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Thursday, April 6, 1899.

Civil Service Reform in Pennsylvania.

The State Legislature now has before it a bill prepared by the Pennsylvania Civil Service Reform Association and introduced by Hon. Clifton Rogers Woodruff. With the exception of a few slight changes it is the same as the bill prepared by the republican State Convention, and approved by the Republican State Convention, in 1896. Similar laws have been very generally advocated by Press, by leaders of public thought, and by organizations of various kinds throughout the country. They have been repeatedly endorsed by national and state conventions of both parties and have been put into practical operation in the Federal Service and in a number of states and cities, with excellent results. In some cases they have been submitted to and adopted by a direct vote of the people. In Chicago the popular majority for an exceptionally strict measure was about fifty thousand.

The effect of such a law is to substitute "Merit System" for the "Spoil System" in the selection and appointment of subordinate employees in the public service. It simply provides an impartial method for the examination of all applicants and for the selection and appointment of those who are found to be best fitted for the duties to be performed. And it enables this to be done without exposing the appointing officer to the censure and resentment of those who are rejected.

Under the Spoils System the Head of a Department instead of being free to exercise his own judgment, is practically forced to select those who have the most political influence, and to pay but little if any regard to their ability or fitness. Under the Merit System the appointing officer is not only enabled but obliged to select for appointment or promotion those who will give the public the best obtainable service. Under the Spoils System each appointment makes more enemies than friends. Under the Merit System no unsuccessful applicant can complain of anything but his own deficiencies. Under the Spoils System the offices are almost monopolized by men of small capacity and few scruples, and the most desirable class of employees are unwilling to apply. Under the Merit System the examinations are open to every citizen, and the best are eager to compete because their employment, retention and promotion are made to depend solely upon their merit and fitness, and because the work is honorable, the pay is certain, and the opportunities for advancement are many. The Public should always be able to secure the most desirable applicants, but the plan of selecting employees for any other reasons than merit and fitness for the duties to be performed, would be ruinous to any private corporation, and there is no reason why

the public interests should be subjected to a system which is so utterly absurd and unbusinesslike, and profitable in all kinds of corruption and bad government.

The Spoils System converts the officers which the people pay for into bribes and rewards for the use of corrupt and demoralizing methods by unscrupulous men.

Under the Merit System the public offices can only be secured or retained by superior efficiency and proved integrity.

Under the Spoils System elected officials must devote themselves to the peddling of offices and the division of patronage. Under the Merit System they can give their time and energies to the legislative or executive duties for which they have been chosen and by which they can best serve and secure the gratitude and esteem of their constituents.

Under the Spoils System a public employee is the political servant or henchman of those who have secured his appointment. Under the Merit system he is an American freeman, and can be honest and faithful to his public duties without fear of punishment or dismissal.

The bill introduced by Mr. Woodruff provides for the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners who shall make the necessary rules and regulations and establish and supervise the system of open competitive examinations of a thoroughly practical character for ascertaining the comparative fitness of all applicants and for securing the appointment or promotion of those who are found to be best fitted to perform the duties of the positions to be filled.

The Act applies to the subordinate employees of the State and of the cities, and of counties co-terminous with cities, and counties containing over 150,000 inhabitants. Elective officers and other special positions are excepted. So far as practicable there are to be for each locality separate examinations and eligible lists.

In its numerous provisions as well as in its general conception the bill is evidently the result of much study and careful comparison of views and experiences in many different localities where similar laws have been adopted.

Pennsylvania should not be in the rear in the efforts to secure good government by laws which are so obviously wise and so imperatively needed. If the members of the Legislature are anxious to benefit the State and secure the cordial approval of their constituents, they should lose no time in passing the bill now pending.

The fact that its effects will be greatest in the cities is an additional reason for its advocacy and support by members from country districts. The time is rapidly approaching when the majority of the voters will be residents of cities, and it is a matter of great importance that no effort should be spared to purify and improve our municipal government before they shall thus become the controlling power in State and Nation.

BEAVERTOWN.

J. P. Kearns and son were to Lewistown this week. J. R. Van Horn was to Middleburgh at the sheriff's sale. Dr. Schiller passed through town on Monday morning. Winny Bros. shipped a carload of ties last week. D. S. Specht was to Middleburgh on Saturday. Squire Howell of McClure was a visitor at Beavertown on Monday. The farm owned by John S. Kern was sold to John Wagner. Lawrence Middleburgh has moved on Joseph Middleburgh's farm. Mr. Engle is building an addition to his house. A few nice days will bring our painters out on their scaffold. Miss Maggie Walter was the guest of Abbe Winey. Miss Bertha Erhart of Lewistown was the guest of Mrs. Frank Specht. Mrs. Bouch moved into the house vacated by Elmer Crissman. Several of our people are getting ready to go to West Virginia in the near future. Uriah Howell, who was working for John Bogar at Cammal, is at home at present. Miss Libbie Greenhoe is home at present. George O. Smith of Adamsburg moved into the house which he purchased from Thomas Middleburgh last fall. Quite a few peach trees will be planted this spring. Bargains in fruit trees can be had by consulting J. T. Strohecker, general agent. Our churches had Easter exercises on Sunday evening. They were well rendered and well prepared.

