and any person or number of persons, citizens of the United States, qualified as aforesaid, shall be deprived of the performance of duties in furnishing to the citizens an opportunity to perform such prerequisite or to become qualified to vote, it shall be the duty of every person and officer to give to all citizens of the United States, the same and equal opportunity to perform such prerequisite and to become qualified to vote without distinction of race, color or previous condition of servitude; and if any such person or officer shall refuse or knowingly omit to give full effect to this section, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also, for every such offence, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month, and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

AND WHEREAS, It is declared by the second section of the VI article of the Constitution of the United States that "This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding."

AND WHEREAS, The Legislature of this Commonwealth, on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1870, passed an act, entitled "A further supplement to the act relating to elections in this Commonwealth," the tenth section of which provides as follows:

"SECTION 10. That the month of every act of Assembly as provides that only white freemen shall be entitled to vote or be registered as voters, or as claiming to vote at any general or special election of this Commonwealth, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that hereafter all freemen, without distinction of color, shall be enrolled and registered according to the provisions of the first section of the act approved seventeenth April, 1869 entitled "An Act further supplemental to the act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," and when otherwise qualified under existing laws, be entitled to vote at general and special elections in this Commonwealth.

The said above recited amendment and act must be executed and obeyed by all officers, register of voters, election officers, and others that the rights and privileges guaranteed therein may be secured to all the citizens of this Commonwealth entitled to the same.

By the 15th section of the act of Assembly of January 30, 1874, it is enacted that as soon as the polls shall close, the officers of election shall proceed to count all the votes cast for each candidate voted for, and make a full return of the same in triplicate, with a return sheet in addition, in all of which the votes received by each candidate shall be given after his name, first in words and again in figures, and shall be signed by all of said officers and certified by overseers, if any, or if not so certified, the overseers or any officer refusing to sign or certify, or either of them shall, write upon each of the returns in or their reasons for not signing or certifying them. The vote, as soon as counted, shall be publicly and fully declared from the window to the citizens present, and a brief statement showing the votes received by each candidate shall be made and signed by the election officers as soon as the vote is counted, and the same shall be immediately posted upon the door of the election house for information of the public. The triplicate returns shall be enclosed in envelopes and be sealed in presence of the officers, and one envelope with the sealed return sheet given to the judge, which shall contain one list of voters, tally-paper and oaths of officers and another of said envelopes shall be given to the minority inspector. All judges living within twelve miles of the prothonotary's office or within twenty-four miles if their residence be in a town, village or city upon the line of a railroad leading to the county seat shall, before two o'clock post meridian of the day after the election, and all other judges shall before twelve o'clock meridian of the second day after the election, deliver said return, together with return sheet, to the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the county which said return sheet shall be dated, and day and hour of the filing marked thereon, and shall be preserved by the Prothonotary for public inspection. At twelve o'clock on the said second day following any election the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas shall present the said returns to the county. * * * * * *

The returns presented by the Prothonotary shall be opened by said Court and computed by such of its officers and such assistants as the Court shall appoint in the presence of the judges of said Court and the returns officers and with the seal of election preserved under the seal of the Court as herein required to be done in the case of and the votes so computed, shall certified, and be made a matter of record in said court. The sessions of the said Court are open to the public. * * * *

And the clerk of said tribunal of record shall be placed in the box and sealed up with the ballots * * * * Whenever a place has been or shall be provided by the authorities of any city, county, township, or borough, for the safe keeping of the ballot boxes, the judges and minority inspectors shall after the election shall be closed, and the ballots counted, and all the papers have been enclosed and sealed up in the ballot box, deliver the same to the Mayor and Recorder of the city, or the burgess and town council of any borough, or persons as the Board of Commissioners of Public Buildings, who shall then deposit the ballot box and keep the same in safe custody, so that no person or persons shall have access thereto, except upon the order of the Court, or a judge thereof, or upon the order of