A Short Catechism in Finance and Politics.

What is a Government bond?—Answer. A printed obligation of the Government to pay a certain number of dollars, with interest.

What is a greenback?—A. A Government note promising to pay the bearer one or more dollars, without interest.

What is a dollar?—A. A United States Government coin, worth 100 cents.

If a man takes up his own note and gives a new note of his own making for the old note, is the debt thereby paid?—A. It is not; the obligation is renewed, but not paid.

If the Government takes up one form of its obligation and gives another for it, is the debt thereby paid?—A. It is not; the obligation to pay is renewed in another form.

Can the Government pay its bonds in greenbacks?—A. It cannot, any more than a man can pay his own note by giving a new note for the old one.

If A. holds B's note, drawing interest at 6 per cent, per annum, and B., when called upon for payment, should offer to pay his note to A. by giving him a new note, drawing no interest, what would all honest men think of B, and his proposition?—A. They would think that B. was either a fool or a knave, and his proposition the emanation of a weak minded or dishonest man.

A greenback being a Government note, promising to pay dollars, what gives it value?—A. The general belief that the Government will fulfill its promise.

Why is the greenback worth more now than during the late war of the rebellion?—A. Because of the near approach of the time when the Government will fulfill its promise, and the belief that the Government will be able to pay in coin for all the greenbacks that will be presented for payment after the 1st day of January, 1879.

How much would it add to the value of greenbacks if the Government would receive them in payment of customs duties?—A. Not more than from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$ of a cent on a dollar at the most.

If during the war, when greenbacks were worth thirty-five cents in gold coin, the Government had passed a law making them receivable for customs duties, would that have made greenbacks worth as much as gold?—A. It would not; such a law could have increased their value but a few cents on the dollar at most.

What will make greenbacks always worth as much as coin?—A. Making them redeemable in coin on demand.

Cannot it be done in any other manner?—A. It cannot for any great length of time.

What is money?—A. Coin.

Has not the Government the power to make money of paper by law and keep it equal with coin?—A. It has no power to make money of paper or to keep paper equal in value with coin unless it be exchangeable for coin.

Is not a greenback money?—A. It is not money; it is a promise to pay money.

Is not a greenback just as good as coin if made a legal tender for all debts?—A. It is not. There are other uses for money besides paying debts, and unless greenbacks are to be payable in coin they must necessarily be at a discount, greater or less, according to circumstances.

Is there enough paper currency in the country?—A. There is.

How can we tell when there is too much paper currency in the country?—A. When there is no coin in circulation it is an indication that there is too much paper afloat. When there is too much paper in circulation it becomes depreciated in value below coin, and the coin is hoarded.

Why did the Government pass a law refusing to accept greenbacks and demanding payment of customs duties in coin?—A. Because the Government needed the coin to pay the interest on its bonds, and this was the simplest and easiest way to get it. And Congress during the war did not wish to place itself at the mercy of the gold gamblers every time its payments of interest were due.

Way not pay the interest on the Government bonds in greenbacks?—A. Because greenbacks are not money, and the Government must in the end pay money for its obligations, both principal and interest. It can not honestly forever refuse to pay its obligations and continue exchanging one obligation for another for all time.

If the national banking system was destroyed and the Government issued all the paper currency of the country, the amount being equal to that of its bonds issued since the commencement of the late civil war, what would be the result?—A. The country would be flooded with depreciated paper, prices of everything would be unsettled, confidence and credit would be destroyed, fortunes would be made and lost on paper, all coin would be hoarded, and all shrewd business men would prepare for the final crash, which would be inevitably sooner or later.

Why is not a greenback based on the resources of the Nation the best paper currency in the world?—A. Because it is based simply on the policy and will of political parties in Congress assembled, and in the event of the policy of Congress being controlled by those who once fought to destroy the country the value of the greenback would be greatly imperiled, and might be destroyed, by adverse legislation.

Why have so many honest people adopted the greenback or "national" scheme concerning national finances?—A. Because they have not thoroughly examined the other side of the question.

What is the principal plank in the National Greenback Labor platform?—A. Communism.

Who are the most conspicuous bright and shining lights in the new party?—A. Butler, of the Atlantic coast, and Communist Kearney, of the Pacific coast.

For what are they chiefly noted?—A. Demagogism, office-seeking and ranting.

