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Business Cards,

[illegible] Physician and Dentist, Berlin [illegible] prompt attention to all cases [illegible]

[illegible] HILLER has permanently located [illegible] for the practice of his profession.—[illegible] Charles Kreisinger's store.

[illegible] POSTLETHWAITE, ATTORNEY [illegible] Pa. Professional business [illegible] and promptly attended [illegible]

[illegible] ATTORNEY AT LAW, Somerset, Penna.

[illegible] HAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW [illegible] Somerset, Pa., will [illegible] entrusted to his care will [illegible] promptly. aug. 12-ly.

[illegible] H. KOONTZ, ATTORNEY AT [illegible] Somerset, Pa., will give prompt attention [illegible] entrusted to his care in Somerset [illegible] Office in the Jail [illegible]

[illegible] Alexander H. Coffroth has [illegible] practice of law in Somerset and [illegible] Office in the Recorder's office.

[illegible] ATTORNEY AT LAW, SOMERSET, PA., [illegible] promptly attend to all business [illegible] Money advanced on collection [illegible] on Main street.

[illegible] & G. BAER, ATTORNEYS AT [illegible] Pa., will practice in Somerset [illegible] All business entrusted to them will be promptly attended to.

[illegible] ATTORNEYS AT [illegible] Pa., Office in Baer's [illegible] aug. 12-ly.

[illegible] COLLINS, DENTIST, Somerset, [illegible] the front part of Jail, up stairs, [illegible] is now prepared to do all kinds of work in his profession, in the best manner and at as low prices as the same can be done for anywhere in the State. All operations warranted. All operations warranted. June 7, '73.

[illegible] M. FRY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, [illegible] will attend to all business entrusted to him in Somerset and adjoining counties promptly. Office in Court House. [illegible]

[illegible] SCULL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, [illegible] Claim Agent, Somerset, Pa. [illegible]

PAUL S. GAITHER, [illegible] & GAITHER, Attorneys at Law, Somerset, Pa. All professional business [illegible] Office in "Mammoth Block," [illegible] H. Baer's drug store.

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W. H. RUPPEL. [illegible] & RUPPEL, ATTORNEYS AT [illegible] Somerset and the adjoining counties will be promptly attended to. Office in the Mansion House, Main st., Somerset, Pa. [illegible]

[illegible] KIMMEL will continue to practice [illegible] the professional services of Somerset and surrounding counties. Office in the Jail [illegible]

[illegible] SHUMAKER tenders his professional services to the citizens of Somerset and vicinity. Office, one door west of the Herald office. [illegible]

[illegible] GOOD, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON, SOMERSET, PA. [illegible] in Mammoth Block.

DENTISTRY. [illegible] & Bills still continue the practice of Dentistry, [illegible] are prepared to perform all operations in the best manner and at as low prices as the same can be done anywhere in the State. [illegible] on the 8th of every month, at Stoneycreek House, [illegible] and teeth extracted with [illegible]

[illegible] BARTLEY & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, EXCHANGE PLACE, BALTIMORE. [illegible] on consignments and [illegible]

[illegible] HOUSE.—The undersigned respectfully informs the public that he has leased this well known hotel in the borough of Somerset, and has fitted it up in all things, replenishing, cleaning and painting, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit a share of the public patronage. Give him a call. JOHN BULL.

[illegible] G. MILLER, after twelve [illegible] practice in Shanksville, has permanently located at Somerset for the practice of his profession. He will attend to all business entrusted to him in Somerset and vicinity.—Office, Main St., opposite the Herald office, where he can be consulted at all times when not professionally engaged. [illegible] promptly answered.

[illegible] A. WALKER, [illegible] County, Pa., Real Estate Agent, will buy and sell real estate, make collections, locate lands [illegible] Tioga and Nicholls counties, [illegible] Office, Bedford, Thayer [illegible] April 2.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JOHNSTOWN

SAVINGS . BANK.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 1, 1873.

RESOURCES.

