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Republican County Ticket.

FOR CONGRESS,
DR. J. B. SHOWALTER.
FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
A. O. EBERHART.

TURN OUT. TURN OUT.

Now that our county has received a district nomination for Congress let all Republicans turn out to the polls on next Tuesday and show our appreciation of the honor conferred upon our county. This is due to ourselves as well as to Dr. Showalter, the candidate nominated.

Of course a full vote cannot be polled but let Butler county—the home of our candidate—do her full share in giving the majority necessary to elect. There cannot be any doubt as to the result. Dr. Showalter will be elected, but Butler county should not be behind, but rather lead the other counties in the turn out to the polls—next Tuesday.

SYLVESTER F. SCOVEL, the Cleveland man who gained renown in Cuba, now proposes to go to the Isle of Crete and let the murderous Turks and the Cretan insurgents get a chance at his hide.

A CONGRESSMAN is to be elected at a special election next Tuesday. This is a strong Republican district, but Republicans should not be too confident of their strength. Go to the polls on Tuesday.

POLITICAL NOTES

The following from the Harrisburg correspondence of the Pittsburg Dispatch regarding the next state convention is amusing:

"Another surprise is Butler county. It is understood the three delegates will train on the Quay side. Butler Republicans have been offish for several years, but the nomination of ex-Senator Showalter for Congress has put the workers in a good humor, and the past is forgiven.

The Quay people were snowed under in Lycoming county last Saturday. The returns from 41 precincts up to 10 o'clock showed that the Wanamaker delegates were elected in 35 districts, they have carried every city and borough

The senatorial contest in Kentucky is conceded to be one of the most disgraceful that ever occurred within many years. Governor Bradley refused to call the legislature together until he was assured that he could control the situation, defeat Dr. Hunter, who is the almost unanimous choice of the Republicans, force the selection of himself or of another Republican than Dr. Hunter, or, if not that accomplish the election of a Democrat or prevent an election altogether. Unable longer to resist the pressure in favor of convening the Legislature, and feeling that he had things withih his grasp, he issued the call for an extra session. For two months or more the balloting has been in progress. Hunter has frequently had within two votes of a sufficient number to elect him, and yet the coalition of Bradley Republicans and Democrats has been strong enough to prevent a choice.

THE ONLY way to lose our candidate for Congress would be for the Republicans to stay at home and not go to the election on next Tuesday, April 20. So turn out and elect the Republican candidate, Dr. Showalter.

THE tobacco trust has started on a new tack. As the result of legislation in many states, the factor's agreement is to be abandoned and a system of "donations" of goods or money substituted.

Satisfied With Showalter.

While Lawrence county is disappointed over the defeat of Mr. Phillips, none of this chagrin will militate against Dr. Showalter's candidacy. It has been ten years since Butler county has possessed a candidate in Congress, and Lawrence, Mercer and Beaver have had members there since that time, and therefore it is Butler's turn. Viewing it in the light of rotation, she is in every way entitled to it, and Dr. Showalter should and will receive the hearty support of the Republicans of Lawrence county. He is a man eminently qualified for the position, and good sound Republicans of the stripe of Dr. Showalter are as much needed in Congress to-day as they ever were. No internal dissensions in Lawrence county will in any way affect the vote given him.—New Castle News.

Fortunately the Republican party has no lack of men who are capable—and willing—to serve their country in the halls of Congress, and in Mr. Showalter the district will have a representative who will be an honor and a credit to it. Being the nominee of the convention, he is entitled to and will receive the loyal support of Lawrence county Republicans. He no longer belongs to Butler county, but is a citizen of the Twenty-fifth Congressional District, and as such is entitled to the full Republican vote of the district.—New Castle Courant-Guardian.

China's New Minister.

Never has a Chinese Minister to the United States got so great a reception as was given to Wo Ting Fang, who arrived at San Fransisco last Sunday night with a suite of twenty four of ficials on the steamer Gaelic. The party were not landed till next morning when they were driven to the Occidental Hotel, over which the yellow dragon flag was flying.

Minister Wo is a tall man with an intellectual face and a scholarly look that is increased by wearing glasses. His manner is courtly and as he speaks perfect English he will be at home in diplomatic circles. He is a Cantonese, of a distinguished family, and received his English education at Oxford University.