Road Agents Arrested.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 15.—Douglass Goodale, son of a wealthy and highly respected citizen of Atlantic, in this State, was arrested at his father's residence in this place, on Sunday, as one of the highwaymen who robbed the Black Hill stage coach a few weeks ago, stealing $30,000 and killing two men. Two of the robbers were caught on the Platte river, on Saturday, and hanged until they confessed; then they were left hanging. Detectives followed Goodale and arrested him Sunday. Ten thousand dollars and three gold watches belonging to Goodale were found in his father's safe. Three other men, whose names are unknown, were arrested at Adair, in this State, for the same crime to-day.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

BOSTON, October 8.—A serious accident occurred this evening on the Old Colony railroad to a crowded excursion train which was returning from the Silver Lake rowing match between Reagan, of Boston, and Davis, of Portland. The train of twenty cars went off the track. It is rumored that 42 persons were killed.

WOOLASTON, Mass., October 8.—An excursion train consisting of nineteen passenger cars and an English coach car and freight car met with a terrible accident a mile and a half north of Quincy, Mass., about 7.15 this evening. The train was loaded with passengers coming from the Davis and Reagan boat race at Silver Lake. The cause of the accident is attributed to jumping a switch or jumping the track. The three forward cars, including the English cab which contained Reagan, the carsman, and reporters and backers of the boatmen, were piled upon each other. Reagan is reported killed and Mr. G. G. Kimball, of the associated press slightly bruised. It is impossible at the present time to give an estimate of the killed and wounded. It is thought that twenty were killed and double that number wounded.

BOSTON, October 8.—A dispatch received at the police headquarters places the number at 10 killed and 150 injured.

PARTICULARS OF THE DISASTER.

NEW YORK, October 9.—A dispatch from Boston about the terrible railroad accident on the Old Colony railroad, near Quincy, Mass., yesterday, says: Both engines and six cars left the track, and, propelled upon each other by the terrible momentum of the cars behind, were ground into each other, overturned and wrecked. Three were smashed into atoms. On the track was a telegraph operator named M'Farland, and as soon as the accident happened he cut the wire and telegraphed to this city. The news spread everywhere instantly, and before eight o'clock a crowd of ten thousand persons were gathered on the streets about the depot. One hundred policemen were quickly summoned and formed a cordon around the building to prevent the depot from being filled. Hundreds of these persons had friends aboard the train, and were frantic in their inquiries for their safety. The newspaper offices were thronged all the evening with those who brought rumors or sought information. The wildest excitement prevailed until the arrival of the wrecking trains, which were sent out accompanied by the superintendent and other officers of the road and by a corps of surgeons and a large number of stretchers.

The accident occurred at the Woolaston gravel pits, where there is a sloping embankment of some twenty feet. The conductor had ordered the brakes applied, and the engineer of the second engine had applied a pressure of 15 pounds when he felt his engine leave the track. He denies that there was a loose rail or misplaced switch, and does not attempt to explain the cause of the accident. His engine pulled the first from the track, and both plunged down the embankment. The baggage car, which immediately followed, was pushed along the track and left standing. The compartment car struck the corner of the second tender and had its entire side torn out. In this there were boating men and their ladies, and reporters and every person on the left hand side of the car was either killed or badly injured. The next car was hurled to the other side of the track and broken in two. The three following cars plunged down the bank and piled upon each other in one mass of broken timbers, with hundreds of people dead, dying and terribly hurt, jammed together in inextricable confusion. Those in the cars at the rear experienced a slight shock as of a sudden stop, but sat quietly for fully fifteen minutes before ascertaining that there was any serious trouble.

The death list up to noon to-day comprises nineteen persons.

GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections within this Commonwealth," it is enjoined upon me to give public notice of all elections and to enumerate in said notice what officers are to be elected; I, GEORGE W. PILE, Sheriff of the county of Somerset, do hereby make known and give this public notice to the electors of the county of Somerset, that a General Election will be held in said county on Tuesday, the

Fifth day of November, 1878,

the same being the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November.

The electors of the Borough of Confluence to meet at the Council Chamber, in said borough.

The electors of the borough and election district No. 1 of Somerset township to meet at the Court House, in said borough.

The electors of election district No. 2 of Somerset township to meet at the house and shop of Perry Umberger, in Stoystown.

The electors of the township of Milford to meet at the house lately occupied by Thomas King, in said township.

The electors of the township of New Centreville to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Upper Turkeyfoot to meet at the house of John A. Shultz, in said township.

The electors of the township of Lower Turkeyfoot to meet at the school house in Upper Turkeyfoot township.

