

THE CITIZEN

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Lincoln League Club. The time of meeting of the Lincoln League club has been changed from Wednesday evening to Tuesday evening Jan. 8 at 7 o'clock.

TIME. (The following extract from an article written for the CITIZEN, three years ago is, we think, worth repeating.)

The Christian Era is dated from the 1st of January of the year in which Christ was born; and January was made the first month of the Roman calendar, probably because it was the first month of their Spring time. In northern Italy, for many centuries after the fall of the Roman Empire, the year was used to begin on March 25th, the day of the Annunciation, and in France as late as the middle of the 16th century the year began with Easter.

In the Scandinavian peninsula the return of the Sun was celebrated by the great Yule feast, and when missionaries of the Christian religion penetrated those regions they enlarged the Christian Christmas on that feast.

In England in the 12th century the practice was to begin the year on the 25th of March, and that practice prevailed till Parliament in 1752 directed that the year should be reckoned from the beginning of January, and the same day is now the beginning of the year in all Christian countries, excepting Russia.

When the Romans of the time Julius Caesar remodelled their calendar, they found nothing of the ceremonial of the East, or of its revolution around the Sun, and yet by some means they measured a year to within a few minutes of its correct time, and established a year of 365 days every fourth year to have 366, and give the months the same number of days they still have.

The Roman calendar was so perfect that it was adopted by the Christian nations, but in 1582 A. D. the slight error of 11 minutes and 10 seconds a year, had amounted to about ten complete days, and Pope Gregory XIII. ordained that ten days should be deducted from October of that year, and that every hundredth year should not be a leap year, excepting every 400th, beginning with the year 2000 A. D., and in this way the difference between the natural and civil years will not amount to a day in 5,000 years.

This change was objected to by some of the Protestant nations, but was finally adopted by all the nations of Europe, excepting the Russian, which yet adheres to the old style, and as the error now amounts to twelve days, their calendar is that many days wrong.

A meridian of this Earth will return unscathed in a few minutes less than twenty-four of our hours, but as the Earth revolves round its axis, it is also rolling around the Sun, and in the same direction it has to turn those few minutes longer to again bring that meridian under the centre of the Sun, and thus it is that in a year of 365 days the Earth actually turns on its axis 366 times.

The orbit of the Earth, also, is not a circle, but an ellipse and therefore there is a slight difference in the intervals between the return of a meridian under the centre of the Sun, and thus the time in a year of 365 days the Earth actually turns on its axis 366 times.

President Cleveland is said to be writing a message commending the Democratic Congress to develop patriotic and unpartisan financial legislation; otherwise he will call an extra session of Congress after this one adjourns in March.

The Lexow Investigation. The session of the Lexow Police Investigating committee came to an end last Saturday with the testimony of Superintendent of Police Byrnes and the surprising announcement by him that he had tendered his resignation to Mayor-elect Strong, to take effect on or about January 1, 1895.

A Christmas Entertainment. Christmas services were conducted by Rev. N. Scheffer in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Liberty, on Christmas day and notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the roads, a goodly number were present, and the performances proved to be very interesting.

Meeting of the State Legislature.

The features of Monday were the holding of caucuses, and the meetings of the senate and house.

The Republican house caucus was called to order by George Kunkel of Danphin, and Jerome B. Niles of Tioga was elected as chairman.

Edmond Collins put the names of B. K. Focht of Union, W. O. Smith of Jefferson and A. N. Pomery in nomination for secretary and the gentlemen were elected without opposition.

Henry F. James of Venango presented the name of Henry F. Walton of Philadelphia for speaker in a neat speech, in which he referred to him as the unanimous choice of the members of the house for this session.

Walton's nomination was seconded by Courtland K. Butler of Philadelphia, and Stewart of Philadelphia, and he was then made the unanimous choice of the caucus. Mr. Walton simply thanked the caucus and said he would make his speech next day.