Soon after he reached the hotel eighty carriages arrived containing 400 of the most prominent local Chinese, all arrayed in blue, purple and salmon-colored silk mandarin dresses. For three hours the Minister and his suite received the salutations of the visitors, all kowtowing and going through the elaborate etiquette prescribed.

Then the Minister received reporters and correspondents. He was very wily and diplomatic in his answers to inquiries, but he admitted that he would remain in San Fransisco several days and settle the trouble between the See Yups and Sam Yups, which has been referred to his predecessor at Washington. His secretary, Yo How, who is his brother-in-law, will be left there as Consul-General at San Fransisco. Yo How also speaks English well, and, though he belongs to the Sam Yup society, he said this would not influence him in dealing with any future troubles.

Minister Wo said he had made a careful study of the problem of Chinese immigration. He passed through California in 1877, when Kearneyism was at its height, and meetings on the historic sand lots were held nightly. He said he had devised a plan by which the immigration of his countrymen might be regulated, and to which this Government would probably agree. He did not believe it was right or just to either country that Chinese should be barred out entirely as at present, for properly regulated Chinese immigration would be as valuable to this country as any other.

Among the Minister's suite is Li Chang Heui, nephew of Li Hung Chang He will have an important post, either at Washington or London. His wife is one of the most beautiful Chinese women ever seen here. Minister Wo's wife is also a beautiful woman who is used to European ways.

Graded Schools in the Country.

In his last annual message Governor Hastings proposed the improvement of country schools by the practical consolidation of the rural districts for the support of a high school in each township, or even in contignous townships where circumstances may favor, and one of our exchanges makes the following argument for this plan.

This would do away with the little country school-houses in the several disdricts and substitute for them a large building centrally located for the accommodation of the children of the whole township. If this can be done, it will give to every boy and girl in the rural districts all the educational advantages that the residences of good sized villages enjoy. The Superintendent of Public Instruction of New York has recommended the adoption of the same plan in that state; but it has remained for Ohio to carry the idea into practice.

It is stated that the plan has been tried in some of the towns of the Western reserve, and that it has been found not only workable but economical. It was first adopted in Kingsville. Ashtabula county, and is therefore known in the State as the "Kingsville Plan". The novel features of the plan are, of course, the erection of a large building near the centre of the township, and the provision for free transportation for the children who live too far distant to permit their walking to and from the school. It is obviously cheaper to build one good-sized school-house to accommodate the pupils of a whole township than it is to build and keep up from a dozen to a score of smaller houses in the separate districts; and the Ohio experiments have shown that even with the cost of transportation added the expense of the new graded schools is less than the aggregate cost of the separate district schools.

The new plan provides for the free transportation of the children in large stages, comfortably fitted up and arranged to be either open or covered. These stages are run under contracts let to the lowest possible bidder. The routes are made to pass every home, and the stages start every school-day morning from the extremest limits of the township and gather up the children, who are warned to get ready by the blowing of a horn. Of course the children take a lunch from home, and at the end of the afternoon session the stage takes them back home. This system which has been tried in Ohio about two years, is said to work very well indeed. There seems to be no reason why it would not work just as well in this part of the country.

The advantages of the new high-school system are obvious enough. The children themselves will be taught in larger, better-appointed buildings than now. More competent teachers and those better fitted to teach the several grades will be employed, and as fewer teachers will be needed they naturally be better paid. The health of the pupil will be less endangered, for they will not be required to trudge to school through rain and mud or snow in all sorts of weather, and to sit six hours a day in uncomfortable poorly-ventilated rooms. They will be taught something more than "the three Rs" and the stimulant of his environment and the example of companions of his own grade will promote the advancement of each student to the higher branches. The adult citizens of the township will also derive advantages from the growth of a community of feeling between the districts, from the promotion of general interest in a public school in which the whole township will have reason to feel a just pride and from an enlarged educational horizon for all the people.

BEAVER, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer are Republican counties, but still this district lost a Congressman on one occasion. Don't let the like happen now. Republicans, go to the polls on next Tuesday.

HARRISBURG.

The House, Tuesday, passed the New-Capitol bill by a vote of 149 to 39.

