

## SOUTH SIDERS DEMAND RELIEF

The approach to the bridge on the south side, although a thread bare subject, with the advent of winter has become such a nuisance that to avoid mention of conditions that exist there now would be to ignore the claims of the people who are inconvenienced by the muddy, ily constructed and dangerous roadway.

The approach from the end of the bridge to the railroad crossing is one slough of mire, which near J. H. Kase's store, where a sort of a basin is formed, has assumed a liquid state and flows over the trolley track toward Peter Burger's residence. Already the bridge from one end to the other is covered with a coat of mud deposited there by the wheels of vehicles that have ploughed through the deep mud on the approach. Conditions being as they are already the imagination can only picture what the approach will be like by next spring. Residents of the south side as well as the traveling public, who are brought directly in contact with the slough of mud, which is dignified by the name of approach, are crying out loudly for relief in some form.

Several south siders who aired their views Tuesday stated that they looked to the county commissioners of Montour to take the initiative in some plan that will at least bring temporary relief. It was suggested that if the two counties would furnish limestone sufficient teams could be procured on the south side to do the hauling gratis for the sake of the improved conditions.

The south siders can not see why the county commissioners do not proceed to build the section of retaining wall on each side which devolves upon the two counties jointly and concerning which there is no dispute, leaving the rest of the proposition to be fought out between Northumberland county, Gearhart township and the Danville and Sunbury electric railway company. If this were done, they say, the approach as far as the walls were but could be constructed in a propitious manner, which would relieve the situation a great deal.

A member of the Montour county board of commissioners was interviewed later, who explained why the proposition to build the short sections of retaining walls devolving on the two counties would not be considered at present. When these walls are built the idea is to make them conform with the main retaining walls, which remain to be planned; otherwise with the massive wingwalls there will be three sections of walls each unlike the other.

The county commissioner stated that the local board in order to bring relief will endeavor to interest the Northumberland county board and the result will probably be that limestone will be procured and placed on the approach to obviate the mud nuisance during the winter. The commissioners will also have the driveway of the bridge scraped and the mud removed before freezing sets in.

### Appointed Lecturer.

M. S. Bond, the Chulasky truckman, and scientific farmer is enrolled again this year among the speakers for the farmers' institutes to be held throughout the State. He will enter upon his work the first week of December and will have as his field Lyncumber, Monroe, Pike, Wayne and Susquehanna counties.

The first institute at which he will participate will be held at Elmsport. On the second week of December he will be present at the State grange at Dubois and after that will resume his work as lecturer until January.

Mr. Bond is one of the oldest practical workers in the farmers' institutes in the State. He participated as a speaker at the first local farmers' institute in Pennsylvania, which was held at Bloomsburg twenty-four years ago. He has always kept up his interest and has been a practical worker at the local institutes ever since.

Rev. R. G. Jones, D. D., of Washington, Iowa, who recently paid Danville a visit, has been called by the pastor of Christ Episcopal church of Burlington, Iowa, one of the largest and most important churches in the State. When in Danville Rev. Dr. Jones was a guest of Rev. W. C. McCormack, D. D., pastor of Grove Presbyterian church. While here he officiated in Christ Episcopal church and made an excellent impression.

### Excursionist Fractures Skull.

Daniel Hertz, of near Lewisburg, was seriously hurt Saturday. He was one of the party who left Lewisburg Saturday for Harrisburg on the special excursion train. At Montandon he left the train and it started to pull out before he was aware of it. In running to catch the train he tripped over a signal wire and fell, striking his head on a rail and fracturing his skull.

### Fishermen Fined \$25.00 Each.

The illegal fishing cases against H. C. Bowman, William Golder and C. M. Robbins, all proprietors of four mills along Fishingcreek, have been finally disposed of, the defendants paying \$25 fines each.

### Berwick Bridge Half Completed.

One-half of the Berwick bridge is now completed, the last piece of steel in the third span being placed Saturday. The span was swung yesterday. Weather conditions caused delay during last week, but an increased force is pushing the work rapidly along.

