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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the Republican Primary, Saturday, March 31st, 1906, 10 to 11 p. m.

Congress

De. R. H. PILLLOW of Butler.

Assembly

Rev. J. M. DIGHT, of Cranberry twp. Dr. W. R. HODGKINS, of Slippery rock.

G. G. MARSHALL, (farmer) Forward twp. O. C. MEHLING, of Jefferson twp. W. B. MCKAY, of Butler. H. A. MCKENNA, of Butler.

Jury Commissioners

WILSON KENNEDY, of Renfrew. A. B. RICHIE, of Butler. A. DALE THORNE, of Connoquessing township.

Delegates to State Convention

THOMAS HAYS, of Butler. W. PARK JAMISON, of Venango twp.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

On Wednesday of last week, the two houses of Congress received a joint resolution...

The chief mark of insincerity was the failure to give the commission legal power to compel the attendance of witnesses...

The Senate put the Statehood proposition in very different form in the final voting last Friday...

Justice H. B. Brown of the U. S. Supreme Court will retire on the age limit soon...

POLITICAL.

Lincoln Steffens in his article of last Sunday predicts the formation of two new parties...

It is interesting for Pennsylvania to observe that Chicago has just had a trial of the new Illinois primary law...

SOME U. S. Marshalls were killed by outlaws in Indian Territory, last week...

At a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Cincinnati last Saturday...

"We carried a shipment of steel from Pittsburg to Kansas City last year at less than tariff."

"Did you pay a rebate?" "Yes, sir."

"How did you pay that rebate, by check, check underhanded, damage claim, commission, or how?" "We gave them the money."

The Street Car Fight.

Agent Goehring, of the Butler & Harmony Street Railway company announced last week...

The Butler & Harmony company's charter brought it to the western limits of Butler by one of the town council...

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CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. W. J. Gimus preached his farewell sermon as pastor of the White Oak Springs U. P. church...

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A Vast Difference.

The long-standing contrast between the value of property when it is for sale and when it is to be taxed is based on human nature...

Everyone wishes to sell his property for as much as he thinks he can get and at the same time to pay the lowest possible taxes...

But it seems to have been reserved for a corporation to furnish the most excellent example of this common falling...

The New York Central railroad owns a franchise and tracks on Eleventh avenue and connecting streets in New York City...

It has been proposed to remove these tracks and the corporation has notified the city that the price of the franchise is \$100,000,000...

But under the franchise law in New York all franchisees must pay taxes like real estate on their value...

The Board of Tax Commissioners last year assessed this very franchise at the value of \$1,499,000, and the railroad is still contesting the assessment on the ground that it is excessive...

In other words, the corporation claims that its property when it is sold is worth more than sixty times its just value for taxation...

This does not entitle it to the prize it would be instructive to hear from the corporation that can beat it—D. Spatch.

Where License Money Goes.

The mercantile houses all go to the state, excepting liquor licenses...

All the wholesale brewers, distillers and bottlers' licenses go to the state, excepting liquor licenses...

Retail liquor licenses granted in the county are as follows: In a city of the third class each license costs \$500...

Balance goes to the respective cities. In boroughs each license costs \$300...

Fifty dollars of each license goes to the state, and the balance goes to the respective boroughs...

In townships each license costs \$100. Twenty dollars of each license goes to the county, and the balance goes to the respective townships...

The Corroboration of Experience. When the United States Government bought the Panama canal it was somewhat lightly given out that it would show the world a new and unprecedently efficient way to prosecute great public undertakings...

A mental review of the madmen, strivings and shifts that make up the record of progress in the task can hardly fail to lead to a strong corroboration of the declaration of John F. Wallace that the way to get the canal dug is to make a contract with firms or syndicates to do the work, and confine the function of the Government to police and sanitary supervision of the canal strip, and to seeing that the work is performed according to the contract...

The Government is fairly well equipped for performing the duty of supervision and inspection if transactions of the Carter strips are vigilantly excluded. The spectacle of Carter in prison will greatly aid that exclusion. But the United States is not equipped for carrying on a vast business undertaking, especially when all important questions must be decided by an important 3,000 miles from the scene of action and not conversant with practical conditions from which the problems arise. Moreover, experience already shows a strong hint that even so earnest a reformer as President Roosevelt is unable to overcome the methods of political selection that do little to secure the most efficient men for carrying on the work...

The experience of the past year or two will not be to continue very long to put the theory of Government ownership of public works without contracts in the light of what old Governor Allen of Ohio used to describe as a "d—d barren idealism."

ACCORDING to reports from Manila, six hundred bad Moros were transferred into "good Indians," on the top of a mountain called Mt. Dajo, near the town of Jolo, the capital of the Sulu Islands, on March 6th, 7th and 8th. An American and native force attacked them on the top of the mountain, the former crater of a volcano, and they all perished, according to the Mohammedan religion, rather than submit.

A DISPATCH from Cape Town, South Africa, dated last Saturday said: "Reports received from Southern Nigeria give an account of the murder by natives of two of the British officers of the proconsulate. It appears that Dr. Stewart, medical officer at Oworri, an outstation, was bicycling along the road near the station and losing his way went on into what was really an unfriendly country. At any rate for two or three days no news of his whereabouts could be received, until at last a friendly native came in with the information that Dr. Stewart had been caught by the Abura, a powerful race who occupy most of the hinterland. It seems like a strange mingling of civilizations, but the reports are to the effect that the man was captured while he was riding a bicycle and eaten by cannibals, his wheel being broken and made over into triangles which were worn by the chiefs at the feast."

SCHOOL NOTES.

Teachers should be careful to make everything clear and plain to their scholars as the vague "wonderings of their minds indicate the beginning of wisdom—human wisdom."

"Mamma," asked a little girl, the other day, "is a consecrated cross-eyed?"

"I don't know" replied the mother. "I never saw one why do you ask that?" "Why" said the child, "we sang about one in Sunday School, and I don't know what it was."

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