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SENATORIAL CONTESTS I

Very Lively Times for Pennsylvania Legislators.

THE CAUCUS TO BE HELD AT ONCE

The Republicans Have Decided to Prevent a Long Senatorial Contest, and Will Decide the Question Tomorrow Night—Sanitury and the Delaware Senatorship.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 4.—The legislature, which organizes tomorrow, will probably continue in session until early in June. The last two sessions did not adjourn until the first week in June. That of 1891 closed the last week in May. The Republicans control both houses, their majority on joint ballot being 176. In the senate the Republicans have 44 members and the Democrats 6. The political complexion of the house is 215 Republicans and 93 Democrats. Judson C. Phelps, of Crawford county, is clashed with the Democrats by reason of his election on a fusion ticket. He is a free silver Republican, and will act with the Democrats. Mr. Phelps announces that he will vote for Chauncey E. Black, of York, for United States senator. If more than one ballot is taken in the caucus he will cast his second vote for Senator J. Donald Cameron.



BOIES PENROSE

He was elected a Democrat, and will act with the party on all political questions except United States senator. He is for Senator Boies Penrose on account of the senator's interest in certain labor legislation in the session of 1895.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLUMS.

Annual Visit of Santa Claus to Court House Hill.

A FEW UNIMPORTANT VACANCIES.

The County Commissioners Announce the List of Appointees After a Session of Two Hours This Morning.

SPECIAL TO EVENING HERALD. TOWNSHIP CLERKS. A. P. M.—To-day being the day for the officials elected at the last election to be installed in office and for the naming of their appointees there was a great influx of visitors from all parts of the county to this town this morning and the court house corridors, offices and waiting rooms were crowded by anxious plum seekers and their friends.

At 8:30 o'clock all the offices were opened for business, but the greater part of the morning was taken up in introducing and instructing the new appointees whose appointments had been agreed before the close of the old year. The following were the first staff appointments: CLERK OF THE COURTS—Hon. John T. Shoenor, of Orrsburg; Deputy, John Duffy; Clerk, ex-Judge Isaac Morgan, Mahanoy City.

COUNTY TREASURER—Hon. Elias Davis, Broad Mountain; Deputy, Samuel J. Deibert, Schuylkill Haven. RECORDERS—Edward Jenkin, Joltit; Deputy, Thomas Herb, Trenton; Clerks, William Lessor, Minersville; George W. Keiser, Shenandoah; Harry Metcalf, Girardville. PROTHONOTARY—James R. Deegan, Ashland; Deputy, William Lath, Ashland; Clerk, M. P. Brennan, Mahanoy P. O.

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ALL the officials except Prothonotary Deegan were sworn in this morning. Mr. Deegan was unable to be at the court house. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. County Commissioners Bentz, Martin and Meyers were in session two hours this morning before they made the following announcement of appointments: Chief Clerk, Horace Reber, Pinegrove, \$125 per month; Solicitor, Charles E. Berger, Eq., Cresona; First Assistant Clerk, Charles G. Reed, Pottsville, \$75 per month; Second Assistant, Third ward, Kasina Shepene, John Warner and Karl Rudolph, Fifth ward, Slippy Davidity, Jr. Mr. Huppel says several other reappointments will be filed.

SCHOOLS OPEN AGAIN. All the public schools of town were opened this morning for the second part of the term and there will be no more vacations until the schools close for the summer. To-day the time for pupils to be vaccinated expired and all who have failed to comply with the resolution of the School Board will be suspended after to-day. Under a ruling made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaefer some time ago, the rule applies to the night schools, as well as to the others.

ALMSHOUSE APPOINTMENTS. Made to-day After a Session of Several Hours. SPECIAL TO EVENING HERALD. SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, Jan. 4, 4:30 p. m.—Prior Middleton, District and Abramson met at the Almshouse this morning and organized and after an all day session announced the following appointments: Steward, J. G. Reed; Matron, Mrs. J. G. Reed; Physician, Dr. T. M. Moore; Clerk, J. F. Grossman; Assistant Clerks, Harry J. Edwards, Walter Middleton, \$65 per month; Dr. G. D. Lenker, Schuylkill Haven, \$500 per year. The position of seamstress is left open.

County Treasurer Surcharged. The County Auditor, whose term of office expired with the old year, as one of their last official acts surcharged County Treasurer Deichert with \$1,071.60. The amount represents commissions retained by the Treasurer from license money due the boroughs and townships during the three years he has been in office. Previous to the passage of the act by the Treasurer was entitled to this commission, but now the Auditor claims his salary being fixed by law he is not entitled to this commission. Judge Pershing sustained this view in the case of the County vs. Pepper, which has been appealed to the Supreme Court. The decision of the latter has not been rendered.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.

A Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent Agreeably Surprised.

As Rev. D. I. Evans closed his sermon in the Welsh Baptist church last evening he announced to the congregation that he had a very pleasant duty to perform and in behalf of the Sunday school presented his superintendent, Mr. J. P. Williams, with a pair of gold spectacles. The presentation was accompanied by a brief, but effective address and the pastor spoke in honor of the services of several years of service Mr. Williams had rendered the school as its superintendent.

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GIRVIN'S 4 and 8 S. Main St. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall was the scene of a social gathering Saturday evening at which a number of people had a very enjoyable time participating in games and indulging in an elaborate feast.

REMEMBRANCES FILED. S. G. M. Halloper, Esq., counsel for the Law and Order Society, this morning filed at Pottsville remonstrances against the following Shenandoah applications for saloon licenses: First ward, William Snyder, Frank Haselmeier, Jr., and Margaret Conghin; Second ward, Samuel Thiel, Third ward, Kasina Shepene, John Warner and Karl Rudolph. Fifth ward, Slippy Davidity, Jr. Mr. Huppel says several other reappointments will be filed.

GREEN'S HAT CO. Free Lunch. Sundry and park to-night. Hot lunch to-morrow morning. Meals at all hours. The closing of the Holiday selling has left broken assortments, and odds and ends in others, all of which MUST BE CLOSED OUT THE COMING WEEK.

CLEANING-UP SALE OF LEFT-OVER HOLIDAY GOODS. To insure this result, sweeping reductions have been made without the slightest reference to cost. These big sacrifices apply to Books, Dolls, Lamps, Pocket Books, China and Glassware, Toys, Games, Celluloid Toilet, Handkerchief, Glove and Collar and Cuff Boxes, useful at all times and at all seasons, but never purchasable at the low prices which will be placed upon them for THIS WEEK, in order to effect their quick clearance.

F. J. Portz & Son, 21 NORTH MAIN STREET. 25 cents per yard for rag carpet, Ingrain and a pretty three stripe carpet, all worth 35 cents a yard. Remnants of OIL CLOTH at your own price.

FRICKE'S CARPET STORE, 10 S. Jardin Street. Holiday Presents COMBS, BRUSHES, PERFUMERY, ATOMIZERS, &c. They are appropriate and Sold Cheap.

KIRLIN'S DRUG STORE, 6 South Main Street. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Ludovici's Bromine Quinine Tablets. All drugists refund the money if it fails to cure. HONOR TO BOYS. Jack Boney, the hard hitting middleweight of Lansford, has been matched to box Dick O'Brien, of Boston, ten rounds before the Union Park Athletic Club on January 13.