## UNKNOWN MAN KILLED ON RAIL

An unknown man, with his head crushed and his body mutilated, was found along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, a short distance above Northumberland, on Sunday morning. And throughout the driving storm of Sunday morning the mangled form lay there, but curious spectators gazed at it, but hesitated to remove it before the coroner arrived to hold the inquest.

On Saturday afternoon a man, who gave his name as Brown, was in Sunbury. Several boys who conversed with him, and who later identified his body, said that he was intoxicated. The man was last seen alive in Northumberland on Saturday evening. It is known that he slept the previous night in an ash pit at the mill at that place. These are practically the only facts known. The badge he wore was of the Binghamton fire department. No papers were found on his person.

Coroner Dreher went to Northumberland Monday morning, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The body had been taken to Undertaker E. K. Bright's parlors where it is held for identification. Meanwhile telegrams have been sent to Binghamton making inquiries as to the dead man's home and relatives.

### Will Ask for Appropriations.

State insane hospitals in Pennsylvania will ask the next legislature for an aggregate appropriation of several million dollars for the erection of new buildings to relieve the overcrowded condition of these institutions.

The State asylum in Harrisburg will ask for \$400,000 for new buildings and additional land, and it is expected similar sums will be asked for by the hospitals at Danville, Warren, Norrisville, Wernersville, Spring City and Allentown.

The State board of charities is now holding its biennial sittings for the purpose of hearing the applications of the various public and private institutions for appropriations by the next legislature. The board was in session in Harrisburg three days last week for this purpose and will meet in Pittsburgh during the coming week.

After all the applications have been heard the board will prepare a report for the information of the appropriations committee of the house of representatives at the next session. This report will be printed and ready for members of the legislature and the governor at the opening of the legislative session.

Applications of the insane hospitals being scheduled by Judge Isaac Johnson, of Media, member of the State board of charities, and will not be made public until the report is ready for the governor.—Philadelphia North American

### Where New Law is Defective.

The following discussion of the new primary election law from the Philadelphia Press contains a number of interesting points:

There does not appear to be much doubt about the intention of the act regarding the nomination of borough and township officers. A provision in Section 2 declares that nothing contained in the act shall prevent the nomination of candidates for borough or township offices, or other offices not specifically enumerated in the act, in the manner provided by existing laws.

That is plainly a local option provision. If a borough or township wants to nominate its local candidates under the uniform primary system it can do so; it does not want to it can make the nominations by the old methods. This is the view taken by the secretary of the Commonwealth. In a letter to the clerk of the Washington county commissioners he says, "the act applies to all election districts in the State, but if for any reason any borough or township prefer making their nominations as at present they may do so."

The law is defective in that it does not designate any authority to determine whether a borough or township shall make nominations under the new law or the old one. Who shall decide that? The county commissioners cannot, certainly. Can it be done by one party organization in the borough or township where all the other party organizations may be opposed to it? That would cause difficulties and probably confusion, for while one party would be holding primaries one way another would be doing something else. There is absolutely no single authority under the law which can decide this matter.

The most sensible thing the county commissioners can do is to follow the advice of the State department and be prepared for primary elections under the new law in all districts. It is quite certain all boroughs and townships will come to it in time. If there were no other reason it will be done on account of the cost. The expenses of the primaries under the new law are paid by the State; if they were held under the old law as may be done if so desired, each party will have to pay the expenses of its own primaries, as heretofore. No doubt it will be preferred that the State put up the money.

The controversy now going on, however, makes it evident that the provision about borough and township candidates must come out of the act, or be amended so as to designate some authority to decide when the act shall apply.

### Each Shot a Deer.

William Hendricks, Front street, who with Charles Grim, Railroad street, returned Monday evening, from a hunting excursion in Centre county, called at this office yesterday and gave an account of their success. Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Grim each shot a deer, the former a doe weighing 110 pounds, and the latter a five-prong buck weighing 205 pounds. Both deer were shot in Brushy valleys, eight miles from Millfiling. The doe was shipped to Danville but the buck was cut up in camp and distributed among the hunters.

Mr. Hendricks says that the deer are very numerous in Centre county. Himself and Mr. Grim saw three during their trip.

