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CONDENSED NEWS.

According to statistics murders are increasing but not so the hangings.

The very best men available are wanted for the school board and council.

President Morales, of Santo Domingo, has a broken leg. He's lucky. A man who has been leading such a strenuous life as Morales should be glad he hasn't a broken neck.

WANTED.—Bright, honest young man from Danville to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box one, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mine Inspector Benjamin Evans, of the Northumberland county district, Friday issued his report for 1905, showing that there were 49 fatal and 37 non-fatal accidents, and that 17 Americans were among the killed.

The new clock at the First National Bank is proving to be a great convenience to Danville and Bloomsburg trolley patrons.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad's employes, beginning with this month, will be given an increase of 10 per cent. in wages.

Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, has received \$1000 from Jacob Bucheit, of Sykesville, to buy books on mental and moral philosophy.

Every township in the county should petition the court for permission to vote to abolish the ancient system of working out road taxes.

King Edward, it is said, desires to bring about a durable agreement to secure the peace of the world. Some other monarchs act as if they'd like to see it in pieces.

Nobody will have any sympathy for the State college would-be hazers because they got the worst of the bargain when they attempted to haze fellow students.

Politics should cut no figure in the municipal election.

Count Witte needs to raise \$1,250,000,000 to run the country this year, and there seems to be much doubt about where he is going to get it. He might tap the grand dukes.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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These Sunday night street loafers should be chased away before they get "glued fast."

One of the conditions of which Montour county is proud is the fact that there is no necessity for stationing any portion of the state constabulary within her boundaries. These mounted officers would grow rusty here.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, made a statement as to the money cost of smallpox in Pennsylvania. He says that smallpox is costing the state over \$2,000,000 a year in taxes, and adds that he considers this an exceedingly expensive luxury, and in no sense a necessity, if the people will all heed his warnings and be vaccinated.

Mrs. Mabel Williams, daughter of Christopher Tietzworth of Elysburg, died Monday of consumption at Mt. Carmel. Deceased was 22 years of age. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11:30, interment being made in Sharp Ridge cemetery.

William Petrikon Yerrick, brother of our townsmen, Rush Yerrick and Alfred Yerrick, departed this life at his home in Philadelphia, Tuesday, at the hour of noon. He was seventy-six years of age. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p. m.

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Rush Presbyterian Church.
The Rev. Mr. Walker, of Philadelphia, will preach at the Rush Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

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FAMILY NEARLY ASPHYXIATED

The family of John Springer, Mowrey street, escaped death from asphyxiation by the narrowest possible margin Monday morning. During the day the entire family was ill, Mrs. Springer, especially, being in a precarious condition.

When the family retired Sunday night the fires were fixed as usual and it was thought that the stoves were closed and the draught properly arranged. About 3 o'clock Monday morning Mr. Springer was aroused by his wife vomiting. She was very sick. The man hastily arose but he no sooner got out of bed than he fell to the floor and was unable to arise. About this time Anna, the half-grown daughter of the family, got awake and attempted to arise. She, too, fell to the floor and lay there helpless.

At this juncture Ernie, the son, who slept in another part of the house and escaped the effects of the gas, hearing the noise made an investigation. Taking in the situation he quickly threw open the windows and assisted his father back to bed. Meanwhile the girl made her way to a window where her cries aroused the neighbors.

Dr. T. B. Wintersteen was called and under his care the afflicted person soon found relief, although Mrs. Springer, who has been in poor health for some time past, seems to suffer the most. Her condition was by no means encouraging yesterday. Mr. Springer and the daughter yesterday suffered with headache and nausea, but their recovery seems only a question of time.

By some accident the plate on top of the heater in the room below became displaced. The ornament by which the plate was surmounted was found in place, but the lid was slightly out of position permitting the fumes which should have gone up the pipe to escape into the room.

Funeral of Miss Gearhart.

All that was mortal of Miss Emeline Gearhart was consigned to the grave in Mt. Vernon cemetery Saturday afternoon. The obsequies took place from the family residence at 2 p. m., interment being private.