In the Senate these bills passed finally: Providing that the school tax for each year shall not be levied before the 1st of August in cities, except those of the first and second class; to protect the purity of inland waters and to require consultation with the State Board of Health regarding the establishment of systems of water supply, drainage and sewerage; to prohibit assessments of and demands for contributions from officers and employes of the Common wealth; to prohibit the payment of any occupation or poll tax by any person other than the elector; making licenses granted to sell liquor personal property and subject to pledge as security for debt or to levy and sale upon execution authorizing the condemnation of real estate needed for the use of State and normal schools; fixing liability for payment of certain fees of clerks of courts; allowing an increase in the amount of relief that may be granted to paupers not residing in the Pittston poor district; House bill to repeal the act relative to the pay of assessors in Fayette county, approved in 1869; authorizing assignment of bonds, specialties and notes and for the suing thereon in the name of the assignee.

In the House these bills passed finally: Authorizing suits at law by either party that may be dissatisfied with the decisions of the board in regard to granting warrants for vacant lands; to provide for the protection of the health of domestic animals; providing for the collection of the amounts due the Commonwealth for purchase money, interest and fees due on unpatented lands; Senate bill authorizing school directors or controllers to establish and maintain out of the public school treasury, free kindergartens for children between 3 and 6 years, residing in the districts; authorizing county commissioners to accept and take charge of and enter upon the record as a county bridge and bridge over any stream or river running into or through any county; Senate bill to continue in force the act of May 18, 1893, to extend the time which corporations may hold and convey the title to real estate heretofore bought under execution or conveyed to them in satisfaction of debts and now remaining in their hands unsold; amending the act of 1854, so as to allow school directors or controllers to levy a special tax, not exceeding the annual tax, nor oftener than once a year, to be applied to the purchase of grounds and furnishing of buildings and other extraordinary expenses; requiring street railway companies to inclose the front and rear platforms of their cars during winter; amending the act of 1893 by requiring school directors and controllers to allow school children to have the use of the books furnished them by the board any time during the vacation between regular school terms and providing the teachers of such schools shall possess valid certificates from the superintendent of public instruction; Senate bill to regulate the employment and provide for the health and safety of persons employed in "sweat shops," to keep the public highways from being blocked with snow; to repeal a special road law relating to German township, Fayette county; making it the duty of county officials to furnish on demand information from their offices to the heads of State departments.

A message was received from the Governor stating that he had signed the bill appropriating $72,000 to the trustees of the Pennsylvania Home for Feeble Minded Children, at Polk, Venango county.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

An unusual feature in politics is the number of ministers of the gospel who are applicants for appointments under the present Administration. This part of Pennsylvania furnishes a number of aspirants. Rev. Dr. N. H. Holmes, of Beaver, is an applicant for the position of Minister to Denmark, his native country; Rev. Samuel A. Smith, of Cambridge Springs, asks for the consulship at Glasgow, Scotland, and Rev. S. D. Hutsinpillar, of Erie, is after a similar appointment in the foreign service.

The President has appointed ex-Vice President A. E. Stevenson, Senator, E. O. Wolcott and Gen. C. J. Paine Commissioners to an international monetary conference.

WE are again requested to state that the election boards elected last February will hold the election of April 20th.

WANAMAKER'S DECLINATION.

In a letter to the Business Men's League, John Wanamaker declines to be their candidate for State Treasurer, and speaks of the present management of the State treasury as follows:

"To the National Republican League of Business Men, Howard B. French, Rudolph Blankenburg, Thomas Dolan, William T. Tilden, Major T. A. Hancock, Francis B. Reeves, James Pollock, Executive Committee:

Gentlemen: I have duly considered the proposition contained in your complimentary letter, and have deferred reply, as requested, in order to listen to the arguments of citizens and committees from various parts of the state. In consultation with these gentlemen, among whom have been prominent members of the state senate and house of representatives, the conclusion has been reached, after full inquiry, that the present legislature will enact a law providing for the payment of interest upon state deposits. If this is done the most vicious evils in the conduct of the state treasury will be corrected. Had the situation been different I might have concluded to comply with your request to become a candidate for the office in question. Under existing conditions, however, I am constrained to say that I cannot see my way clear to change my decision from what I gave out in January last, when I stated that I did not wish to be a candidate for office. When I entered into the contest for the vacancy arising in the United States senate it was as much in the soldier spirit as from any personal motives. There seemed to be then no other way to fight on the side of the people, and the opportunity attracted me to try to render a kind of service to the state and nation that the hard times in business had been loudly calling for.

Will March in the Ranks.