## PETITION BEING CIRCULATED

A movement is on foot to subdivide the third ward of the borough of Danville making of the ward two voting districts instead of one as has always existed heretofore.

This measure has been advocated owing to the large number of votes polled in the third ward, which imposes a heavy burden upon the election board there. Things were brought to a crisis at the last election when the count was not completed until 7 o'clock the next morning. In times of such suspense voters do not like the idea of waiting so long before the result is made known. Neither does the election board relish wading through so many votes for a fixed remuneration, which is no more than is received in districts where the vote is only one-fourth as heavy or even less.

A petition is being circulated among the citizens of the third ward, which signers are readily obtained, asking that the voting district be divided for reasons above set forth.

The petitioners pray the court to appoint three impartial men as commissioners to inquire into the propriety of granting said division who shall proceed in the manner provided by act of assembly in that behalf, and who, or any two of whom, shall report to the next court of quarter sessions of the county together with their opinion of the same.

### May Install Stone Crusher.

E. S. Macdonald, who is in charge of the affairs of the John R. Bennett estate has a project on hand, which, if it pans out properly, may result in a new industry of some magnitude, that will employ our wage-earners and add a new and valuable material for road construction.

On castle grove farms there is a vast deposit of a brown flinty rock, which upon being tested has been found to be apparently harder than limestone. Some of the rock has been used in repairing Bloom road and it seems to answer the purpose better than any thing that has ever been used.

Mr. Macdonald contemplates in talking a stone crushing plant, at castle grove and going into the stone business on a very large scale. Yesterday he sent specimens of the stone to Harrisburg and Washington in order to get the views of the experts at those places as to the composition of the rock and to determine whether or not it possesses any qualities that would make it especially valuable in road construction. Meanwhile Mr. Macdonald is gathering information as to the cost of installing a crushing plant and the demand in this section for such material in road construction.

### Will Call It Square.

Frank J. Walker is one of our townsmen who raises chickens merely for a pleasure and a pastime, but of late his good nature has been greatly injured upon by certain unprincipled vandals who during the night, select the best of the fowls, take away with them the major portion of the bird and leave behind the head to remind "Chick" of his loss.

Now the kind of chickens that Mr. Walker raises were never meant for eating purposes, and are valued at a figure somewhat above the price of the ordinary barn yard fowl. In fact Mr. Walker's chickens are game birds of an expensive variety. Several weeks ago three disappeared and Saturday night two more followed.

"Chick" isn't moved by a spirit of meanness when he states now that he thinks the chicken thieves have taken their share from his coop. He says, further, that he is willing that the raiders be left alone with their loot, if in the future he is left alone with his chickens. If, however, the depredations are continued Mr. Walker will be after the hen snatchers with a "big stick", and if the thieves are at all acquainted with the man who makes the statement they will know that he will do just about as he says.

### Retiring P. O. Boxes.

A new wrinkle has been put into the post office regulations. The local office has received instructions from the postmaster general which read as follows: "Box rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but no longer. Ten days before the last day of each quarter postmasters are required to place a bill bearing the date of the last day of the quarter in each rental box. If a box holder fails to renew his right to his box on or before the last day of a quarter the box shall then be closed and offered for rent, and the mail will be placed in the general delivery."

### RETALIATION.

A singular controversy is brewing in Sunbury. The railroad men of that town claim that the merchants have instituted an order from headquarters against blocking crossings. The Brotherhood now intends to retaliate by starting a Brotherhood store and taking their trade away from the local dealers. The trainmen claim that the order imposes hardships upon them by forcing them to uncouple and recouple cars more than would ordinarily be required.

### NEGLECTED BUT WORTHY

The teachers of Lancaster county have adopted a resolution asking the legislature at its coming session to pass a law providing for the pensioning of public school teachers after they have reached a certain age. Much is to be said in favor of the pensioning of such worthy public servants as teachers, but it is to be feared the present generation will have passed away before the desired legislation becomes a part of the law of the Commonwealth.

Two weddings took place in the foreign section of West Berwick Saturday evening and one in Briar Creek. Since the ban has been placed by West Berwick officers on Sunday wedding celebrations, the majority of the weddings take place Saturday evening.