The services were conducted by Rev. S. B. Evans, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, of Milton, former pastor of St. Paul's. The pall bearers were: Major C. P. Gearhart, Charles P. Hancock, A. H. Woolley, R. B. Diehl, W. E. Gosh, and Dr. Edward Schultz.

The flowers, indeed, were very beautiful, and came from many different sources. Two of the tributes were especially noteworthy, one being from the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which the deceased was a member, and the other from the Order of Elks, to which Dr. J. E. Gearhart, brother of the deceased, belongs.

The following out-of-town people attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sharpless, of Hazleton; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rote, Miss Margaret Stella and Miss Martha G., and Miss Rote B. Sober, of Harrisburg; Mrs. John K. Kremer, Miss Elizabeth Kremer, and John W. Bucher, of Lewisburg; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kelley, of Sunbury; Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson and Miss Helen Jameson, of Berwick; A. H. Sharpless, of Catawissa; and Mrs. Mary A. Mitchell, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

A Native of Danville.

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SHORT SESSION OF COURT

Pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday evening Court convened on Saturday morning and disposed of what business was on hand. His Honor Judge Little and Associates Blee and Wagner occupied the bench.

There were a few petitions presented, but beyond these there was but little business on hand.

Three more townships of the county—Anthony, Derry and Limestone—have fallen into line in favor of abolishing the work tax and adopting better methods in road building. A petition from each of these was presented to Court asking for a change in the system of taxation for road purposes. In each case the petition was granted. There are now but two townships of the county that have not petitioned the Court for a change in taxation as above described.

A divorce was granted Saturday in the case of Albert H. Jones vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.

A petition was granted relating to a charter for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall Association.

The bond of K. Olive Thompson, Committee of David Wands, was filed and approved by the Court.

A petition was granted for rule on a hearing, &c., to accept or refuse real estate at valuation in the case of Horace B. Bennett et al., vs. K. Olive Thompson.

Several Cases of Diphtheria.

Miss Bertha Clond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Clond, East Market street, who was taken ill of diphtheria last week, is now well along on the road to recovery. She is already able to sit up. The disease was of a very malignant type. But anti-toxin was early administered and this together with the excellent medical attendance and good nursing seems to have been potent in bringing about the best of results.

Miss Clond, who is a pupil of the High School, is much beloved by her teachers and school mates and the favorable tidings from the sick room are hailed as very good news, indeed. It is worthy of note in this connection that Miss Clond's enforced absence from her classes occasioned by her illness is the first time that she has lost at school in seven years. In all this time she has never been absent so much as a half a day.

Dr. Shultz, Secretary of the Board of Health, states that there is a gradual diminution in the number of cases of diphtheria. Now and then a new case breaks out, but these are more than counterbalanced by the number of places where the quarantine is raised. As usual at this season diphtheria is in evidence over the county generally, although at no place nearly has it assumed the form of an epidemic. Among the new cases reported within a day or so is one in Mahoning township.

Ripper Repeal Bill Reported.

The House Municipal Corporations committee yesterday morning decided to report favorably the Philadelphia "ripper" repeal bill, and held over the Greater Pittsburg bill, on which an open hearing will be held on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

It was quick work on the "ripper," but the Republican members are tumbling over each other in hastening to the call for reform legislation.

THE CHAPLAIN IS FACETIOUS.

When the House met yesterday morning, Chaplain Moore, who, on the two previous days had attracted attention by his prayers, offered the following:

"O Lord, we commend Thy blessing to rest upon these dear Representatives. We verily believe that there is not a man on the floor that money or political influence could constrain to puncture the dear old Constitution of this State. May these Representatives quickly consummate the legislation of this session and go to their homes and loved ones and then they can afford to patiently wait their judgment day in November."

MR. CREAM'S TWO BILLS.

Mr. Creamy, of Columbia, introduced two bills in which Grangers of the State have been deeply interested for years. One provides that the State shall return to the counties nine-tenths of the personal property tax instead of three-fourths, as now, and the other provides that all license fees shall be returned by counties instead of a part being taken by the State. If the two bills are both passed and become laws a difference of considerably over a half million dollars will be made in the revenue of the State.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill to provide for the salaries and expenses of the members, etc.