While you are good enough to invite me again to be your standard bearer, and while I appreciate the honor of such a call from an organization as important as the National League of Business Men, I prefer to march in the ranks and make my best endeavor to assist the growing movement towards bettering the government of our state. I believe I can do this best without seeking for or holding public office. I concede the importance of reorganizing the system and methods of the state treasury, and you have done well in cultivating a public sentiment against existing evils culminating in the pending reform measure originating with and pressed by the Hon. C. C. Kauffman in the senate and the Hon. W. F. Stewart in the house.

This legislation should be promptly enacted, though I believe a higher rate of interest might be safely fixed—at least there should be no harm in permitting the state treasurer to charge 2½ per cent, when farmers and tradesmen are compelled to pay 5 and 6 per cent and secure the same by mortgage or other collateral. In August, 1893, the state treasurer had over nine millions of dollars of the people's money on deposit in the banks of the state, which were lending the same to their customers and charging therefor as high as 9 per cent, while the state got nothing but the groans of the counties and charitable institutions suffering for school moneys and unpaid appropriations.

It is seldom that the state treasurer carries a balance of less than from three to five millions. On all this vast sum the state has never received a penny of interest, in spite of the fact that every other state in the Union for years has been receiving interest on state moneys. If Pennsylvania had received interest only since the war she could have built a broad national highway across the state, north and south, east and west, or opened up, by modern roads, large sections of the state. The interest alone during the next few years will pay all the cost of a capitol building in every way worthy and adequate for the necessities of the state.

An Evil System.

The present system of electing a state treasurer to conduct the state treasury as an adjunct to the state committee of the Republican party is fraught with incalculable evil. Favorite banks and trust companies, sometimes specially organized and officered, receive deposits and control state moneys far out of proportion to capital paid in, and are not subject to any supervision of investments, except under the same power that elects the state treasurer.

Does any one really belive that the recipients of these extraordinary favors pay nothing for the use of all this money year in and year out? Could anything but a powerful political machine, holding the treasurer under control, deprive the public schools and suffering charities of the state for months at a time of the moneys due them which are lying idly for somebody's benefit in the favored depositories?

If the moneys due the various counties were promptly refunded to the county treasurers, who sadly need them to pay out what the people consented to be taxed for, the political machine would be crippled, and therefore as the local interests have no power except to protest they must bear the imposition so unjustly laid upon them. From all over the state there comes a revolt against this practice. It is high time to call a halt and change front on the reprehensible manipulation of state treasury funds, and at the same time it will be well to inquire into the details of receipts and publish a statement of sources of revenue, giving notice to paid by each corporation and times of payment.

If the state treasury be conducted in the open sight of all the people it may be possible to lower the taxation.

Any movement that will select men for state treasurer and auditor general who will own themselves and act for the good of the state by getting into the treasury all the money rightly due the state under the laws, and getting it out again within 30 days from its receipt to those to whom it belongs by law, and securing the largest interest commensurate with safety on unused balances, will have all the support and co-operation I can command.

In this connection I cannot refrain from congratulating your organization upon the very excellent work it has accomplished during the few months it has been in existence. Though it and the business men of Pennsylvania have been viciously maligned and assailed by political bosses, who look with dread upon organizations of plain, unselfish men, deeming their personal power to be thereby menaced, yet the National League of Business Men has gone on in the even tenor of its way, undeterred by threats, insults or blandishments. As the result of its efforts, the public have been at least advised as to the plans and purpose of the state machine, particularly with reference to the matter of legislation, vicious and otherwise, at Harrisburg.

Affairs at Harrisburg.

I cannot refrain from saying a word just here concerning the situation, as I understand it, at the state capitol. A very large number of the members of the house are disposed, so far as legislation is concerned, to intelligently represent and reflect the wishes of their constituents, rather than obey the will or follow the whim of self constituted bosses. As a result the schemers who usually manipulate legislation and mold legislation to suit their will find themselves balked this year thus far. The state is to be congratulated that the present house of representatives is made up largely of men who have less regard for the cracking of the master's whip than for the clearly defined desires and needs of their constituents.

To Continue the Fight.

