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and one other old established merchant has sold more goods the past year than any other store in the county.

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Save Their Dollars.

The Auction Store is now chuck up full of wonderful cheap fall and winter goods, and now we say to the people of Monroe, Northampton and Warren Counties, Come one, come all.

Do you want beautiful dress goods, calicoes, muslies, table diaper, towellings, denims or stripe shirting come to Decker's and

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Do you want splendid Under Vest for Ladies or Under Shirts and Drawers for Gents, or Hosiery and Gloves, come straight to Decker's and

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Do you want beautiful Rose Blankets, Horse Blankets, Cotton or Wool Flannels, all descriptions of a good Carpet at nearly half price, come to Decker's and

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Do you want 200 Yard Spool Cotton for three cents, and large paper of Pins for five cents or a paper of best Needles, for five cents, and all kinds of notions, for nearly Half Price, then come to Decker's and

Save Your Dollars.

Do you want beautiful styles of Ladies' cloth for Cloak or Sacks, or fine Cassimers, Suitings, Tweeds or Kentucky Janes, come to Decker's and

Save Your Dollars.

Do you want a good substantial Suit of Clothes for yourself or for your Boys, or a single Coat for 4 or 5 dollars, or a single pair of Pants for 1 dollar and 50 cents, lined, or a heavy Cassimere Vest for 1 dollar, or a good Overshirt for five dollars, come to Decker's and

Save Your Dollars.

Do you want fine or common Hats, or Winter Caps for yourself and boys, then come to Decker's and

Save Your Dollars.

Do you want Millinery Goods, such as Trimmed or Untrimmed Hats for Ladies, Misses or Children, or Ribbons, Feathers or Flowers for nearly half price, then come to Decker's and

Save Your Dollars.

Do you want Rousing Calf or Heavy Kip Boots for men and boys, whole leather, or splendid Pebble Gait Button or Lace Shoes, for ladies' misses or children, or the best Rubber Boots & Shoes then come to Decker's and only to Decker's can you

Save Your Dollars.

Now all we can ask is for every one to come and see for himself before he buys any where else.

DECKER & CO.,

4 Doors Below the Post Office. Stroudsburg, Oct. 13, 1876-3m.

GENERAL ELECTION.



SHERIFF'S PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by an Act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act relating to the Elections of this Commonwealth," passed the 2d of July, 1839, it is made the duty of the Sheriff of every county to give notice of such election, and to make known in such notice what officers are to be elected; Now therefore, I JACOB K. SHAFER, High Sheriff of the county of Monroe, do make known by this Proclamation to the Electors of said county, that on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1876,

being the day of the General Election, the following persons are to be voted for by the freemen of the county of Monroe.

TWENTY-NINE PERSONS for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

ONE PERSON to represent the Eleventh Congressional District composed of the counties of Columbia, Montour, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and the townships of Nescopeck, Black Creek, Sugar Loaf, Butler, Hazel, Foster, Bear Creek, Buck, Roaring Brook, Salem, Hollenbach, Huntington, Fairmount, Spring Brook and that part of the city of Scranton south of Roaring Brook Creek and east of Lackawanna River, and the Boroughs of Danmore, New Columbus, Gouldsboro, White Haven, Jeddito and Hazleton, in the county of Luzerne, in the Congress of the United States.

ONE PERSON to represent the twenty-second Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Carbon, Monroe and Pike, in the Senate of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON to represent the county of Monroe in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.

TWO PERSONS for Jury Commissioners for the County of Monroe.

I also hereby make known and give notice, that the Elections of the several districts of the said county, will be held at the places hereinafter designated, to wit:

Places of Voting.

The freemen of the township of Barrett, will hold their election at the house of Abraham Albert, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Chesnut-hill are to hold their election at the house of Felix Storm, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Cool-baugh will hold their election at the Naglesville school-house, in said township.

The freemen of East Stroudsburg, will hold their election at the Anabonank House, in said Borough.

The freemen of the township of Eldred, will hold their election at the house of Stephen Boyer, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Hamilton will hold their election at the house of Chas. Mansel, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Jackson, will hold their election at the house of Peter R. Stern, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Middle Smithfield, will hold their election at the house of James Place, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Paradise, will hold their election at the house of James K. tra, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Pocono, will hold their election at the house of Manassah Miller, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Polk, will hold their election at the house of George Green, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Price, will hold their election at the house of Lewis Long, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Ross, will hold their election at the house of Jacob H. Stocker, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Smithfield will hold their election at the house of Edward Yetter, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Stroud will hold their election at the house of George Kanans, in the Borough of Stroudsburg.

