

From the synopsis of Gen. Koozle's remarks at the Conventions...

The regulars walk off with the oyster while the "kickers" take the shell, as usual.

And if General Coffroth should refuse to give the leaders the "glad hand", then what?

The Sheriff's office must pay when an ex-Sheriff can offer \$200 for a commission's proxy.

There was a singularly marked unanimity of opinion expressed at the Berkus-Shober-Kooser primary.

What has become of the champion affidavit makers that they do not seem that twenty-three members of the old County Committee participated in the fake Convention.

But Koozer had better leave an anchor overboard, otherwise his personal chairman—already imbued with the free silver doctrine—will turn him over to the "kickers" for a rump primary.

Thoroughly discredited by the voters at home it is hardly possible that Messrs. Shober, Kooser & Co., can dispose of their large stock of political gold bricks in other parts of the county.

The action of President McKinley's commissioner of pensions in dismissing those 500 examining surgeons whose chief occupation in the past four years has been to deprive old soldiers of their just pensions is generally commended.

Of course the books of the Shober, Kooser chairman are open to inspection, but it is dollars to doughnuts the chairman will not reveal the source of the money paid to self-appointed committees and others for holding the rump primary.

The third-wind argument of "Scull Ring" refuses to influence the Republican voters of the county.

Does any reasonable Republican in Somerset county for a moment imagine that J. D. Miller, John W. Moreland, Jas. M. Cover will not be admitted as delegates to the State Convention? We think not.

The Herald believes that the great majority of the Republican voters of the county are too loyal to party rules and party principles to be misled by the selfish ambition of would-be-politicians who are attempting to destroy the party organization.

They must turn the management of the party's affairs into other hands, acted as a boomerang among the Republican voters who have had their eyes opened in regard to the conduct of the Commissioners' office during the past six years.

That was a fine specimen of gold brick that our old friend Joseph Hankinson, of the borough of New Baltimore, sold Mr. Kooser.

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THE LEGISLATURE ENDED.

It Adjourned Finally on Thursday.

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THE NEW ROAD LAW IN BRIEF.

By the Act of July 1, 1897.

The new road law passed by the recent Legislature and approved by the Governor, which goes into effect in 1898, provides substantially as follows:

1. That at the February election in 1898 the Supervisors shall be elected for one for three years, one for two years and one for one year—no one shall be elected for three years each succeeding year thereafter.

2. These Supervisors shall levy the road tax for their respective townships. It shall not exceed ten mills.

3. Not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half shall be paid in money; balance in work.

4. Townships must be divided into road districts of not less than five miles to the district. A Roadmaster shall have charge of each district. He must give notice of performance of duties. Board of Supervisors shall fix wages paid Roadmaster and laborers.

5. The Board of Supervisors shall purchase all materials and let all contracts. Notice of contract lettings to be published in a newspaper or by twenty hand bills posted up.

6. Some crushers and other road machinery may be owned jointly by townships.

7. Treasurer of Road Fund shall give sufficient security.

8. Rebates allowed for prompt payment of tax. Penalties for non-payment after certain date. Treasurer's salary fixed by Board of Supervisors.

9. Five days' notice to be given all who may wish to work part of their tax. Failure to respond after five days' notice forfeits the right to work out the tax. The whole amount then to be collected in cash.

10. No public road hereafter made shall have a higher grade than three degrees.

11. Board of Supervisors to receive \$1.50 per day each for attending meetings of the Board.

12. Vacancies in Boards to be filled by appointment by the Judge of Court of Common Pleas.

13. Road accounts shall be audited by township Auditors annually.

14. Reports to be made by Board of Supervisors in March each year to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of tax levied and money expended.

15. The Board shall keep accurate minutes of their proceedings.

16. Supervisors shall not be interested financially in any contracts let, work done, or purchases made. Heavy penalty upon conviction.

17. Penalties for violations of any of the provisions of this act.

18. It is the duty of all persons to obey the provisions of this act.

19. The provisions of this act are to go into effect until a State appropriation of \$1,000,000 has been made to be expended on the roads. Said appropriation to be apportioned among the townships in proportion to the number of miles of road in each township. No township will receive more than its proportion. If the total amount is less than \$1,000,000, the amount shall be apportioned among the townships in proportion to the number of miles of road in each township.