It is very greatly to be hoped that your organization will be continued and extended into every city and borough of the commonwealth. Aside from the significance of this year's election—when, besides a state treasurer, an auditor general is to be elected—let none lose sight of the fact that within a year we will be in the midst of a campaign for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of internal affairs, congressmen and members of the legislature, and that the legislature chosen next year will have a United States senator to elect. I trust that every proper effort will be put forth from this time forward in order that the importance of the issues involved in the election of this year and of the next may be fully set forth before the people of the commonwealth, to the end that a government of the people may supplant the present government of the bosses. All proper movements having that object in view will receive my hearty support.

With the profound belief that such a consumation will be brought about at no distant day, and with renewed thanks for the compliment you have paid me in suggesting my candidacy for the office in question, I am,

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) JOHN WANAMAKER.

Butler's Boom.

Butler is apparently in its hey day. All its people are benefited, directly or indirectly, by the oil business.

We don't believe there is a town in Pennsylvania in which the people seem more prosperous and in better circumstances than in our own Butler. We venture that we have less real poverty here than has any other town of equal size in the state. But if the oil production of the surrounding regions ever becomes exausted, Butler will receive an awful backset. And there is a possibility and probability that the oil production will play out. Then where will Butler be? Of what use will our fine big business buildings be if there is no business to transact in them?

In order to secure the town's prosperity and business for all times we must have more manufactories. This seems to us the proper way to invest surplus oil earnings. What's the use in trying to induce outsiders to come in and build and run factories? Why not do it ourselves? Plenty of able business men in Butler who have been fortunate in oil have the time, talent, and capital necessary for new industries. Why not decide which would be most preferable and then go at it. Go at it to win. No one will ever help Butler if Butler don't help itself. New works, of whatever sort you desire to go at, backed by home labor mean permanent security to Butler's prosperity. H.

LET NOT the Republicans of this county be taken by surprise, but go to the special election next Tuesday, and help send a Republican to Congress.

A New York girl sold the middle finger of her left hand to another woman for $1500. It was cut off Monday and grafted on the other woman's hand.

School Reports.

Report of the Bloomfield School No., 7, Lancaster twp. For the the sixth month ending April 6th. Number of pupils enrolled during month 26. Males 12; females, 14. Average attendance during month 23. Per cent of attendance during month, males 90; females 93. School closed with a picnic which was well attended by the young people of the neighborhood. After dinner a program was rendered by the school, which was appreciated by all present. The remainder of the day was spent in various amusements, and all returned to their homes feeling the day had been well spent.

EDITH L. WILES
Teacher.

Report of Mitchell School No., 1, for the last month of the term ending April 7th. The following pupils were not absent one day this term: Katie Sherman, Alice Oesterling, and Florence Sherman. The following have not been absent one day this month: Gertrude Oesterling, Katie Sherman, Alice Oesterling, Florence Sherman Annie Thomer, Florence Oesterling, Carrie Oesterling, Ben Sherman, Frank Thomer, Peter Thomer, Gilbert Sherman and Daniel Oesterling.

The average attendance of male pupils during the term was 14, females 16. Average per cent, males 90; females 91. The School closed with a picnic and a program was rendered by the school in the afternoon. A large crowd was present, considering the weather, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all

JENNIE G. WILES,
Teacher.

DEATHS.

FALKNER—At her home in Buffalo twp., Mrs John Falkner April 8, 1897, aged 59 years.

GRIESBACH—At her home in Evans City, April 8, 1897, Anna, daughter of Gust. Griesbach, aged 17 years.

FREELING—At her home in Winfield twp., April 6, 1897, Edith, wife of Casper Freehling, aged about 67 years.

SLEPPY—At the home of her son Will, on N. Main St., Butler, Pa., April 12, 1897, Mrs. Susan Sleppy, aged 65 years.

HUTCHISON—At her home in Cherry Twp., April 14, 1897, Margaret, wife of Kimes Hutchison, in her 55th year.

OTTO—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Streeter, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory, on Wednesday, April 7, 1897, Mrs. Agnes Y. Otto, widow of the late Christian Otto, of this place, aged 83 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Mrs. Otto was born in the city of New York, was married there and with her husband, the late Christian Otto, came to Butler about 60 years ago, where she lived until some three or four years ago, when she went to visit one of her daughters, Mrs. Streeter, living in Oklahoma, and where she died. Her remains were brought to this place and on Monday last were laid to rest in the South cemetery, alongside of those of her husband, who preceded her about six years. Mrs. Otto was a woman who commanded the respect and esteem of this whole community. She was amiable, benevolent and charitable. As a member of the English Lutheran Church of this place her good works and liberal gifts will be kindly remembered. In person she was stately and dignified. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom survive her, to-wit: Mrs. John T. Myers, at whose house on West Cunninghan St. the funeral services were held; Mr. William Otto, of this place, Mr. John B Otto of Okla. Mrs. David H. Mackey of Colorado and Mrs. E. J. Streeter of Oklahoma. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. Luther Roth of the English Lutheran Church of this place. And thus has passed away another of our oldest citizens and a woman whose memory is justly entitled to the kind remembrance of all who knew her.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Wm. Jordan, Mayor of Petrolia about twenty years ago, died at his home in Harrisburg, yesterday.