The freemen of Stroudsburg, will hold their election at the Court House, in said Borough.

The freemen of the township of Tobyhanna, will hold their election at the house of Robert Warner, in said township.

The freemen of the township of Tunk-hannock, will hold their election at the house of James Newhart, in said township.

Notice is Hereby Given,

That in Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution, it is declared, "Every male citizen twenty years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections: First—He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. Second—He shall have resided in the State one year, or if, having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have resided in this Commonwealth and returned, then six months, immediately preceding the election. Third—He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election. Fourth—If twenty-two years of age or upwards, he shall have paid within two years a state or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election."

And, that it is provided by an Act of Assembly, approved July 2, 1839, "That every person, exercising the duties of the Peace, who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the Government of the United States, or of the State, or of any city or incorporated district, whether a commissioned officer or otherwise, a subordinate officer or agent, or who is or shall be employed under the legislative, executive, or judiciary department of this State, of the United States, or of any city or other incorporated district, and of the State Legislature, and of the select or common council of any city, or commissioner of any incorporated district, is by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time, the office or appointment of judge, inspector, or clerk of any election in this Commonwealth; and that no judge, inspector, or other officer of any such election shall be eligible to any office to be then voted for.

"In case the person who shall have received the second highest number of votes for inspector, shall not attend on the day of any election then the person who shall have received the second highest number of votes for judge at the next preceding election shall act as inspector in his place. And in case the person who shall have received the highest number of votes for inspector shall not attend, the person elected judge shall appoint an inspector in his place—and in case the person elected, as judge shall not attend, then the inspector who received the highest number of votes shall appoint a judge in his place; and if any vacancy shall continue in the office for the space of one hour after the time fixed by law for the opening of the election, the qualified voters of the township, ward or district for which such officers shall have been elected, present at such election, shall elect one of the number to fill such vacancy, and each of said inspectors shall appoint one clerk, who shall be a qualified voter of said district.

"It shall be the duty of the several assessors, respectively, to attend at the place of holding every general, special or township election during the whole time the said election is kept open, for the purpose of giving information to the inspectors and judge, when called on, in relation to the right of any person assessed by them to vote at such election, or such other matters in relation to the assessment of voters as the said inspectors or judge or either of them shall from time to time require.

selected and appointed, every convenience and facility for the discharge of their duties; and if said election officers shall refuse to permit said overseers to be present, and perform their duties as aforesaid, such officer or officers shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; or if the overseers shall be driven away from the polls by violence or intimidation, all the votes polled in such election district may be rejected by the proper tribunal trying a contest under said election, or a part or portion of such votes aforesaid may be counted, as such tribunal may deem necessary to a just and proper disposition of the case.

"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.

"Whenever there shall be a vacancy in an election board on the morning of an election, such vacancy shall be filled in conformity with existing laws.

"At the opening of the polls at all elections it shall be the duty of the judges of election for their respective districts to designate one of the inspectors, whose duty it shall be to have in custody the registry of voters, and to make the entries thereon as required by law; and it shall be the duty of the other of said inspectors to receive and number the ballots presented at said election.

"All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot; every ballot voted shall be numbered in the order in which it shall be received, and the number recorded by the clerks on the list of voters opposite the name of the elector from whom received. And any voter voting two or more tickets shall be deemed to have voted each be numbered with the number corresponding with the number to the name of the voter. Any elector may write his name upon his ticket, or cause the same to be written thereon, and attested by a citizen of the district. In addition to the oath now prescribed by law to be taken and subscribed by election officers, they shall severally be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted, unless required to do so as witnesses in a judicial proceeding. All judges, inspectors, clerks, and overseers of any election held under this act, shall, before entering upon their duties, be duly sworn or affirmed in the presence of each other. The judge shall be sworn by the minority inspector, if there shall be such minority inspector, and in case there be no minority inspector, by a justice of the peace or alderman, and the inspectors, overseers and clerks shall be sworn by the judge. Certificates of such swearing or affirming shall be duly made out and signed by the officers so sworn, and attested by the officer who administered the oath. If any judge or minority inspector refuses or fails to swear the officers of election in the manner required by this act, or any officer of election shall act without being first duly sworn, or if any officer of election shall sign the form of oath without being duly sworn, or if any judge or minority inspector shall certify that any officer was sworn when he was not, it shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, the officer or officers so offending shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