The electors of the borough of Ursina to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Addison to meet at the school house in Petersburg.

The electors of the township of Middlecreek to meet at the house occupied by Aaron Hoehler, in said township.

The electors of the township of Elklick to meet at the school house in the borough of Sellersburg.

The electors of the borough of Salisbury to meet at the new school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Somerset to meet at the schoolhouse in Dale City.

The electors of the borough of Berlin to meet at the council chamber in said borough.

The electors of the township of Brothersvalley to meet at the school house in said township.

The electors of the township of Stonycreek to meet at the school house at Shanksville, in said township.

The electors of the township of Stonycreek to meet at the house formerly occupied by Henry J. Miller, in said township.

The electors of the township of Quemahoning to meet at the house of Jacob Custer, in Stoystown.

The electors of the township of Allegheny to meet at the house of Albert Hillegas, in said township.

The electors of the borough of New Baltimore to meet at the house of ——, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Conemaugh to meet at the house of Peter Levy, in said township.

The electors of the township of Shade to meet at the house of Jacob Hay, in said township.

The electors of the township of Paint to meet at the school house erected on the lands of Mary, Berkey, in said township.

The electors of the township of Jenner to meet at the house of Thos. Gallagher, at Jenner Cross Roads, in said township.

The electors of the township of Jefferson to meet at the house of Solomon Bauer, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Jennerville to meet at the school house in said borough.

At which time and places the qualified voters will elect by ballot:

ONE PERSON for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for Judge of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ONE PERSON for the office of Member of the House of Representatives of the United States for the Fourth District of Pennsylvania, composed of the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset.

ONE PERSON for the office Senator of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the District composed of the Counties of Bedford, Fulton and Somerset.

TWO PERSONS for Members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Prothonotary of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Sheriff of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office Register and Recorder of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Treasurer of Somerset County.

THREE PERSONS for the office of Commissioner of Somerset County.

ONE PERSON for the office of Poor House Director of Somerset County.

THREE PERSONS for the office of Auditor of Somerset County.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is hereby directed to the 8th Article of the New Constitution.

SECTION 1. Every male citizen twenty-one 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 removed therefrom 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.

SEC. 2. All the 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 election officers opposite the name of the elector who presents the ballot. 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. The election officers sall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted unless required to do so as witnesses in a judicial proceeding.

SEC. 3. Electors shall in all cases except treason, felony and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the elections and in going to and returning therefrom.

SEC. 4. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States or by the authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections by the citizens, under such regulations as are or shall be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of election.

SEC. 7. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of voters shall be uniform throughout the State, but no district shall be deprived of the privilege of voting by reason of his name not being registered.

SEC. 8. Any person who shall give, or promise or offer to give, to an elector, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, or who shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote or for the withholding thereof, and by elector who shall receive or agree to receive, for himself or for another, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same shall thereby forfeit the right to vote at such election, and any elector whose right to vote shall be challenged for such cause before the election officers, shall be required to swear or affirm that the matter of the challenge is untrue before his vote shall be received.

SEC. 9. Any person who shall, while a capable elector, be convicted of bribery, fraud, or willful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding an office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth, and any person convicted of willful violation of the election laws shall, in addition to any penalties provided by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

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SEC. 11. At their election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen annually by the citizens. Each elector shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall vote for one judge.

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If any person shall prevent or attempt to prevent any officer of an election enter this act from holding such election, or use or threaten any violence to any such officer, and shall interrupt or improperly interfere with him in the execution of his duty, shall block up or attempt to block up the windows or avenues to any room where such meeting may be holden, or shall riotously disturb the peace of such election, or shall use or practice intimidation, threats, force or violence, with the design to influence unduly or overawe any elector, or prevent him from voting, or to restrain the freedom of choice, such person on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be imprisoned for any time not less than one nor more than twelve months, and if it shall be shown to the court where the trial of such offence shall be had, that such person so offending was not a resident of the city, ward or district where the said offence was committed, and not entitled to vote therein, on conviction, he shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than one hundred or more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than two years.

"If any person or persons shall make any bet or wager upon the result of an election within the Commonwealth, or shall offer to make any such bet or wager, either by verbal proclamation in the street or by any written or printed advertisement, or invite any person or persons to make such bet or wager, upon conviction thereof he or they shall forfeit and pay three times the amount so bet or offered to be bet.