Poisoned by Grip.

It is an awful thing to feel that blood that goes coursing through your veins on its mission of feeding, building up and strengthening your nerves, brain, muscles, bones and sinews, may be polluted with subtle and deadly poison which only awaits an opportunity to strike a deadly blow to your health, and possibly to your life.

Every one who has had the grip and has not taken the pains to thoroughly cleanse the system of the poisons which that terrible disease creates in the blood is having just that experience. The hour when the blow will come may not be known; but that it is surely coming there is no room for doubt.

Do not wait until it is too late before you begin to fight this dreaded poison. Begin now, and begin with a remedy that is sure to help you. Dr. Miles' Nerve is an antidote for grip poisons. It strengthens and invigorates the nerves and gives them the power to search out and kill the germs of disease. It whets the appetite, aids digestion and makes new, rich blood to take the place of the poisoned products that are driven off.

"After a very severe attack of La Grippe I found myself suffering from aggravated heart trouble. I had palpitation, shortness of breath and experienced a dull pain and smothering feeling in left breast. I was very nervous and restless and could sleep but little day or night. I began taking Dr. Miles' Nerve, and received so much from it that I followed every dose with Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure. In a few weeks my health was restored and I have had no return of the trouble since." Mrs. TRUMAN TEMPLE, Greenville, N. Y.

A trial package of Dr. Miles' favorite treatment for the grip, consisting of Dr. Miles' Nerve, Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills, will be sent absolutely free to any person sending name and address on a postal card, requesting the samples and mentioning the name of the Post. Address, Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Indiana.

LETTER FROM KLONDIKE.

Charles Rothermel, Formerly of Port Trevorton, writes His Second Letter to the "Post."

DAWSON CITY, N. W. TERRITORY, CANADA, Feb. 18.

EDITOR POST.—I accept this opportunity to write you my second letter to inform all my friends in Snyder county that I am still alive. Well, Mr. Editor, this is the first winter I put in in Alaska, and I tell you it is a cold one, from 20 to 80 degrees below zero all winter. To-day it is about 50 degrees below. You can take a tin cup of water, throw it up in the air, it freezes in ice chunks before it comes down. I have worked the coldest days here so far, and am so used to the cold weather that I think I could make a trip to the North Pole, but lots of fellows freeze here, some before they know it. Alaska is the most unhealthy country I ever worked in. Last summer I thought once I had to give up and leave my bones here. I went down to skin and bones, only weighed 140 pounds, while on my arrival here I weighed 210 pounds. I am in better health now. It is so with nearly all the people. There is only one out of ten that the country agrees with. I would advise my friends not to come to this country. I traveled almost all over the country in my time but this is the hardest country I ever got into. I am as tough as a mule, brave as a lion, but this trip came pretty near making me take back water. As I am in the country now I am going to stay a year or two longer. I know I can do well here but must take big chances of losing my life. Lots of people die here every day. Last year 2700 were buried in and around Dawson City. Last summer they were dying all over, sometimes as high as thirty a day. There are about 7,000 in and around Dawson City that can't work, are sickly, have no grub and cannot get out any more. We heard the government was going to help them out over the ice or else they will never get home. Work in the mines is hard work. I worked on Gold Hill the last two months at \$1.00 an hour. I quit last Monday. I am now going to open my own claim No. 1 at Diminison Creek. I bought grub for \$150 yesterday and am going to sled it up to my cabin, settle down and work my claim for all that is in it. I did

ECONOMICAL SHOE EMPORIUM.

To the General Public:

→ SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1899 ←

The Grand Opening of the above will take place of No. 362 MARKET STREET, SUNBURY, near the Trust Bank. Introducing ourselves we wish to say our motto shall be "Live and help others to live well but economical."



ECONOMY does not mean buying trash, but means buying the BEST FOOTWEAR and spending your money to the very best advantage. We have named our FOOT WEAR EMPORIUM THE ECONOMIC because we will sell the highest grade first class foot wear at such prices that it will be economy to buy from us, and because your money will be spent to the very best advantage to you here rich or poor.

WE SHALL COURT NO SPECIAL CLASS,

but make the Economical the store of the masses, and here will be found foot wear at prices to fit the pocket books of all classes, from the most inexpensive to the very best class of foot wear, and at prices unmatched by any of the largest cities' stores. Because we represent a large company controlling some of the largest shoe factories in this country. And the Economical will be the medium to distribute their manufactured stock to the consumer or the buying public. Sunbury has been selected from which to distribute because it is the centre of a large shoe buying district, most of whom can reach our city in a very short time by steam cars, trolley line, boats and conveyances.

We shall do no unwarranted boasting, but let our prices and the wearing quality of our stock boost and laud the fame of the "ECONOMICAL" from the centre to the remotest border of these surrounding counties. Buyers of foot wear, do you realize what it means to buy shoes from such a source the largest cities can not give a better choice or more perfect fit, and with their extravagant expenses can not nor do they sell at our low prices.