### GOOD ADVICE.

Here is some advice given to its readers by the Seranton Republican. It is equally applicable throughout the whole of the wide extended domain of Santa Claus: "Now is the best time to buy articles which you intend to use as gifts, and the sooner you get about it the better. Regular prices prevail and the clerks are all attentive. Better bargains can be had than you will be able to obtain later." However that may be, the sooner you get this Christmas shopping business disposed of the better.

So much illegal fishing has been done lately between Sunbury and Harrisburg that the State game warden department has placed an extra force of wardens along the Susquehanna river.

## THE STATE'S GREAT LIFE-SAVING WORK

The State department of health continues to save the lives of hundreds of poor children throughout Pennsylvania by the free distribution of antitoxin for diphtheria. This is given out both for curative purposes and for immunizing the other members of the household who have been exposed to the disease.

### DECREASE IN DEATH RATE.

From October 10 to November 10, this month, clinical reports returned to the department by physicians for 478 cases treated with the State's free antitoxin recorded only 43 deaths. This gives the very low death rate of eight per cent., an evidence of the splendid results Commissioner Dixon's free distribution of antitoxin among the poor is securing. Moreover, during that period of thirty days the clinical reports that have come in thus far show that 418 persons were immunized, in other words, vaccinated against the disease. Nearly all of these were little children who might have gone down with diphtheria but for the State's wise charity.

The antitoxin division of the department of health acting through its five hundred distributing depots is kept especially busy at this time of the year for not only is this the season when diphtheria flourishes, but more and more antitoxin is being used, and its benefits are tried and proved.

### FEW ATTEMPTS AT IMPOSITION.

The health commissioner is loud in his praise of the co-operation he has received from the physicians of the State and the distributors. There have been few if any attempts to impose upon the free distribution of the antitoxin for the poor. The doctors of Pennsylvania, Dr. Dixon says, have shown themselves well worthy of the confidence placed in them. He also praises the faithful manner in which the distributors have performed their duty, arranging to have their depots accessible to physicians at all hours.

### A Question?

Does the new primary election law apply to boroughs and townships? That is the question that is causing a discussion of no little magnitude in Danville and throughout Pennsylvania just at present, and a decision one way or the other will mean a great deal to Montour county, for the manner of holding primaries in every district in the county depends upon how the question is solved.

The proviso in the law that reads as follows is causing the discussion: "Provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the nomination of candidates for borough or township offices, or other offices not herein specifically enumerated, in the manner provided by existing laws."

### DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

The county commissioners are interested in this matter, but there is much diversity of opinion as to whether or not the primaries in boroughs and townships should be held under the provisions of the uniform primary act. Section two of the uniform primary act provides that "two primaries shall be held each year in every election district of this Commonwealth."

This is followed by the above quoted proviso. If the electors of any borough or township desire to make their nominations for the coming spring election under the new primary act, they should signify such intention by filing with the county commissioners petitions for nominations. If such petitions are not filed with the commissioners no ballots will be provided for use under the new primary law and the primaries can not be held under this new law, but will have to be conducted under the old system, that is in the manner observed before the passage of the uniform primary act.

### MR. THORN'S ADVICE.

Chief Clerk Thorn, of the State department, at Harrisburg, has issued a statement in which he says: "I would advise the county commissioners to make all necessary arrangements for the holding of the winter primaries in the several boroughs and townships of the respective counties, and to provide supplies and equipment for each election district, as required by section 7 of uniform primary act. They should also provide ballot-boxes for exclusive use at primary elections, in order that the boxes in use at general elections need not be disturbed."

### CHILD LABOR.

At present the law of Pennsylvania permits boys of 14 to work on the outside of the anthracite mines and boys of 16 to work inside. In the bituminous region boys of 12 are allowed to work. Chief Roderick, of the State bureau of mines, favors uniformity and thinks 14 would be a proper age. The Wilkes-Barre Record doubts the wisdom of his suggestion, believing that the boy has rights which the State should guard and that a lad of 14 is not well enough educated to leave school and get down to his life work. It isn't fair to the boy. Under present circumstances, however, it does seem that the State should either make a few carefully guarded exceptions or provide for the living of large families whose heads are dead or disabled.

### IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY.

A few of the friends of Lewis Heddens were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Heddens, Mill street. The occasion was in honor of Lewis' 7th birthday. The guests were Marion Heddens, Louise Butterwick, William Manger, Frank and Orville Startzel and Warren Heddens.

The people can nearly always discriminate between a fraud and the real thing, but sometimes they get fooled.

## AN APPEAL TO LITTLE MONTOUR

The Intelligencer has received a letter from John H. Landis, superintendent of the United States mint at Philadelphia, who along with Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, and other leading men of the Commonwealth, is an active member of the Thaddeus Stevens Memorial association and is anxious that the friends of the common schools through out the State be familiarized with the objects and purposes of the Stevens memorial movement.

Little Montour stands almost alone as one of the counties that has as yet made no contribution to the fund. Mr. Landis would like to have the borough and county superintendents and the principals of the various schools in our county take up the matter, and promises to give such aid in the work as may be desired. He thinks during the county institute which takes place the week after next, the opportunity would be presented to get the school teachers interested in the Stevens memorial movement. The communication encloses a letter from Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State superintendent, who is president of the Thaddeus Stevens Memorial association. Dr. Schaeffer makes an appeal similar to Mr. Landis and likewise invites correspondence promising to give all the aid he can to help along the work in the various counties. Dr. Schaeffer says:

"It is gratifying to state that the fund intended for this memorial, an industrial school for indigent orphan boys is generally growing. Mr. Stevens' own money, bequeathed under his will, amounts to about \$80,000. The State of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$50,000. The public schools and friends of education in the State have contributed about \$10,000, and from reports received from nearly all the counties we have reason to believe that the latter figure will be very materially increased in the near future.

We urge upon our friends the pushing forward of this work as speedily as possible. All contributions must be entirely voluntary. We want none other. Each county, city or town, must decide what plan to adopt to raise money for this work. Superintendents and directors must fix a day on which contributions can be received in the schools; entertainments can be gotten up; festivals or societies can be held for the purpose, etc."

Thaddeus Stevens is regarded as the great champion of the free school system. Anyone desiring a copy of his great speech in opposition to the repeal of the school law of 1834 can obtain the same by addressing the treasurer of the association, John H. Landis, Millersville, Pa.

### AWFUL TIMES IN SHAMOKIN

The people in the Shamokin district have gotten so used to the awful ring of terror that exists over there that but little more than passing notice is given to the robberies and murders and suicides that are of daily occurrence.

The following article picked at random from one of the Shamokin papers shows how long association has taught them to treat lightly and even humorously a crime that would have done credit to the wild west in its wildest days:

It was a dark and stormy evening and Reading school employees were sent around the fire when the foreman turning—"Great Scott Bill, what's that?"

It was an apparition standing in the doorway and the shot men who had been recounting ghost stories as they ate their midnight lunch, paused.

Like the Seventh King in Macbeth the stranger was covered with blood. He staggered through the door and fell down.

The men revived him with hot coffee and food when the Hungarian told them that he had been assaulted near the Five Spot, the bloody angle of the Fifth ward. Three men had beaten him, took his little money and left him for dead.

Officers are now investigating the man's tale. Wally Kapinski is his name and he is now lying in a critical condition at his south Pearl street boarding house.

### Rural Delivery in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania has shared in a notable degree the vast strides made in 1906 by the rural free delivery system.

Lancaster county has become the banner district of the service, with ninety-five routes, covering in round numbers 2,500 miles of road and serving 8,500 families, or a total of 40,000 individuals. Density of population and the network of roads covering the county have made a more perfect organization possible than in any other county in the country.

The government spent in Pennsylvania for rural delivery \$1,423,550. In return for this 2,006 routes are in operation, covering 46,200 miles of road and serving 182,500 individuals.

Petitions for ninety-five additional routes are on file, and the coming year will witness further extensions. In nineteen counties the service has been perfected.