And the election laws of the Commonwealth further provide that "The Inspectors, Judges and clerks shall, before entering on the duties of their offices, severally take and subscribe the oath or affirmation hereinafter directed, which shall be administered to them by any Judge, Alderman or Justice of the Peace; but if no such magistrate be present, one of the inspectors of the election shall administer the oath or affirmation to the other judge, and inspector, and then the inspector so qualified shall administer the oath or affirmation to him.

The inspectors, judge and clerks required by law to hold the township and general elections, shall take and subscribe the several oaths or affirmations, required by the 18th, 20th and 21st sections of the act of the 2d day of July, 1839, entitled "An act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," which oaths or affirmations shall be prepared and administered in the manner prescribed in the 18th and 22d sections of the said act, and in addition to the power conferred by the 18th section of said act, the judge or either of the inspectors shall have power to administer the oaths prescribed by said act to any clerk of a general or special or township election.

The following shall be the form of the oath or affirmation to be taken by each inspector, viz: "I (A. B.) do——that I will duly attend to the ensuing election during the continuance thereof, as an inspector and that I will not receive any ticket or vote from any person, other than such as I shall firmly believe to be, according to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth, entitled to vote at such election, without requiring such evidence of the right to vote as is directed by law, nor will I wantonly delay or refuse to receive any vote from any person who I shall believe to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, but that I will in all things, truly, impartially and faithfully perform my duty therein, to the best of my judgment and abilities, and that I am not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election."

The following shall be the form of the oath or affirmation to be taken by each clerk, viz: "I (A. B.) do——that I will impartially and truly write down the name of each elector who shall vote at the ensuing election, which shall be given me in charge, and also the name of the township, ward or district wherein such elector resides, and carefully and truly write down the number of votes that shall be given to each person for each office, which I am appointed to write, and that I will not disclose how any elector shall have voted unless required to do so as a witness in a judicial proceeding. All which I do solemnly swear (or affirm) to perform to the best of my judgment and ability and that I am not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election."

No person shall be qualified to serve as an election officer who shall hold, or shall within two months have held any office, or appointment or employment in or under the government of the United States or of this State, or of any city, or county, or of any municipal board, commission or trust in any city save only justices of the peace and aldermen, notaries public and persons in the military service of the State; nor shall any election officer be eligible to any civil office to be filled at any election at which he shall be serving as such, other than to any subordinate municipal or local offices, below the grade of city or county officers, as shall be designated by general law.

And also by the following acts of Assembly now in force in this State, viz:

Act of June 30th, 1874. SEC. 5. At all elections hereafter held under the laws of this Commonwealth, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and closed at 7 o'clock p. m.

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.

The said act of Assembly entitled "an act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," passed July 2, 1836, provides as follows, viz:

"That the inspectors and judges shall meet at the respective places appointed for holding the elections in the district at which they respectively belong, before 7 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, November 21, and each said inspector shall appoint one clerk, who shall be a qualified voter of such district.

"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 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 board 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 the office shall have been elected, present at the place of election, shall elect one of their number to fill such vacancy.

The act of 30th of July, 1874, further provides, viz:

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 write 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 it is received. And any voter voting two or more tickets, or who shall have voted a ticket which shall not be numbered with the number corresponding with the number by 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 the 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 and clerks of any election held under this act, shall, before entering upon their duties, be duly sworn or affirmed in the presence of each other. If there shall be no judge present, the inspectors present shall appoint one of their number judge for the day. If there shall be no majority 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 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 other person so refuse or fail, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both at the discretion of the court.

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 of the right of the said claimant in the district in which he claims to be a voter, for the period of at least two months immediately preceding said election, and make proof on the oath or affirmation of such witness of the facts stated by him, which affirm "I shall declare clearly where the residence of the person 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 a 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 the election; that he has not moved into the district for the purpose of voting therein; that he has, if twenty-one 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 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 said affiant shall state in his affidavit that the same has been lost or destroyed, or if 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 shall produce evidence that he has been naturalized or that he is entitled to naturalization 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 immediately two months 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 qualifications shall be preserved by the inspectors, and at the close of the election they shall be enclosed with the list of voters, duly list and other papers required by law to be filed by the prothonotary of the proper county, of that county, and shall remain of record in his office.

The following shall be the form of the oath or affirmation to be taken by each inspector, viz: "I (A. B.) do——that I will duly attend to the ensuing election during the continuance thereof, as an inspector and that I will not receive any ticket or vote from any person, other than such as I shall firmly believe to be, according to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth, entitled to vote at such election, without requiring such evidence of the right to vote as is directed by law, nor will I wantonly delay or refuse to receive any vote from any person who I shall believe to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, but that I will in all things, truly, impartially and faithfully perform my duty therein, to the best of my judgment and abilities, and that I am not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election.