Loans on Real Estate	$125,780 15
Johnstown Borough Bonds	6,020 00
Conemaugh Borough Bonds	4,068 00
Loans on Collateral	5,000 00
Safe	400 00
Cash on hand $ 8,769 68	
Cash in National Banks 14,894 80	
United States 6-20 ct. Bonds 15,000 00	
Pittsburg City 7 p. ct. Bonds 25,000 00	
	$ 59,454 88
	$212,723 03

LIABILITIES.

Amount due Depositors	$202,229 38
December Dividend due	4,971 89
Contingent	5,521 76
	$212,723 03

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF CAMBRIA, } ss.

I, Frank Dibert, Treasurer of the Johnstown Savings Bank, do solemnly affirm the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK DIBERT, Treasurer.

Sworn and Subscribed before me.

A. MONTGOMERY, Notary Public.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that they have carefully inspected the above Treasurer's report, for the last year, ending November 30, 1873, and have examined the assets of the Bank, consisting of Bonds, Mortgages, Judgments, Loans upon Real Estate, Cash in Bank and on hand, and find the same to correspond with the report.

P. W. HAY, JAMES McMILLEN, H. A. BOOSE, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL.

Number of Depositors	1,404
Number of Open Accounts	1,663
Average to each Depositor	$150 79
Adults	928
Minors	478
Male	1,017
Female	387
Rate of Dividends for 1871	5 per cent.
Rate of Dividends for 1872 and 1873	6 per cent.
Loans on Collateral	$ 5,000 00
Market Value of Collateral $ 10,000 00	
Loans on Real Estate	$125,780 15
Value of Real Estate $286,471 00	
Security Value of buildings thereon 229,309 00	
	515,321 00

Loans upon Real Estate are based upon the value of the land alone; buildings upon it being regarded merely as an additional security. [illegible]

Geo. E. Coffroth & Co., WHOLESALE DEALERS IN TOBACCO SNUFFS AND CIGARS, 330 Baltimore St., Second Door West of Howard, BALTIMORE, MD. [illegible]

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STARTING OUT! A Story of the Ohio Hills, by Alexander Clerk, begins in the January No. (1874) issue of The Schoolday Magazine, now ready. There is also in the same number "Paul Brewster's Secret," a Thrilling Temperance Dialogue; a Comfort Shadow Pantomime; Prof. Simmons' Initial article on "How to Say Things;" a laughable burlesque for the Little Folks, called The Howling Gyasbeulite; a new piece of music by the author of "Listen to the Mocking Bird," besides numerous other interesting articles by gifted and popular writers. Terms, $1 00 a year, and a choice of one of three $2 00 Steel Engravings free to each subscriber. Specimen Subscription, 10 cents. Send 2 cent stamp for specimen number, and say where you saw this advertisement. Address J. W. DAUGHADAY & CO., Publishers, Philadelphia, Pa. jan14

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A baby's boot, and a skein of wool,
Faded and soiled, and soft;
Odd things, you say, and no doubt you're right,
Round a seaman's neck this stormy night,
Up in the yards aloft.

Most likely it's folly, but, mate, look here;
When first I went to sea,
A woman stood on the far off strand,
With a wedding ring on the small, soft hand
Which clung so close to me.

My wife, God bless her! The day before,
She sat beside my foot;
And the sunlight kissed her yellow hair,
And the dainty fingers, deft and fair,
Knitted a baby's boot.

The voyage was over; I came ashore;
What, think you, found I there?
A grave the daisies had sprinkled white;
A cottage empty and dark as night,
And this beside the chair.

The little boot, 'twas unfinished still;
The tangled skein lay near;
But the knitter had gone away to rest,
With the babe asleep on her quiet breast,
Down in the church-yard drear.

From Cassell's Magazine.

NEW ELECTION LAW.

Full Text of the Act as passed by Legislature and signed by the Governor.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BY ASSESSORS IN JUNE OF EVERY YEAR.