"On the day of election any person whose name is not on the registry of voters and claiming the right to vote at said election, shall produce at least one qualified voter of the district as a witness to the residence of the claimant in the district in which he claims to be a voter, for the period of at least two months, immediately preceding said election, which witness shall be sworn or affirmed and subscribe a written or partly written and partly printed affidavit to the facts stated by him, which affidavit shall define clearly where the residence is of the person so claiming to be a voter, and the person so claiming the right to vote shall also take and subscribe a written, or partly written and partly printed affidavit, stating to the best of his knowledge and belief, when and where he was born; that he been a citizen of the United States for one month, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that he has resided in the commonwealth one year, or if formerly a qualified elector or a native born citizen thereof, and has removed therefrom six months next preceding said election; that he has resided in the district in which he claims to be a voter for the period of at least two months immediately preceding said election; that he has not moved into the district for the purpose of voting therein; that he has, if twenty-two years of age or upwards, paid a state or county tax within two years, which was assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election. The said affidavit shall also state when and where the tax claimed to be paid by the affiant was assessed, and when and where and to whom paid; and the tax receipt therefor shall be produced for examination, unless the affiant shall state in his affidavit that it has been lost or destroyed, or that he never received any; and if a naturalized citizen, shall also state when, where and by what court he was naturalized, and shall also produce his certificate of naturalization for examination. But if the person so claiming the right to vote shall take and subscribe an affidavit, that he is a native born citizen of the U. States, or if born elsewhere, shall state the fact in his affidavit, and shall produce evidence that he has been naturalized, or that he is entitled to citizenship by reason of his father's naturalization; and shall further state in his affidavit that he is at the time of making the affidavit, of the age of twenty-one and under twenty-two years; that he has been a citizen of the United States one month, and has resided in the State one year; or, if a native born citizen of the state and removed therefrom and returned, that he has resided therein six months next preceding said election, he shall be entitled to vote, although he shall not have paid taxes. The said affidavit shall be preserved by the election board, and at the close of the election they shall be filed with the list of voters, tally list and other papers required by law to be filed by the return judge with the prothonotary, and shall remain on file therewith in the prothonotary's office, subject to examination, as other election papers are.

If the applicant or applicant's possess all the legal qualifications of voters, he or they shall be permitted to vote, and the name or names shall be added to the list of taxables by the election officers, the word "tax" being added where the claimant claims to vote on tax, and the word "age" where he claims to vote on age; the same words being added by the clerks in each case respectively, on the lists of persons voting at such election.

"It shall be lawful for any qualified citizen of the district, notwithstanding the name of the proposed voter is contained on the list of resident taxables, to challenge the vote of such person; whereupon the same proof of the right of suffrage as is now required by law shall be publicly made and acted on by the election board, and the vote admitted or rejected, according to the evidence; every person claiming to be a naturalized citizen shall be required to produce his naturalization certificate at the election before voting, except where he has been for ten years, consecutively, a voter in the district in which he offers his vote; and on the vote of such person being received, it shall be the duty of the election officers to

write or stamp on such certificate the word "voted," with the month and year; and if any election officer or officers shall receive a second vote on the same day, by virtue of the same certificate, excepting where none are entitled to vote by virtue of the naturalization of their fathers, they and the persons who shall offer such second vote, upon so offending, shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, be fined or imprisoned, or both, at the discretion of the court; but the fine shall not exceed one hundred dollars in each case, nor the imprisonment one year, the like punishment shall be inflicted on conviction, on the officers of election who shall neglect or refuse to make, or cause to be made, the endorsements required as aforesaid on said naturalization certificate.

"If any election officer shall refuse or neglect to require such proof of the right of suffrage as is prescribed by this law, or the laws to which this is a supplement, from any person offering to vote whose name is not on the list of assessed voters, or whose right to vote is challenged by any qualified voter present, and shall admit such person to vote without requiring such proof, every person so offending, shall upon conviction, be sentenced, for every such offence, to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not more than one year, or either or both, at the discretion of the court.