Mr. Ammerman introduced a resolution requiring the Insurance Commission to report the amount of fees received last year, which was amended to include the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and passed.

At 10:25 o'clock the House adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT STOVE WORKS

The Stove Works was the scene of a destructive fire Monday. For an hour or more the fate of the prosperous and steadily running plant hung trembling in the balance; that it was not destroyed was due solely to the good management, the well directed and heroic efforts of the firemen.

The fire broke out in sensational features. To begin with it was located in the part of the plant in which extra-ordinary precautions are taken to avoid fire—the portion in which are stored the patterns needed for the various kinds of stoves and furnaces manufactured, and which represent a value of at least \$75,000.

To protect this portion of the plant in case fire should break out elsewhere about the place the doors on the outside are lined with sheet iron, while the windows are protected with shutters also lined on the outside with iron. The very precautions adopted to exclude the fire from the patterns yesterday served to confine the flames to that portion of the buildings and probably prevented wholesale destruction.

The fire broke out a very few minutes after 7 o'clock. William Linker, the shipper, was busy in the first floor of the warehouse when he saw a sheet of flame pouring into the building from the first floor of the brick annex, on the second and third floors of which are stored the patterns. Quick as thought he slammed the large double door shut and gave the alarm of fire.

The next moment the office sent in an alarm to the Washington Fire Company by telephone. When the fire was discovered the D. L. & W. switch engine was the very first to sound the alarm, whistling loud and long. The import of the shrill whistle was at once understood and when the next moment the familiar whistle of the stove works took up the alarm the fire was easily located even by people in the remote parts of town.

The Washington Hose Company was situated conveniently near. Another favorable circumstance was that a good many members of that company are employed at the Stove Works and are not only acquainted with the ins and outs of the place but yesterday were right on the ground ready for action. As soon as the fire was discovered the Stove works team was sent galloping over to the "Washes" hose house and in a few minutes came dashing back with the hose carriage loaded down with an abundance of hose. The Goodwill Hose Company was a close second, its carriage loaded with hose being brought over by the team of the Hanover Brewing Company. The two other companies were soon on the ground, the response of the fire department on the whole being remarkably prompt indeed.

By the time the firemen arrived the flames had enveloped nearly one-half of the lower story and had burned through the floor above and was gaining considerable headway in the second story right among the patterns. The firemen, many of whom were employees and familiar with conditions realized that extreme care would have to be exercised in fighting the flames if any attempt was to be made to save the valuable patterns. Every precaution would have to be taken to prevent a draught. But here another difficulty presented itself. The burning woodwork was all of pine and the smoke in the closed building was a dense black volume in which no human being could live; and yet to play in through the windows with the hose, smashing the glass would be to admit a current of air that would hurry the flames along their career of destruction and after all would give the firemen only a questionable advantage. It was considered a safer plan to carry the hose into the building facing the smoke as long as the men could stand it, one gang relieving the other as fast as they felt themselves being overcome by the dense smoke, which was every two or three minutes. At one time four hose were playing on the buildings—two attached to the fire plug recently installed east of the plant and two to the old plug in the yard west of the plant. Such heroic work in the face of such obstacles has never been witnessed in Danville. Relay after relay of men would drag the hose into the burning building only to be driven out again blinded and choking after a few minutes in the dense smoke. Their persistence, however, brought its reward; the flames were checked and finally wholly extinguished with only a minimum of damage wrought.

A visit to the works Monday revealed the peril in which the plant stood during the fire. About one-half of the woodwork on the first floor is nearly wholly destroyed and will have to be rebuilt along with a portion of the floor and some of the woodwork on the second story.

Another minute and the flames would have been among the patterns, which are stored mostly about the middle and the northern end of the second floor. As it is the delicate patterns are badly damaged. In a good many instances the follow boards are burned; in others they are soaked with water and are warped, while the finely polished iron patterns are rusted and when drenched with water or covered with a thick sticky substance deposited by the smoke. There are hundreds of patterns, all of which will have to be gone over; the damaged fol-

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

John Swanger and Miss Carrie Billmeyer, of Milton, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fry on North Mill street.