A further supplement to the act regulating elections in this Commonwealth.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c.—That it shall be the duty of each of the assessors who are required to perform any duties incident to the holding of elections and the registration of voters in the different counties or cities of this Commonwealth, on the first Monday of June of each year, to take up the transcript of the next preceding assessment as transmitted to them by the city or county commissioners, and proceed to the revision of the same, and for this purpose he shall visit every dwelling house in this district, and make careful inquiry if any person whose name is on his list has died or removed from the district, and if so to erase the same therefrom; or whether any qualified voter resides therein whose name is not on his list, and if so to add the same thereto, and in all cases where a name is added to the list the person shall forthwith be assessed, and the assessor shall in all cases ascertain by inquiry upon what ground the person so assessed claims to be a voter. Upon the completion of this work it shall be the duty of each assessor as aforesaid to proceed to make out a list, in alphabetical order, of the male citizens twenty one years of age and upwards claiming to be qualified voters in the election district of which he is the assessor, and opposite each of said names state whether said citizen is or is not a housekeeper, and if he is, the number of his residence in towns where the same are numbered, with the street, alley or court in which situated, and if in a town where there are no numbers, the name of the street, alley or court on which said house fronts, also the occupation of the person, and where he is not a housekeeper the occupation, place of boarding, and with whom, and, if working for another, the name of the employer, and write opposite each of said names the word "voter." Where any person claims to vote by reason of naturalization he shall exhibit his certificate thereof to the Assessor unless he has been for two consecutive years next preceeding a voter in said district; and in all cases where the person has been naturalized the name shall be marked with the letter "N." Where the person has merely declared his intentions to become a citizen and designs to be naturalized before the next election he shall exhibit the certificate of his declaration of intention and the name shall be marked "D I," and where the person shall be entitled by existing laws to be naturalized without making a declaration of his intention to be naturalized, and intends to be naturalized at least one month before the next general election, the name of such person shall be added to the list, and the name of such persons shall be marked "I N." Where the claim is to vote by reason of being of the age of twenty-one and under twenty-two as provided by law, the word "age" shall be entered; and if the person has moved into the election district to reside since the last general election, the letter "R" shall be placed opposite the name. It shall be the further duty of each assessor, as aforesaid, upon the completion of the duties herein imposed to make out a separate list of all new assessments made by him. On the list being completed and the assessments made as aforesaid the same shall forthwith be returned to the County Commissioners.

CORRECTION OF REGISTRATION—NEGLECT OF DUTY BY ASSESSORS.

SEC. 2. The county commissioners shall immediately add the names on the list of new assessments to the tax duplicate of the ward, borough, township or district in which they have been assessed, and cause duplicate copies of the other list, with the observations and explanations required to be noted as aforesaid to be made out as soon as practicable, and placed in the hands of the assessors, who shall, prior to the first Monday of August in each year, put one copy thereof on the door of or on the house where the election of the respective district is required to be held, and retain the other in his possession for the inspection, free of charge, of any person resident in the said election district who shall desire to see the same; and it shall be the duty of the said assessor to add from time to time, on the personal application of any one claiming the right to vote, the name of such claimant, and mark opposite the name "C. V." and immediately assess him, noting as in all other cases his occupation, residence, whether a boarder or housekeeper; if a boarder with whom he boards, and whether naturalized or designing to be, marking in all cases opposite the name the letters "N," "D I," or "I N," as the case may be. If the person claiming to be assessed be naturalized, he shall exhibit to the assessor his certificate of naturalization, and if he claims that he designs to be naturalized before the next ensuing election he shall exhibit the certificate of his declaration of intention, if such previous declaration is required by the laws of the United States. It shall be the duty of the said assessor to be present at the election house of the said election districts, during the two secular days next preceding the day fixed by the third section of this act for returning the list to the county commissioners from ten A. M. to three P. M., and from six P. M. to nine P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon application to be made under the provisions of this section, or relating to names upon said list, or that are sought to be placed thereon or struck therefrom; and it shall be his duty to correct said lists by adding thereto the names of persons entitled to vote not already thereon, and by striking therefrom fictitious names or names of persons who may have died or removed from said district; and the said lists shall be open for inspection by any qualified elector of the county or ward in which the election district is situated, as well as by the person claiming to be registered; and the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county, or any law judge thereof at chambers, on the application of any qualified elector of the ward or county under oath, setting forth a breach of any of the duties imposed on said assessor by this act, which oath may be made at any time before the day of election, shall call the assessor and the complainant before him by citation or rule, to show cause, and shall hear the parties and dispose of the subject in a summary manner as to whom law and justice shall belong, and shall if need be order the assessor to correct the registry accordingly, and the said court or judge may enforce such order by attachment as in proceedings for contempt.