"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 on triplicate, with a return sheet in addition, in all of which the votes received by each candidate shall be given after his or her 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 and other officers refusing to sign or certify, or either of them, shall write upon each of the returns his or their reasons for not signing or certifying them. The vote, as soon as counted, shall also 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 sealed in the presence of the officers, and one envelope, with unsealed return sheet, given to the judge, which shall contain one list of voters, tally-paper and oaths of officers, and another of the 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 more than twelve miles from the place 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 filed, and the day and return of the same shall be marked thereon, and shall be preserved by the prothonotary for public inspection; and the other of said triplicate return shall be placed in the box and sealed up with the ballots. All officers provided for by this act shall be compensated as like officers are paid by existing laws. 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 judge and minority inspector shall, after the election shall be finished, and the ballot-boxes or boxes containing the tickets, list of voters and other papers, have been securely bound with tape and sealed, and the signatures of the judge and inspectors affixed thereto, forthwith deliver the same, together with the remaining boxes, to the mayor and recorder of such cities, or in counties, townships or boroughs, to such person or persons as the court of common pleas of the proper county may designate, at the place provided as aforesaid, who shall then deposit the said boxes and keep the same to answer the call of any court or tribunal authorized to try the merits of such election. Whenever the election officers of any election district shall require the election boxes of such district, to hold any election, which, by law, they are or shall be required to hold, they shall keep the same secure in their possession without opening, until the morning of such election, and until they shall severally be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted, and after being so sworn or affirmed, they shall open the said boxes and burn and totally destroy all the ballots and other papers which they shall find therein, before proceeding to hold such election.

The respective assessors, inspectors and judges of the elections shall each have the power to administer oaths to any persons claiming the right to be assessed or the right of suffrage, or in regard to any other matter or thing required to be done or inquired into by any of said officers under this act; and any willful false swearing by any person in relation to any matter or thing concerning which they shall be lawfully interrogated by any of said officers or overseers shall be perjury.

Any assessor, election officer or person appointed as an overseer, who shall neglect or refuse to perform any duty enjoined by this act, without reasonable or legal cause, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, and if an assessor shall knowingly assess any person as a voter who is not qualified; or shall refuse to assess any one who is qualified, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and on conviction be punished by fine or imprisonment, and also be subject to an action for damages by the party aggrieved; and if any person shall fraudulently alter, add to, deface or destroy any list of voters made out as directed by this act, or tear down or remove the same from the place where it has been fixed, with fraudulent or mischievous intent, or for any improper purpose, the person so offending shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

If any prothonotary, clerk, or the deputy of either, or any other person, shall affix the seal of office to any naturalization paper, or permit the same to be affixed, or give out, or cause or permit the same to be given out, in blank, whereby it may be fraudulently used, or furnished as naturalization certificate, to any person who shall not have been duly examined and sworn in open court, in the presence of some of the judges there, in compliance of some act of Congress, or shall give, connive at, or in any way permit the issue of any fraudulent naturalization certificate, he shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor; or if any one shall fraudulently use any such certificate of naturalization, knowing that it was fraudulently issued, or shall vote, or attempt to vote thereon, if any certificate of naturalization not issued to him, he shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor; and either or any of the persons, their aiders or abettors, guilty of either of the misdemeanors aforesaid, shall, on conviction, be fined in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and imprisoned in the proper penitentiary for a period not exceeding three years.

Any person who on oath or affirmation, in or before any court in this State, or officer authorized to administer oaths, shall, to procure a certificate of

naturalization, for himself or any other person, willfully depose, declare or affirm any matter to be fact, knowing the same to be false, or shall in like manner deny any matter to be fact, knowing the same to be true, shall be deemed guilty of perjury; and any certificate of naturalization issued in pursuance of any such deposition, declaration or affirmation, shall be null and void; and if shall be the duty of the court issuing the same, upon proof being made before it that it was fraudulently obtained, to take immediate measures for re-calling the same for cancellation; and any person who shall vote, or attempt to vote, on any paper so obtained or who shall in any way aid in, connive at, or have any agency whatever in the issue, circulation or use of any fraudulent naturalization certificate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall undergo an imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than two years, and pay a fine, not more than one thousand dollars, for every such offence, or both, at the discretion of the court.

"It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Commonwealth to prepare forms for all the blanks made necessary by this act, and furnish copies of the same to the county commissioners of the several counties of the Commonwealth; and the county commissioners of each county shall, as soon as may be necessary after receipt of the same, at the proper expense of the county, procure and furnish to all the election officers of the election districts of their respective counties copies of such blanks, in such quantities as may be rendered necessary for the discharge of their duties under this act, and shall pay all necessary expenses for lights, rent, fuel and stationery, on bills certified by the election officers."

And by an Act approved February 13, 1874, it is provided, "In all elections hereafter the certificate of naturalization, if genuine, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts mentioned therein; and where the person offering to vote claims the right on the payment of tax, the receipt for such tax, if signed by the proper officer, shall be the evidence thereof; if such person does not produce such receipt, then payment of the tax may be proved by the oath of such person, or other evidence, stating when, where and to whom such tax was paid.

God save the Commonwealth.

JACOB K. SHAFER, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Stroudsburg, Oct. 5, 1876.

NOTICE.

Believing that the only safe and fair way of dealing is on the cash system; for both buyer and seller, and thereby save money for the purchaser.