The following shall be the form of the oath or affirmation to be taken by each clerk, viz: "I (A. B.) do——that I will impartially and truly write down the name of each elector who shall vote at the ensuing election, which shall be given me in charge, and also the name of the township, ward or district wherein such elector resides, and carefully and truly write down the number of votes that shall be given to each person for each office, which I am appointed to write, and that I will not disclose how any elector shall have voted, unless required to do so as a witness in a judicial proceeding. All which I do solemnly swear (or affirm) to perform to the best of my judgment and ability and that I am not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of this election."

No. 2. That 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 where he offers to vote; and on the vote of such person being received, the election officers are to write or stamp the word "voted" on his certificate 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 except where sons are entitled to vote, because of the naturalization of their father, they and the person who shall offer such second vote, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall 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 inflicted, on conviction, on 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.

SEC. 12. 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 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 a misdemeanor, and shall 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 both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 13. All the 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 election officers opposite the name of the elector who presents the ballot. 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. The election officers sall be sworn or affirmed not to disclose how any elector shall have voted unless required to do so as witnesses in a judicial proceeding.

SEC. 14. Electors shall in all cases except treason, felony and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the elections and in going to and returning therefrom.

SEC. 15. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States or by the authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections by the citizens, under such regulations as are or shall be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of election.

SEC. 16. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of voters shall be uniform throughout the State, but no district shall be deprived of the privilege of voting by reason of his name not being registered.

SEC. 17. Any person who shall give, or promise or offer to give, to an elector, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, or who shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote or for the withholding thereof, and by elector who shall receive or agree to receive, for himself or for another, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same shall thereby forfeit the right to vote at such election, and any elector whose right to vote shall be challenged for such cause before the election officers, shall be required to swear or affirm that the matter of the challenge is untrue before his vote shall be received.

SEC. 18. Any person who shall, while a capable elector, be convicted of bribery, fraud, or willful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding an office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth, any person convicted of willful violation of the election laws shall, in addition to any penalties provided by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

SEC. 19. For the purpose of voting no person shall be deemed to have gained a residence by reason of his presence, or not it by reason of his business, while employed in the service, either civil or military, of this State, of the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of the State or of the United States, or on the high seas; nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept in any poor house or other asylum at public expense, nor while confined in public prison.

SEC. 20. 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 it is received. And any voter voting two or more tickets, or who shall have voted a ticket which shall not be numbered with the number corresponding with the number by 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 the 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 and clerks of any election held under this act, shall, before entering upon their duties, be duly sworn or affirmed in the presence of each other. If there shall be no judge present, the inspectors present shall appoint one of their number judge for the day. If there shall be no majority 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 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 other person so refuse or fail, he shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 21. That it shall be the duty of the Sheriffs of the several counties of this Commonwealth to insert in their election proclamations hereafter, issued the first section of this act.

JAMES R. KELLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representative.
DAVID FLEMING,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the 13th day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

A. G. CURTIN.

FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

AND WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States, on the 31st day 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 the 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 or shall be otherwise entitled 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.

SEC. 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 is or shall be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification for voting, and by such constitution or laws any person or officer is or shall be charged with the performance of duties in furnishing to citizens an opportunity to perform such prerequisite, or to become qualified to vote, it shall be the duty of every such person and officer to give all citizens of the United States the same and equal opportunity to perform such prerequisites 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 in the case, with full costs and such reasonable counsel fee as the court shall determine 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 nor be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

The Legislature will take notice of the following act of Assembly, approved 12th day of March, 1866, an act Regulating the mode of voting at all elections in the several counties of this Commonwealth.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the qualified voters of the several counties of this Commonwealth at all general, township, borough and special elections are hereby, hereafter, authorized and required to vote, by tickets, printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, severally classified as follows: One ticket shall embrace the names of all judges of courts voted for, and to be labelled, outside "judiciary;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all State officers voted for, and be labelled "State;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all county officers voted for, including the office of Senator, member and members of Assembly, if any be voted for, and be labelled "county;" one ticket shall embrace the names of all township officers voted for, and be labelled "township;" and each ticket shall embrace the names of all borough officers voted for, and be labelled "borough;" and each class shall be deposited in separate ballot-boxes.

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