Lyle of Huntington then offered the resolution for the state committee of thirty, one from each congressional district, which was agreed to and Chairman Niles read the list. The Western Pennsylvania members of the committee are:

Chief clerk, E. W. Salley of Venango; reading clerk, James M. Carson, Butler; journal clerk, Robert Young Philadelphia; message clerk, W. J. Robinson Erie; executive clerk, C. R. Thorge Mercer, sergeant-at-arms, James Hartzog, Butler; assistant sergeant-at-arms, E. H. Greenman, Philadelphia; superintendent of folding room, James Riley, of Philadelphia. Hon. S. M. Laddery will be appointed janitor of the cloak room.

The senate also principal positions stood this way: Chief clerk, E. W. Salley of Venango; reading clerk, James M. Carson, Butler; journal clerk, Robert Young Philadelphia; message clerk, W. J. Robinson Erie; executive clerk, C. R. Thorge Mercer; sergeant-at-arms, James Hartzog, Butler; assistant sergeant-at-arms, E. H. Greenman, Philadelphia; superintendent of folding room, James Riley, of Philadelphia. Hon. S. M. Laddery will be appointed janitor of the cloak room.

The senate was called to order by Chief Clerk Voorhees. Prayer was offered in the usual manner by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. B. B. Hamlin. The deputy secretary of the commonwealth at once presented to the senate the returns of election for Governor, lieutenant Governor, auditor general and secretary of internal affairs, with the decision of the court in the contested election case of Senator E. H. Laubach. To the houses he presented the sealed returns of the election which were read by the retiring reading clerk, Jere D. Rice.

After the reading of the returns, Judge Simonton administered the oaths of office to the newly elected senators, and Judge McPherson the like service for the members of the house. The roll call of the senate followed, and the members present, except Senator Baker, who is confined to his home from the results of a fall upon the ice. Senator George Handy Smith nominated C. Wesley Thomas for president pro tem, and Senator Green nominated E. H. Laubach. Mr. Thomas received forty-two votes and Mr. Laubach seven.

Mr. Thomas was then escorted to the chair by Senators Smith and Laubach and delivered his inaugural address.

The senate then elected clerks and empaneled the usual committee. Senator Laubach moved to a motion substituting other names for all positions except that of chief clerk, but, of course, the motion was rejected.

The usual resolutions adopting rules and the appointment of committees were adopted, and the senate adjourned until Monday morning.

Chairman Lexow received a letter from Anthony Comstock, president of the Society for the Prevention of Vice, protesting that he had never accepted a bribe, as testified before the committee, and pointing out his creditable record for the past 25 years. Mr. Lexow, however, would not read the letter to the committee.

Supt. Byrnes went to police headquarters Sunday morning, and spent four hours packing his private papers, to be removed in the event of the acceptance of his request to be relieved. Regret at Mr. Byrnes' probable departure seems completely overshadowed by curiosity as to where a consistent successor could be found.

After the election of clerks and other employes the usual resolutions were adopted, and George V. Lawrence of Washington was invited to dedicate the new hall of the house to the purpose for which it was intended. Judge George looked upon the splendid hall with a keen eye, and plenty of trappings, and spoke feelingly. In his address he mentioned the history, remembrance and glances to the old hall, and the progress of the times, and the old hall features of the house and satisfaction with the substitution of the new building.

After completing preliminary business and reading the governor's message at an afternoon session, the senate adjourned to meet Wednesday evening next week.

Senator Fitch's bill to consolidate Pittsburg, Allegheny and the adjoining town and townships was the first to be introduced in the senate.

hold. Colonel Stewart will resign in order to become Adjutant General, and Maj. Brown's name will probably be sent to the senate the same day.

Across the hills that will be passed at the present session of the legislature is one to consolidate Pittsburg and Allegheny into one city; the corporation limits to include the whole eastern part of the county. The townships along the Allegheny up to Freedom, and the townships along to the north side of the Ohio to the Beaver county line. So little of the county is left out of the proposed city that we cannot see why it is not included.

A Joyous Note From Kansas.