We hereby give notice that on and after October 1st, we will sell goods only on the cash basis.

Thankful to our friends for past favors, we solicit a continuance of their patronage. GEO. G. STAUFFER & CO., East Stroudsburg, Sept. 7-2m.

Caution!—Take Notice!

The public are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting any person under any pretense whatever, from this date, on my account, as I am determined to resist, to the full extent of the law, the payment of all debts contracted by any one in my name without regard to person, except upon my written order.

CHARLES U. WARNICK, Stroudsburg, Pa. Aug. 24, 1876.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

Examination of Teachers will be held as follows: In Middle Smithfield, at Coolboughs, on Saturday, September 16th. In Jackson, at Jackson Corners, on Wednesday, September 20th. In Smithfield, at Craig's Meadows, on Saturday, September 23rd. In Pocono, at M. Miller's on Saturday, September 30th. In Hamilton, at Snydersville, on Monday, Oct. 2d. In Cheshnut Hill, at Brodheads, on Tuesday, October 3d. In Polk, at Gilbert's, on Wednesday, October 4th. In Eldred, at Kunkelton, on Thursday, Oct. 5th. In Ross, at Stockers, on Friday, Oct. 6th. In Stroud, at Stroudsburg, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Special examinations at Stroudsburg, on Oct. 10th, and 26th, at the residence of Superintendent. Time, 9 a. m. Sept. 14-76. E. F. MOREY, Sup't.

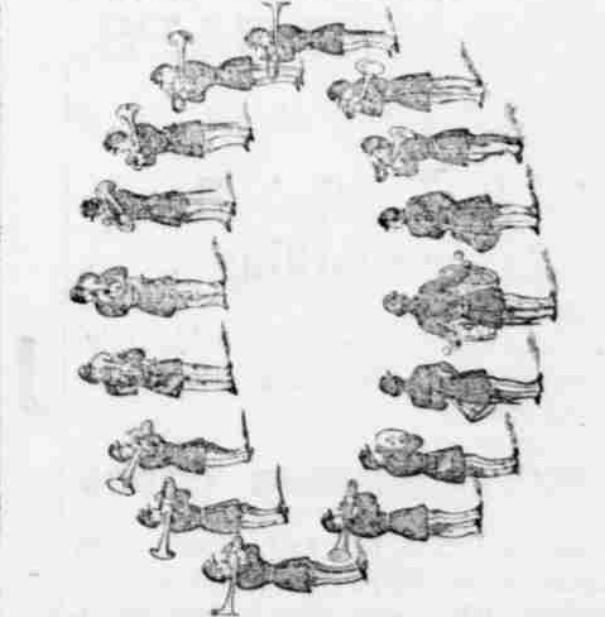
A CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

A Classical School for both sexes will be opened in the basement of the Lutheran Church, at Stroudsburg Pa. The aim of this school is: First, to furnish a practical education for the ordinary pursuits of life; Secondly, to give special attention to the classics and higher English studies; Thirdly, to prepare young men for Colleges and Universities. No efforts will be spared to make our school-room the most attractive in the county. Our work must be completed. Tuition per term of ten weeks (common English branches), \$3.00. Latin, Greek and German, each one dollar per term extra. The first session begins on Monday, October 16, 1876. For particulars address the Principal, GEO. G. KUNKLE, A. M., Stroudsburg, Pa. or Rev. J. KOHLER, Stroudsburg, Pa. REFERENCES: Rev. F. A. Muhlenberg, Altoona; Rev. J. Kohler, Hon. J. R. Storm, A. O. Greenwood, J. Appenzeller, Stroudsburg, Pa. Stroudsburg, Sept. 21, 1876.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF FISH BASKETS.

Notice is hereby given to all persons owners of Fish Baskets, Keddels, Eel-weirs, and other contrivances to catch fish in the River Delaware, or other streams of Monroe County, to remove the same within ten days, as the same are known to exist and are declared common nuisances, and if not removed or dismantled before that time, I shall proceed to do so, as directed by the act of Assembly made for the protection of Fish, &c. passed May 24, 1871. JACOB K. SHAFER, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Stroudsburg, Oct. 2, 1876.

MUSIC!



The Stroudsburg Cornet Band

Seventeen Members, in Full New Uniform, offers its services, during the season, to play at

Pic Nics, in Processions and at Political Meetings, at reasonable rates. For particulars, &c., call on our address, either S. D. ROBERTSON, Democrat Office, or F. W. BORN, Born's Barber Shop, Stroudsburg, July 29th, 1876.