Miss Lear Gilbert, of Catawissa, is visiting at the home of Dr. C. H. Reynolds, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Klase spent Sunday with relatives at Benton.

Sheriff J. R. Sharpless, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with relatives in South Danville.

Charles Goldsmith, Esq., of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the Goldsmith homestead, Lower Mulberry street.

Heber Miner, of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the home of his father, William Miner, Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leighow, of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday at the home of County Commissioner George M. Leighow, Honeymoon street.

C. E. Koefer, of Sunbury, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Mrs. Charles Watson, Sr., arrived in this city Saturday from Philadelphia for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. I. H. Jennings, West Market street.

Evangelist W. D. Laumaster was in this city yesterday, having finished his engagement at Northumberland. Mr. Laumaster will leave today for Bloomsburg where he will conduct a series of meetings under the auspices of the Young People's Societies and the Y. M. C. A.

Walter W. Bayer, of Milroy, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

DEATH OF MRS. ROGER HENDRICKS

Mrs. Ellen Hendricks, the wife of Roger Hendricks of Valley township, departed this life at noon on Tuesday. Her demise removes one of the old and highly esteemed residents of Valley township. She was eighty years of age, her death being due to the ailments of advanced years. She had been ill since October.

Besides her husband Mrs. Hendricks is survived by a son and daughter; Horace Hendricks of Berwick and Mrs. F. P. Appelman of Valley township, this county. Two brothers of the deceased, John Albright of Wilkes-Barre and Franklin Albright of Philadelphia also survive.

The funeral will take place, Saturday, meeting at the late residence near Mauseale at 11 a. m. Services will be held at the Mauseale Reformed church of which the deceased was a member for nearly forty years. Interment will be made in Bright's cemetery.

The deceased, who before marriage was Ellen Albright, was a native of Upper Providence township, Montgomery County, and belonged to the group of well-known families from that township of Montgomery County, who about 1860 came to Montour, settling in Valley and Anthony townships—who for many years following were identified with affairs in their respective communities, but who as time wears on are one by one falling under the burden of years and yielding their places to others.

It was in 1870 that the deceased along with her husband, Roger Hendricks, came to Montour County, settling on a farm on the Washingtonville Road, where the family lived until a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks were about the last of the Montour people to move to Montour. They were preceded, in 1859, by George Surver and family. Joel Thomas and Jonathan Kirker came up from Montgomery County about 1858. The two former settled in Valley township and the latter in Anthony, where the family at present remains and is prominently identified with the affairs of the township. It was at a still earlier date, probably as far back as 1855, that Jesse Conway, who settled in Valley township, Abram Moore, who bought a farm near White Hill and John Roberts, who located at Exchange, turned their backs on the already densely populated section of the State in Montgomery County and sought cheaper land in Montour.

Not one of this trio is any longer living. Jesse Conway died in this county a few years ago. Abram Moore after many years removed back to Montgomery where in the fullness of time he was gathered to his fathers.

John Roberts spent only a couple of years in Montour. He was a man of fine attainments, fond of research and was a musician of marked ability. He had but little in common with life on a Montour County farm and after a couple of years' experiment he sold out and removed to Philadelphia. He died a few years ago. Among other Montour county people who came to Montour at the same time were George Supple, who settled near Jerseytown, and J. P. Bar, former Justice of the Peace of Danville, who accompanied the Hendricks family.

To Abolish Mileage Excess.

"The Homeless 26," an organization with 8200 members having for its object the promotion among commercial, business and professional men of acquaintance, good fellowship and the mutual interest of each other, has petitioned the secretary of internal affairs to proceed against the Pennsylvania railroad company for transgressing its corporate functions and infringing upon the rights of citizens by retaining in addition to the price of \$20 for a 1000-mile mileage book \$10 as a forfeit if any but the purchaser shall use the book.

"The Homeless 26," which is a State association, regularly chartered, presents its petition through S. M. Williams, a member. Mr. Williams says he is advised that it is the special duty of the secretary of internal affairs to exercise a watchful supervision over railroad and other business corporations of the State, and in case any citizens shall charge under oath that a corporation is transgressing its corporate functions or infringing upon the rights of individual citizens the secretary shall investigate the charges, and require a special report from the corporation.