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At His Own Home.

President McKinley visited Canton Friday—the first time since his inauguration for the purpose of spending the National Holiday—July 4th—with his venerable mother, and as he expressed it "to have a day of rest from the cares of the office."

The people of Canton welcomed the President a royal welcome upon his arrival. Monday evening the Presidential party returned to Washington. During the morning Mother McKinley met with a serious ailment. While walking on the porch a piece of straw carpeting slipped as she took a step, and she fell to the floor, striking her forehead on the edge of the door-step. Although 88 years old, she was not so stunned but that she was able to rise in a few moments and walk to a stand, where she washed away the blood that flowed from the wound, but under the light of the occurrence to Miss Helen McKinley, who happened in. The President's sister, however, instantly notified him that his mother was hurt, and finding a deep vein in her head, he did not wait to summon a messenger, but started in haste to secure a doctor. Mother McKinley continued to make light of the injury and insisted a little court play should be given in her honor. Her courage was admirable when the doctor found the cut so deep as to require sewing up. This she would have done without taking an anesthetic. All day she did not seem to be suffering from the shock and was resting easily.

Notice to All.

We have opened a new furniture store in the commodious west room of the Bar Block, Somerset, Pa., where we carry a complete line of household furniture such as Parlor and Bedroom Suits, Couches, Bed Lounges, Chairs, Tables, China Closets, Bookcases, etc. We also do all kinds of repair work, upholstery, etc.

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LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

The New Law Fixes the Days and Half Days to be Observed.

Gov. Hastings has approved the bill, designating the days and half days to be observed as holidays in Pennsylvania. Under the provisions of the new law, the following are to be observed as legal holidays in Pennsylvania: January 1, New Year's day; February 13, Lincoln's birthday; February 22, Washington's birthday; May 30, Memorial day; July 3, Independence day; first Monday of September, Labor day; first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, election day; Christmas day, and every Saturday after 12 o'clock noon.

The changes made by the new law follow: February 12, Lincoln's birthday, is made a legal holiday for the first time; the observance of the Memorial day, election day, is made a full holiday, instead of a half-holiday, as was provided by the act of Assembly of May 21, 1895; whenever May 29, Memorial day, shall occur on a Sunday, the observance of the day is to be observed as the legal holiday, instead of the preceding day, Saturday, as was the case heretofore; the first Monday of September is designated as Labor day, instead of the first Tuesday of September, as was the case under the act of assembly of May 21, 1895.

No other summer outing appeals so strongly to the people of western Pennsylvania as the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's popular excursions to the seacoast of New Jersey. For years they have been looked forward to as the holiday event of each season. The secret of their great popularity is the phenomenal low rate and the high character of the service. The limit of twelve days just fits the time set apart for the average tourist, and the dates of the excursion are most conveniently adjusted. There is also the widest field for choice in the selection of a resort. Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City, and Ocean City are the choice of the Atlantic coast resorts, and any one of them may be visited under these arrangements. The list this year includes also Rehoboth, Del., and Ocean City, Md.

The dates of the excursions are July 15, and 22, and August 12 and 21. A special train of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will leave Pittsburgh on above-mentioned dates at 8:50 a. m., arriving at the seacoast via the only all-rail route in eleven hours and forty-five minutes. Passengers may also spend the night in Philadelphia, and proceed to the shore by a regular train from Market street wharf or Broad street station the following day.

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburgh at 4:30 and 8:00 p. m., both of which will carry sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

For detailed information in regard to rates and time of trains apply to ticket agents, or Mr. Thomas E. Watt, District Passenger Agent, Pittsburgh.

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Told Her Heart and Soul.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 1.—Mrs. James Armstrong, wife of a boarding-house keeper, was stricken with apoplexy. Before expiring she told her husband where she had secreted a little fortune which she had saved unknown to him. The money was found in the place indicated. There was \$2,700 in gold.

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