No cheap shoddy, auction, imperfect or factory "seconds" will be found in the ECONOMIC. With eighteen years of shoe experience and being in close touch with the fountain head of the shoe business, we offer you the benefit of this experience and valuable association, which makes it possible to sell

The Very Best at the Very Lowest Cash Prices

Because of such sources of supply we will sell absolutely for cash to friend or stranger, and will have no losses and need not in marking our selling prices add anything extra to make up losses from bad accounts. Cash buyers, then buy for cash from the only absolute cash store in these five counties. We wish to announce our rules, every one of which will be strictly lived up to:

We buy only for cash and sell for money.

One price to all.

Everything marked in plain figures.

Satisfaction guaranteed to all but cranks.

Money returned or shoes exchanged when not damaged if purchases are not satisfactory.

Watch our advertisement weekly. We shall always have something of value to attract and offer you. Nothing but the strictest truth will ever be told or advertised.

We place on sale for grand opening day, (SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1899) a large number of Ladies' Fine Shoes in Tans and Blacks, with Fine Kid Tops, in all sizes. Grand Opening Price per pair, \$1.19—one pair only to a customer.

As to quality it will be a graceful and fitting finish to your most elegant Easter outfit.

\$1 for Girls and Boys' tan and black, sizes 8 to 13; Childrens tan and black 50c. and 65c., sizes 7 to 11; \$1 Men's work and dress shoes, black; Ladies' fine high grade, \$2.75; Men's fine high grade, \$2.85; Infants high grade, 75c., \$1.00, \$1.15; 10c. pair for Infants' all color Moccasins.

In addition to giving you such unheard of values, to prove which paper that publishes this advertisement produces the best results, we will pay 5 cents on the return of this advertisement to every purchaser. This offer stands good from March '99 to May '99 inclusive, but will not be good after that date.

Mere Shprechen Pennsylvanish Deutsch.

JOHN G. CHESTNUT, General Manager.

work on my claim last fall but could not get down on account of water. It takes money to sink a hole. You must burn them down, frost all the way down. Some places they go down 100 feet and it is frozen all the way down. I started three holes on my claim, one of 14 feet, one of 10 and the other of 8 feet. Then froze up till spring. I helped to sink a hole 76 feet deep on Gold Hill and we struck \$81.00 to the pan. A pan is a shovel full of dirt. Of course I can't tell yet what my claim has on it till I get down to bed rock, but I and everybody else think I have a good claim, as other claims on the same creek take out from \$25 to \$50 to a pan, and not 100 yards away from my claim. I am getting some more claims at a good gold creek about 100 miles away from my claim here as soon as the snow goes away more. Well, Dawson City is a live town, but rough and tough. There is lots of grub here this winter and things are getting cheaper. Some market prices: Flour, \$30 per barrel; Rubber Boots, \$20 a pair; Overalls, \$3 a pair; Dried Fruit, 30 to 40c. per lb.; Butter, \$1.50; Bacon, 40c. a lb.; Rice, 30 cents a lb.; Beans, 20 cents a lb.; Canned Goods, 75 cents a can; Sugar, 30 cents a lb.; Coffee, 75 cents a lb.; Tea, \$1 a lb.; Tobacco, \$1.50 a lb.; Whiskey, Beer and Cigars 50 cents straight. You can get a good meal now for \$1; Bed, \$1; Dog Team from \$2 to \$10 an hour. Whatever you buy, pay or sell you pay all bills in gold dust. There is very little ready money or change here. I have a pretty nice sized bag of gold dust now. I will send you with this letter a few pieces of small nuggets or dust of Dawson gold so you and your friends can see what it looks like when we find it. I will bring some nice pieces when I come. There are nuggets here that weigh from 5 to 7 pounds. We do most our work at night as the days

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Offer to the public a full line of Corrugated Roofing. Plain Tin and Galvanized Iron Roofing and Spouting. Fence Wire, Tinware, Granite ware, Etc. A full line of OIL & VAPOR STOVES for Summer cooking. Call and see our stock and learn our prices.

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are short in winter, but the nights are not as dark here as at home. Some days we have only one or two hours sunshine. I will tell you more about Alaska in my next letter. Give my best to all. I may be home in a year then I can give you all the history. We don't get any United States papers. They always get torn before they get here. Yours, CHAS. ROTHERMEL.

MARRIED.

Mar. 30, by Rev. S. Sydney Kohler, Chas. C. Yerger of Jackson twp. to Lizzie S. Knouse of Centre twp.

CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet. 25c.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

Annual Appeal for the Year 1899.

An appeal will be held in the Commissioners' office, Middleburgh Pa., on the 15th day of April 1899 between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M., for the following districts: Adams, Beaver, Centre, Middleburgh, Middlecreek and West Perry.

On the 17th day of April: We Beaver, Jackson, Chapman, Perry Spring and Union.

On the 18th day of April: Franklin, Monroe, Penn, Selinsgrove and Washington, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

WILLIAM DRESE, ISAAC SPOTTS, PHARES HERMAN, J. W. SWARTZ, Clerk, Commissioner.