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Neighborhood Notes

A New Castle man attended the revival meetings, accumulated some goodness, told his neighbor of stealing his chickens and paid for them.

While John Peterson and his son were engaged in digging a drain at Turtlestown, Pa., the son struck a can of nitro-glycerine with his pick, causing it to explode with a terrific report. The son was blown to atoms, only a piece of his skull being fonnd. The Father lived for fitteed minutes, although terribly mangled. How the can came to be in the drain is a mystery.

Annie, the 6-year-old daughter of William Delcamp, of Reading, Pa., has been dangerously ill becaus she jumped the rope 53 times without stopping, ten days ago, and sprained herself internally.

Diphtheritic sore throat is epidemic among the horses in Chester county, and a great many cases are under the treatment of the veterinary surgeons.—The disease has spread to the country districts, but only horses have been effected. The epidemic has not been attended with many fatalities.

The Bethlehem Iron Company made a shipment lately for the United States Government to Sandy Hook of twenty-four cannon loaded on twenty flat cars. The shipment was made up principally of eight and ten inch guns, being finished complete, ready for mounting on their carriages.

Many owners of buildings destroyed by the fire at Cambridge say they will at once begin to rebuild. One of the finest buildings swept away was the handsome new Cambridge House, which cost $70,000. The proprietors, Haggerty & White, say they will begin the erection of a new hotel, probably on the plans of the one destroyed, immediately. The house contained about sixty guests when the fire started, all of whom saved their baggage.

Isaac Shephard, a colored man who was working on the tunnel near Brimstone Corners, was arrested, Tuesday, for a murder committed in Chicago.

Robert Elliott, of Fast Brady a brakeman on the Valley fell between the cars, Tuesday, and was cut to pieces.

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ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. [EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.]

To William B. Dodds, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Butler, Sends Greeting:

WHEREAS, In consequence of the death of Hon. James J. Davidson, who was elected a member of the Fifty-fifth Congress from the Twenty-fifth Congressional District of this Commonwealth, comprised of the counties of Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver and Butler, a vacancy will exist in the representation of the State in the House of Representatives of the United States, and

WHEREAS, An extraordinary session of Congress has been called by the President of the United States to meet at Washington on the 15th day of March, 1897.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel H. Hastings, Governor of said Commonwealth, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled, "An act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth," approved the second day of July, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, have issued this writ commanding you, the said William B. Dodds, Esquire, High Sheriff as aforesaid, to hold a special election in Butler county on Tuesday, the twentieth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, for the election of a representative of the people of this Commonwealth in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States to fill the vacancy as aforesaid, and you are hereby required and enjoined to give the lawful notice and cause to be held and conducted the said special election and make return thereof in manner and form as by law is directed and required.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at the city of Harrisburg this ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Commonwealth the 121st.

DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

By the Governor:
FRANK REEDER,
[Seal] Secretary of the Commonwealth.

In obedience to the commands of the above writ, I, William B. Dodds, High Sheriff of the county of Butler, do hereby make known and give this public notice to the electors of said county that a special election will be held at the several election districts established by law in said county, on

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1897,

when officers will be voted for as follows

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED.

One person for Representative in Congress, the nominees for which are as follows:

REPUBLICAN.
JOSEPH B. SHOWALTER,
Of Chicora Pa.

DEMOCRATIC.
SALEM HEILMAN,
Of Sharon Pa.

PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTIONS

The said elections will be held throughout the county as follows:

The electors of Adams township, North precinct, at the carpenter shop of J. J. Smith at Myoma in said precinct.

The electors of Adams, south precinct, at Parks Mill in said precinct.

The electors of Allegheny township at the house of David Roozle at Six Points in said township.