FINAL RETURN OF CORRECTED REGISTRY TO COMMISSIONERS.

SEC. 3. After the assessments have been completed, on the sixty-first day before the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in each year, the assessor shall on the following day make a return to the county commissioners of the names of all persons assessed by him since the return required to be made by him by the first section of this act, noting opposite each name the observations and explanations required to be noted as aforesaid, and the county commissioners shall thereupon cause the same to be added to the return required by the first section of this act, and a full and correct copy thereof to be made containing the names of all persons so returned as resident taxables in said election district, and furnish the same, together with the necessary election blanks, to the officers of the election in such election district on or before seven o'clock on the morning of the election; and no man shall be permitted to vote at the election on that day whose name is not on said list, unless he shall make proof of his right to vote as hereafter required.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS—THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 4. On the petition of five or more citizens of any election district setting forth that the appointment of overseers is a reasonable precaution to secure the purity and fairness of the election in said district, it shall be the duty of the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county, all the law judges of the said court able to act at the time concurring, to appoint two judicious, sober and intelligent citizens of the said district, belonging to different political parties, overseers of election, to supervise the proceedings of election officers therefor, and to make report of the same as they may be required by such court. Said overseers shall be persons qualified to serve upon election boards, and shall have the right to be present with the officers of such election during the whole time the same is held, the votes counted, and the returns made out and signed by the election officers, to keep a list of voters it they see proper, to challenge any person offering to vote, and interrogate him and his witnesses, under oath, in regard to his right of suffrage at said election, and to examine his papers produced; and the officers of said election are required to afford to said overseers so 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 misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisoned 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.

WHEN THE POLLS ARE TO BE KEPT OPEN.

SEC. 5. 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.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES AND INSPECTORS BY THE COURT.

SEC. 6. In all election districts where a vacancy exists by reason of the disqualification of the officer or otherwise in an election board heretofore appointed, or where any new district shall be formed; the Judge or Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the proper county shall, ten days before any general or special election, appoint competent persons to fill said vacancies, and to conduct the election in said new districts, and in the appointment of inspectors in any election district both shall not be of the same political party, and the judge of elections shall in all cases be of the political party having the majority of votes in said district as nearly as the said judge or judges can ascertain the fact, and in case of the disagreement of the judges as to the selection of inspectors the political majority of the judges shall select one of such inspectors, and the minority judge or judges shall elect the other.

SEC. 7. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in an election board on the morning of an election, said vacancy shall be filled in conformity with existing laws.

DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

SEC. 8. 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 therein 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.

SEC. 9. 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, the several tickets so voted shall 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 then 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 if 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 imprisonment not exceeding one year or both in the discretion of the court.

NON-REGISTERED VOTERS.

SEC. 10. On the day of election any person whose name shall not appear on the registry of voters, and who claims 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 has 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 native-born citizen thereof, and has removed therefrom and returned; that he has resided therein 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 United States, or if born elsewhere shall state the fact in his affidavit, and produce evidence that he has been naturalized, or 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, and in the election district two months immediately preceding such election, he shall be entitled to vote, although he shall not have paid taxes. The said affidavits of all persons making such claims and the affidavits of the witnesses to their residence shall be preserved by the election board, and at the close of the election they shall be enclosed 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 election officers shall find that the applicant possesses all the legal qualifications of a voter he shall be permitted to vote, and his name shall be added to the list of taxables by the election of 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.

CHALLENGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS.

SEC. 11. 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 persons, 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 five 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 day, 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 sons are entitled to vote because of the naturalization of their fathers, they and the person who shall offer such second vote shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof be fined or imprisoned, or both at the discretion of the court, but the fine shall not exceed five hundred dollars in each case, nor the imprisonment one year. The like punishment shall be afflicted on conviction of the officers of election who shall neglect or refuse to make or cause to be made the endorsement required as aforesaid on said naturalization certificate.

NEGLECT OF DUTY OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. If any election officer shall refuse or neglect to require such proof of the right of suffrage as prescribed by 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 guilty of misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced for every such offense to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to undergo an imprisonment not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

CANVASS OF THE VOTES BY THE COURT.