Should the secretary believe the charges are just, and the matter beyond individual redress, he shall certify the matter to the Attorney General, who shall proceed to redress the same by a proceeding in court.

Mr. Williams charges that the Pennsylvania railroad company transgresses its functions and infringes on the rights of citizens because charging \$20 for a 1000-mile mileage book and an additional sum of \$10, which latter is refunded if the ticket is used exclusively by the original purchaser and lawful owner.

This, the petitioner holds, is illegal, and he prays Secretary Brown to take such action as the law and constitution provide. Secretary Brown, who is in accord with all efforts to abolish the \$10 retention scheme, will consider the matter and if he finds he can do so will lay the matter before Attorney General Carson with a request to take it to court.

Elks Entertain.

Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks, entertained a number of the gentlemen friends of the members at the rooms in the Grone building last evening.

The large room on the third floor, which lends itself easily to the hand of the decorator, was tastefully and beautifully decked for the occasion. Here a number of tables had been provided where the members and their guests might play cards. In the social rooms on the second floor other games were in progress. During the evening refreshments were served.

Last evening's affair is but one of a series of delightful entertainments that the Elks have been giving from time to time. The following committee was in charge of last night's social: Ralph Kiser, Edward Purpur, Arthur H. Woolley, Edward Ellenbogen, Harry P. Phil, R. B. Diehl and Charles H. Snyder.

LICENSE COURT TOMORROW

License Court will be held tomorrow, January 18, at 10 o'clock a. m. for hotel, wholesale liquor stores, distillers, brewers and bottlers. As far as known at present His Honor Judge Little will preside.

There are just a round forty of applications, thirty-one being in Danville. In Anthony township there is one; in Derry township, two; in Liberty township, one; in Valley township, three; in Washingtonville, two. In Danville there are twenty-three applicants for hotel license; four applicants for restaurant license; two applicants for wholesale liquor license and two applicants for brewery license.

In the list advertised this year there are no new applicants; neither have any remonstrances been filed against granting any of the applications.

The matter of licenses, therefore, tomorrow will be very easily disposed of and the session of Court need not necessarily occupy much time.

The application of George F. Oyster for distillery license, which has been in the column for many years past, is absent from the list this year. The reason assigned is that the distillery which has been a landmark near Washingtonville for so long, is going out of business owing to the changed conditions, which makes it impossible for a small plant of its kind to compete with the large distilleries that have grown up in recent years. Mr. Oyster, who is now of advanced years, will retire. Many years ago the plant was operated by Butler and Oyster.

Shot by His Brother.

While the two boys of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Schwalberg, of Nesquehony, were at play yesterday morning, Robert, aged 14 years, shot his brother Carlton, aged 9 years, through the body with a 38-calibre revolver, the latter dying inside of eight minutes.

The two youngsters were awakened by their mother about eight o'clock, when they were told that the boys had started to romp around the room in their night dresses, as young lads are wont to do.

One had a toy pistol, which had been a gift of Kris Kingle, and the other brought himself a 38-calibre revolver kept locked up in the bureau room by their father. The lads got the key, and unlocking the drawer took out the gun, four chambers of which were loaded.

Not knowing the danger, the two lads then started to shoot the guns at each other, the younger armed with the toy pistol, and the older one holding the partly loaded revolver. When the cylinder had been turned to a loaded chamber, the cartridge was discharged and the bullet entered the younger brother's body just under the shoulder and over the ribs. It pierced the body and came out at the back between the backbone and the fourth rib, and lodged in the wall of the room. The bullet was later extracted from the wall by the lad who fired the gun.

When shot, the boy at once screamed from pain and fright, and ran down stairs. Mrs. Schwalberg started up the stairs when she heard the shot, and had reached but the fourth step when the injured lad fell into her arms. She bore him down to the kitchen floor, where he died in about eight minutes. The older lad Robert, without waiting to dress, ran down the street in his night gown for Dr. J. J. Meyer whose house is three blocks distant. The doctor at once hastened to the Schwalberg house, but the boy breathed his last just as the doctor reached there.