The electors of Buffalo township at the house of Thos. W. Elliott in said township.

The electors of Butler township at the house of James Hageman in said township.

The electors of Brady township at the School house at West Liberty.

The electors of Clearfield township at the office of Frank P. McBride in said township.

The electors of Clinton township at the Hall at Riddles X Roads in said township.

The electors of Concord township, at M. Cochran's new house in Middletown.

The electors of Clay township at the Centre School house in said township.

The electors of Centre township at the Centre School House, in said township.

The electors of Cherry township, North precinct, at the Rye-bread School House, in said precinct

The electors of Cherry township, South precinct, at the Gomersol School House in said precinct.

The electors of Connoquenessing township Northern precinct at School house No. 7, in Whitestown.

The electors of Connoquenessing township, Southern precinct at the Graham School House No. 5.

The electors of Cranberry township at the house of Andrew Krisher in said township.

The electors of Donegal township at the election house in said township.

The electors of Fairview township at the election house in said township on farm of W H H Riddle.

The electors of Forward township at the house of Robert H. Brown.

The electors of Franklin township at Mt. Chestnut Grange Hall in said township.

The electors of Jackson township, Eastern precinct, at the house of Jno A Eichart in said precinct.

The electors of Jackson township, Western precinct, at the Jarecki Mf'g building in said precinct.

The electors of Jefferson township, at the house of Morris Reighter.

The electors of Lancaster township at the house of C. Uhl.

The electors of Middlesex township at the house of George Cooper.

The electors of Marion township at the house of R. W. Atwell in said township.

The electors of Muddycreek township at the house of Henry Hay in said township.

The electors of Mercer township at the house of J. A. Galbreath in said township.

The electors of Oakland township at the house of William J. Hutchison in said township.

The electors of Parker township at the house of Mrs Lucinda Walley in Martinsburg.

The electors of Penn township, North precinct, at the Opera House in Renfrew.

The electors of Penn township, South precinct, at the house of H. Sutton, in said precinct.

The electors of Summit township at the house of Adam Frederick.

The electors of Slipperyrock township at the house of Harry Albaster in said township.

The electors of Venango township at the shop of E. K. Taylor.

The electors of Winfield township at Grange Hall in said township.

The electors of Washington township, North precinct, at the house of Mrs. Jane Henderson, at Hilliards

The electors of Washington township, South precinct, at the Insurance Co. office, in North Washington.

The electors of Worth township at the Public Hall in Mechanicsburg in said township.

The electors of the borough of Butler, 1st ward at the Wuller Hall in said ward.

2nd ward at the Kohler House in said ward.

3d ward at the Grand Jury Room in Court House.

4th ward at Nixon's Home, N. McKean St, in said ward.

5th ward at the Wick House, on N. Main St., in said ward.

The electors of the borough of Centreville at the house of Robert Ralston.

The electors of the borough of Harrisville at the G. A. R. Hall in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Prospect at the house of Saml. Riddle in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Saxonburg at the house of Mrs. E. A. Helmbold in said borough.

The electors of the borough of West Sunbury at the public school house.

The electors of the borough of Millerstown at the hotel of Jno. Dolan in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Petrolia at the Council Room in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Fairview at the Union Hall in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Karns City at the Hose house in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Evans City at the shop of Mickley & West in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Harmony at the office of F R Coovert in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Zelienople at the wagon shop of James Wallace in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Mars at the house of Jos. McCannon in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Portersville at the house of E. L. Beighley in said boro.

The electors of the borough of Valencia at the store room of Ball & Stoup in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Connoquenessing at the house of P W Thomas in said borough.

Notice is hereby given that every person, excepting justices of the peace, who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the government of the United States or of this State or of any city or incorporated district, whether a commissioned officer or otherwise, a subordinate officer or agent who is or shall be be employed under the Legislative, Executive or Judiciary department of the State or of the United States or of any city or incorporated district, and also that every member of Congress and of the State Legislature and of the select or common council of any city, or commissioners of any incorporated district is, by law, incapable of holding or exercising at the same time the office or appointment of judge, inspector or clerk of any election of this Commonwealth, and that no inspector, judge or other officer of any such election shall be eligible to any office to be then voted for, except that of an election officer.

Given under my hand at my office at Butler this 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord 1897, and in the 121st year of the Independence of the United States of North America.

WILLIAM B. DODDS.
Sheriff of Butler County.

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