For the coming year the department has under consideration perfected and complete service for three more counties—Cambria, Erie and Green. In the last fiscal year 207 routes were established, the last twenty of which were mapped out since June 30th.

## PLACED UNDER \$1000 BAIL

The first ward in the vicinity of Mill street became the scene of considerable excitement Saturday night at an hour when most people had retired to their homes and quiet had settled down over town.

It was about ten o'clock. Justice of the Peace W. V. Oglesby had gone home and his office was closed for the night. He was called out and responding found James V. Gillaspay, the well-known hotel keeper, waiting for him. The latter desired to lodge information against Clarence F. Blue, charging him with making threats. Formality was quickly complied with and on the strength of the information a warrant was issued for Mr. Blue's arrest, which was placed in the hands of Chief Minceover, who, accompanied by Officer Vorys, started out to make the arrest.

According to Mr. Gillaspay's story he was on his way to the barber shop about 9:20 o'clock, Saturday evening, when he was accosted by Mr. Blue, who threatened to kill him and also his son. These threats, it was alleged, followed a similar outburst by Mr. Blue at Gillaspay's hotel during the forenoon and the complainant, in the information, alleged that he was afraid of bodily harm.

In due time the officers appeared with the defendant, who during the hearing, which followed, strenuously denied that he had threatened to kill Mr. Gillaspay and his son. The justice, however, regarded the case as a prima facie one and in view of the serious charge decided to hold the defendant in one thousand dollars bail, both for his appearance in court next to keep the peace. At a later hour a bondsman was procured.

## PENNSYLVANIA IS SECOND IN WEALTH

WASHINGTON, NOV. 21.

According to a forthcoming monograph to be issued by the census bureau on the wealth of the United States by States and Territories for 1904 as compared with 1900, Pennsylvania ranks second in real wealth, the total figures amounting to \$11,473,620,306, as compared with \$9,315,140,116 four years ago or an increase of \$2,158,480,190.

The total wealth for Pennsylvania in 1904 is divided up into the following items:

Real property and improvements	\$6,591,055,553
Live stock	160,190,227
Farm implements and machinery	541,729,943
Manufacturing machinery, tools and implements	515,945,638
Gold and silver coin and bullion	168,383,738
Railroads and equipment	1,420,068,000
Street railways, telephone and telegraph systems, Pullman and private cars, shipping, electric light and power stations	570,452,543
All other property	1,992,809,119

There has been an increase in real property and improvements of \$1,193,000,000 in the four years from 1900 to 1904. Live stock shows an increase of over \$80,000,000 in the same period. There was an increase in manufacturing machinery, tools, etc., of almost \$224,000,000. In railroads and equipments there was a growth in value of about \$255,000,000. There was an increase in street railways, telephone lines, electric light and power stations of \$42,500,000.

### KILLED AT CENTRALIA

Anthony McAndrews, a prominent man of Centralia, and who has been conspicuous of late in the Conyngham school squabbles, was killed yesterday afternoon by a fall of coal in the Midway colliery, No. 1, Conyngham township, Columbia county.

McAndrews was one of the best known and most skilled miners of that section. He was digging out a hole for a blast when the coal overhead gave way and fell on him. He was caught and buried under tons of coal. After a time the body was dug out lifeless and badly mutilated.

McAndrews was a member of the Conyngham school board, and gained much notoriety through his opposition to Prof. Kelly, the recently ousted principal.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galt*

### Not So Many Excursionists.

The penny-a-mile excursionists are becoming scarcer. About 5000 visitors inspected the capital at Harrisburg on Saturday and as compared with the 15000 crowds that thronged the new edifice on several Saturdays previous. At the South Danville station Saturday 70 tickets were sold.