Lamar, Kansas, Dec. 29, 1894. Editor CITIZEN: Again my memoranda is a reminder that my resignation as chief clerk of the legislature, Dec. 1, 1895, and I had you by mail an amount in advance needed for its continuance.

Among the many Farm, Stock and Political Journals that comes to my reading table soon, are more welcome than the CITIZEN. For a quarter of a century it has continued a regular visitor, communicating tidings of things new and old, freshening memory after lapse of time, without a shadow to blot or mar the path of ideal friendship.

The how of promise grows brighter in Kansas for me, and the continued efforts of the Republic of this country to be the best governed and best regulated, and the most progressive of any nation, is a great comfort to me.

Great God! We thank thee for this home. This beautiful bit of land of the free, this glorious field of opportunity, come and breathe the air of liberty. The inheritance of all possessing health giving benefits without expenses, the glory of Kansas history and author of its progressive prosperity, are yours.

We are proud of Kansas, because it is the home and birth-place of Republican freedom. Its history is the record of the Republican party, for in this, its state, books were written by the hands of the nation's greatest men.

I should not approve a requisition in the hands of the public schools, to the public school. Make a child of the public school so good that the parental self then by preference, will send the child to a school of the public school.

What effort has education upon paper, and in the hands of the student? The great Duchy of Prussia in seven years of compulsory education, reduced the percentage of crime to 25 per cent.

In Prussia, Indiana and Pennsylvania, the public schools are universally compulsory. The average intelligence is high. All doors to wealth and distinction being shut to the ignorant man he is doomed by his very ignorance to poverty, and poverty with its privations and despairs drives him to crime.

Ignorance is the precursor of crime, and the most dangerous enemy to the Republic. Ignorance is the precursor of crime, and the most dangerous enemy to the Republic.

What more frightful warning could we have of our growing danger than the late condition of New York City? The ignorant classes have so multiplied there as to hold supreme political power. Quavres and rogues have fastened upon their prey; and the Tammany Ring is the result.

The same fate awaits every city in America in which the same conditions shall obtain, and our own cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny are in danger from the same plague.

What right have we to allow a whole generation of 'street Arabs' to grow up in our cities? These boys and girls are reared here and there, but instead of growing up to be worthy American citizens, they are reaping the penalty and pain of the law.

The one and only way to prevent this is to give the child of the poor a thorough education in the home, and to give the child of the rich a thorough education in the school.

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DEATHS

CRESS—At her home in Connequenee (Pa.), Dec. 29, 1894, Mrs. David Cress, aged about 75 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and died at 10 o'clock.

CORRIE—At her home in Veneta, Pa., Dec. 25, 1894, Mrs. Corrie McKee, aged about 70 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and died at 10 o'clock.

RUTTER—At her home in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 23, 1894, Mrs. Ellen Rutter, in her 75th year. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and died at 10 o'clock.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Professional Cards. A. T. BLACK, Attorney at Law, Room 5, Armory Building, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. A. T. SCOTT, Attorney at Law, Office at No. 8, South Diamond, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. A. M. CHRISTLEY, Attorney at Law, Office second door, Anderson Bk. & M. St. near Court House, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. W. C. FINDLEY, Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent, Office at 28th Street, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. H. H. GOUCHEK, Attorney at Law, Office in Mitchell building, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. J. W. HUTCHISON, Attorney at Law, Office on Second St., Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. COULTER & BAKER, Attorneys at Law, Office in room 15, Armory Building, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. IRA MCJUNKIN, Attorney at Law, Office at No. 11, East Jefferson St., Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. S. H. PIERSON, Attorney at Law, Office at No. 19, East Diamond St.

Professional Cards. J. M. PAINTER, Attorney at Law, Office between Pine and Diamond, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. H. Q. WALKER, Attorney at Law—Office in Diamond Block, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. DR. M. MCJURDY BRICKER, Office at 127 E. Jefferson St., Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. V. McALPINE, Dentist, Office at No. 43, S. Main Street, over City Pharmacy, Butler, Pa.

Professional Cards. L. BLACK, Physician and Surgeon, New Troutman Building, Butler, Pa.

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