SEC. 13. 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 out 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 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 any officer 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 up on 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 unsealed 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 filed, and the day and hour of 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 said court; in counties where there is no resident president judge, the associate judges shall perform the duties imposed upon the court of common pleas, which shall convene for said purpose; the returns presented by the prothonotary shall be opened by said court, and computed by such of its officers and such sworn assistants as the court shall appoint, in the presence of the judge or judges of said court, and the returns certified and certificates of election issued under the seal of the court, as is now required to be done by return judges; and the vote as so computed and certified shall be made a matter of record in said court; the sessions of the said court shall be open to the public; and in case the return of any election district shall be missing when the returns are presented, or in case of complaint of a qualified elector, under oath, charging palpable fraud or mistake, and particularly specifying the alleged fraud or mistake, or where fraud or mistake is apparent on the return, the court shall examine the return, and if, in the judgment of the court, it shall be necessary to a just return, said court shall issue summary process against the election officers and overseers, if any, of the election district complained of, to bring them forthwith into court, with all election papers in their possession, and if palpable mistake or fraud shall be discovered, it shall, upon such hearing as may be deemed necessary to enlighten the court, be corrected by the court, and so certified; but all allegations of palpable fraud or mistake shall be decided by the said court within three days after the day the returns are brought into court for computation; and the said inquiry shall be directed only to palpable fraud or mistake, and shall not be deemed a judicial adjudication, to conclude any contest now or hereafter to be provided by law; and the other of said triplicate returns shall be placed in the box, and sealed up with the ballots. Nothing in this act shall require the returns of election of township or borough officers to be made to the court, as directed in this section, but all returns of the election of township or borough officers shall be enclosed in a sealed cover, directed to the Prothonetary of the court of common pleas of the proper county, and shall, by some one of them, be delivered into his office within three days after every such election and filed therein; in counties where there are three or more judges of said court, learned in the law, at least two judges shall sit to compute and certify returns unless unavoidably prevented; if any of the said judges shall himself be a candidate for any office at an election, he shall not sit with the court or act in counting the returns of such election; and in such cases, the other judges, if any shall act; and if in any county there shall be no judge qualified to hold the said court under the provisions of this act present and able to act, then and in every such case the register of wills, the sheriff and county commissioners of the proper county shall be and constitute a board, who, or a majority of whom, shall have and exercise all the powers and preform all the duties vested in or required to be performed by the court of common pleas of such county, by and under the provisions of this section, but none of the said officers shall act as a member of such board when himself a candidate for any office at the election, the returns of which the said board is required to count under the provisions of this section; the returns required by this act to be presented by the prothonotary of the courts of common pleas of the counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny, respectively, shall be presented to such three or more of the judges of the several courts of common pleas of said counties, respectively, as the judges of said courts, or a majority of them, may designate to perform the duty of receiving, computing and certifying said returns. When two or more counties are connected for the election of any officer, the courts of such counties shall each appoint a return judge, to meet at such time and place as required by law, to compute and certify the vote of such districts. 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 box 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 city 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 securely 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS TO FILL VACANCIES.

SEC. 14. That from and immediately after the passage of this act, the court of common pleas in the proper county, in election districts wherein assessors have not heretofore been elected, shall appoint one reputable person in each election district to be the assessor thereof, who shall preform all the duties relating to elections now required to be performed by assessors under the provisions of this act. Such assessors shall be appointed, as nearly as can be ascertained, from the party having a majority of the votes in their respective districts.

THE ENSUING FEBRUARY ELECTION.

SEC. 15. That at the election to be held on the third Tuesday of February next, and at the election annually thereafter, there shall be elected in each election district in the State, as well in those wherein the registration of voters has heretofore been made, by officers appointed, and not chosen by the people, to perform the duty, as in all others, one person as judge and two inspectors, in conformity with the general laws of the Commonwealth, to conduct the elections for one year; and also an assessor, who shall perform the duties incident to elections, as required by the provisions of this act.

REGISTRATION FOR FEBRUARY ELECTION.

SEC. 16.