Among those from this city and vicinity who took in the excursion were Rev. and Mrs. John Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Adams, Mrs. Edward Wetzel, Mrs. James Rishel and son Melvin, Mrs. Harvey Longenberger, Mrs. George B. Windersten, Mrs. Frank Yeager, Mrs. John Pockworth, Mrs. Jasper Perry, Mrs. Alfred Yerick, Mrs. William Boat, Misses Isabelle Wetzel, Margaret Krum, Bessie Evans, Rose Dailry, Flora Casiner, Lena Campbell, Jessie Jordan, Alice Gross, Bridget Ryan, Claudia Yeager, Hannah Yeager, Fleda Kimbel, Rev. Charles Garner and son Daniel, Rev. Hill Montague, Jacob Hoffman, Frank Casiner, Frank Crum, George Armes, Bernard Shevlin, Thomas Gill, Fred Sapp, Beaver Hollabaugh, William Pritchard, Foster Jenkins, John D. Evans, Charles Getz, Wesley Hollabaugh, Jesse Hendricks, George Hendricks, Ambrose Robinson.

## HOLD CAUCUSES AS HERETOFORE

The question of whether or not the uniform primary act applies to boroughs and townships, which, as explained in our last issue, is causing much discussion throughout the State on Saturday, was decided in the negative by the board of county commissioners of Montour county.

The decision was reached during the afternoon at the regular meeting of the board and was based on the best legal advice that could be obtained. Accordingly, all the different boroughs, wards and townships of Montour county, as heretofore, will hold caucuses for nominating officers for said boroughs, wards and townships. Blank certificates as usual will be furnished by the county commissioners to the different voting precincts of the county.

As relates to the counties, however, it is different and there the uniform primary act applies in all its provisions. The county officers to be elected next year will all be nominated under the new primary election law.

In the case of the boroughs, wards and townships, it will no doubt prove a relief to the candidates to be assured that instead of petitioning the county commissioners for a place on the ticket in a few weeks they can safely leave their candidacy in the hands of their friends to be fought out at the primaries as heretofore.

Commissioners' Clerk Horace C. Blue was one of the first heretofore to discover that boroughs and townships are seemingly not included in provisions of the uniform primary act. He placed himself in communication with the board of commissioners of eight neighboring counties and found that several of these had placed the same construction upon the act that he had. In Lyncumber county for the spring election the uniform primary act will go into force in Williamsport, which is a city, but elsewhere in the county, in the various boroughs and townships, caucuses will be held and the candidates nominated as formerly.

### A JOURNALIST'S KICK.

The Milton Evening Standard declares that it is issued by a special meeting of the Milton town council "every month for the purpose of allowing the members who have participated at axes to grid an opportunity to do so without interfering with the legitimate business that comes before that body." The trouble is the council did not adjourn the last meeting until eight o'clock on Monday night, and the editor didn't like it. He declares that "all the really important business could have been transacted in two hours." Perhaps; but then the average councilman or school director or member of a city board is never in such a hurry as the newspaper man is.

### WASPS' STINGS MAY BE FATAL

Wasps that had built a nest in the Walter church at Waller, Columbia county, swarmed out of the nest during a protracted service Tuesday evening and stung Mrs. William Roberts, of Waller, so severely that she is not expected to live.

The service was in progress when Mrs. Roberts felt something on the back of her neck. It was a particularly vicious wasp, and it stung her three times on the back of the neck and three times on her hand before it could be killed.

Mrs. Roberts was taken home, and Dr. Sidney Hoffa was summoned. During Tuesday night Mrs. Roberts had twelve convulsions, and the same condition continued all day yesterday. There was, last evening, but little hope for the woman's recovery.

### Will Force 2 Cent Fare.

As the time approaches for the various State legislatures to meet, high passenger officials in the various railroads in the country are manifesting a good deal of concern. It is pretty generally understood that arrangements have been made for the introduction of bills having for their object the reduction of the maximum rate which may be charged for passenger traffic to a basis of two cents a mile.

It is certain that bills of this nature will be introduced in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri, and in several of these States a majority of the members are already pledged to a support of these measures. There is a moral certainty that in most of the cases the contemplated laws will be passed, and the roads must be prepared to meet the issue.

It may be that the resistance of the passage of these laws will not be as bitter as it would have been a few years ago. Experience has shown that in States which already have such laws—Michigan and Ohio—and in the cases of such roads as the New York, New Haven and Hartford, which voluntarily have reduced their rates to a two-cent basis, the tendency invariably has been toward an increase in travel which has more than compensated for the reduction.

It has been found