The boy who was shot was one of six children, and both parents are people well known in Nesquehony.

Sustained Stroke in Store Alone.

Stricken with apoplexy while alone in his place of business at the corner of Third and Walnut streets, Sunbury, Harry C. Wallize, groceryman, lay in an unconscious stupor on the floor all night long.

Mr. Wallize was stricken some time before midnight Tuesday. His clerk, Harry Snyder, left the store about half past nine o'clock Tuesday night. At that time Mr. Wallize was in good health and spirits and cheerfully bade his clerk good night. When Snyder arrived at the store Wednesday morning he discovered Mr. Wallize lying on the floor between the door and counter. His head rested in a small pool of blood, caused by a deep gash in his forehead and he was unconscious and breathing exceedingly heavily. Help was summoned and the victim was removed to the Mary M. Packer Hospital. The last reports were that the condition of the patient showed no improvement.

The money drawer was open and the contents were scattered on the counter and over the floor. The belief that Mr. Wallize was in the act of settling his cash account for the day when he was stricken or was going to lock the front door.

Mr. Wallize is aged 64 years and is the father of Arthur B. Wallize, former instructor in the Sunbury High school, and who is now superintendent of the Milton schools.

Have Private Tutors.

The vaccination tempter has partly subsided in Lock Haven, but the problem is still far from settlement. The teachers continue to strictly enforce the law, and pay no heed to the wishes of the directors for a liberal interpretation when it comes to immune for delicate children, says a report from Lock Haven. Each week a few more children are vaccinated, and re-enter school, but more than one-third of the full enrollment is still out. Some of the well-to-do families, who decline to permit their children to be vaccinated, have established kindergartens in their homes, and have engaged private instructors.

MONTOUR'S PART IN GREAT REFORM

Little Montour is getting as prominent a figure in the great reform movement on foot as any of her big sister counties of the Commonwealth.

On Tuesday afternoon R. S. Ammerman, Montour's Representative, introduced a bill in the Legislature at Harrisburg entitled an "Act to Regulate the Nomination of Public Officers, Providing for and Regulating the Holding of Primary Elections and Punishing Certain Offenses in Regard to such Primary Elections."

Mr. Ammerman's bill was approved by Committees of the Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Senate caucus room on Tuesday night. It is a purely reform measure and may be regarded as a supplement to the bill introduced by Senator Colpin of Lackawanna county, which is an Act "Requiring all Candidates and all Political Party Organizations to File a Sworn Statement of all Expenditures in any Campaign and Prohibiting Corporations or their Agents from Contributing to Candidates or any Political Organization."

Both Bills will be argued before the Elections Committee on next Monday night. Mr. Ammerman representing both measures.

Below are given a few of the many excellent provisions of Mr. Ammerman's Bill. Section 1 provides that it shall hereafter be unlawful to be nominated, or to nominate or put or place in nomination, any candidate for any office in this state, to be filled by the votes of the people, including Congressmen, Congressmen-at-Large, State Senators and Judges of the several courts, by or in any convention, or any assemblage of delegates or representatives, or in any other way, method or manner than is hereinafter provided; Provided however, that the provisions of this Act shall not operate to change the system, commonly known as the conferee system, in congressional, senatorial and judicial districts consisting of two or more counties where such systems are now in force.

Section 2. There shall hereafter be held annually two primary elections and no more; one upon the second Tuesday of January and one upon the second Tuesday of June, and at such primary elections all persons seeking nominations for offices shall be voted for by the people directly.

It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to do or commit, or advise, or solicit, or assist, or knowingly to permit another to do or commit any of the following acts, to-wit:

Directly or indirectly to give or promise, or offer to give any money, reward, or other valuable consideration, or promise of influence or support, to any person for the purpose of inducing him or any other person's vote at a primary election.

To threaten any person, or use any other means of intimidation, in order to influence or obstruct an elector's vote at any primary election, or to interfere with or influence the action of any election officer in the lawful discharge of his duties at such election.

To suppress, conceal, carry away or destroy the official ballots of any party.

Directly or indirectly to pay any expenses incurred by a candidate, or any one in his interest, in consideration of his withdrawal, or to give, offer or promise any reward, office