

THE NEW BALLOT LAW.

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outside clearly designating the election districts for which they are intended and the number of ballots of each kind enclosed.

They shall then be sent by the county commissioners of the respective counties separately and at different times, or by different methods, to the judges of election at the several voting places, so as to be received by them, one set on the Saturday before the day of election and the other set on the Monday before the day of election.

Receipts for the Ballots.

The respective judges of election shall, on delivery to them of such packages, return receipts therefor to the commissioners, who shall keep a record of the time when, and the manner in which, the several packages are sent and shall preserve for the period of one year the receipts of the said judges of election.

The Voting Rooms.

Section 19. The county commissioners of each county shall provide for each election district therein at each election a room large enough to be fitted up with voting shelves and a guard rail, as hereinafter provided.

Who Pays the Bill.

Section 20. To provide for the cost of said shelves or compartments and guard rails in the year 1882 the secretary of the commonwealth, the secretary of internal affairs and the auditor general shall be and they are hereby constituted a board to decide upon a pattern of the said shelves or compartments and a pattern of the said guard rails and upon the material to be used for them and such other furniture and apparatus as may be necessary, and to fix a limit of cost of the same per shelf or compartment and per lineal foot of rail, and the said board shall, within two months after the passage of this act, notify the commissioners of the respective counties of the pattern adopted and of the limit of cost, and the said commissioners, after they have provided the said shelves or compartments and guard rails, shall send to the auditor general of the commonwealth a statement of the voting places in the county, naming them, and the number of shelves or compartments provided for each according to the pattern adopted, and of the cost of the same, not exceeding the limit as aforesaid, which statement shall be signed by the said commissioners, verified by the affidavit of one of them, and approved by the county controller or auditors. On receipt of the said statement the auditor general shall draw warrants upon the treasury of the commonwealth in favor of the treasurers of the counties from which the sums therein stated to be due, and the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay the said warrants. The said shelves or compartments or guard rails shall thereafter be the property of the respective counties, and no further allowance shall be made to the counties by the auditor general for providing the same.

To Enlighten the Voter.

Section 21. At the opening of the polls in each voting place the seals of one package shall be publicly broken, and the said package shall be opened by the judge of elections. The cards of instruction shall be immediately posted at or in each voting shelf or compartment provided in accordance with this act for the marking of the ballots, and not less than three such cards and not less than five specimen ballots, shall be immediately posted in or about the voting room, outside the guard rail, and such cards and specimen ballots shall be given to any voter at his request. The second set of ballots shall be retained unopened by the respective judges of election until they are needed for the purposes of voting.

Section 22. Any person desiring to vote shall give his name and residence to one of the election officers in charge of the ballots, who shall thereupon announce the same in a loud and distinct tone of voice, and if such name is found upon the ballot check-list by the inspector or clerks in charge thereof he shall likewise repeat the said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter the space enclosed by the guard rail, unless his right to vote be challenged. No person whose name is not on the said list, or whose right to vote shall be challenged by a qualified citizen, shall be admitted within said guard rail until he has established his right to vote in the manner now provided by law, and his name, if not on the check-lists, shall then be added to both lists. As soon as a voter is admitted within the rail the election officer having charge of the ballots shall detach a ballot from the stub and give it to the said voter, but shall first fold it so that words printed on the back and outside as provided in section 15 of this act, shall be the

only writing visible, and no ballot shall be voted unless folded in the same manner. Not more than one ballot shall be given to a voter except as provided in section 23 of this act.

No Records of Numbers.

As soon as a voter receives a ballot the letter "H" shall be marked against his name on the margin of the ballot check-list, but no record of the number of the ballots shall be made on the said lists. Besides the election officers and such supervisors as are authorized by the laws of the United States or overseers appointed by the courts of this commonwealth not more than four voters in excess of the number of voting shelves or compartments provided, shall be allowed in said enclosed space at one time.

Section 23. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith and without leaving the space enclosed by the guard rail retire to one of the voting shelves or compartments, and shall prepare his ballot by marking in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) opposite the party, name, or political designation of a group of candidates, or opposite the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, or by inserting in the blank space provided therefor any name not already on the ballot, and in case of a question submitted to the vote of the people by marking in the appropriate margin or place a cross (X) against the answer which he desires to give. Before leaving the voting shelf or compartment the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon in the same way it was folded when received by him, and he shall keep the same so folded until he has voted.

After leaving the voting shelf and before leaving the enclosed space he shall give his ballot to the election officer in charge of the ballot box, who, shall, without unfolding the ballot, number it as required by the constitution of this commonwealth, placing the said number in the right hand upper corner of the back of the ballot immediately to the left of the folding line printed thereon and nowhere else, and shall then at once fold the corner at the folding line and fasten it securely down with the adhesive paste so as to cover the number on the back, so that it cannot be seen without unfastening or cutting open the part so fastened down, and shall then deposit the ballot in the box. The voter shall mark and deliver his ballot without undue delay, and shall quit the enclosed space as soon as his ballot has been deposited, provided, that if at any time the constitution of this commonwealth shall cease to require ballots to be numbered no number shall be placed on the ballot and it shall be deposited in the ballot box by the voter himself.

Time of Marking Limited.

Section 24. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment already occupied by another, except when giving the help allowed by section 27 of this act, nor to remain within said compartment more than ten minutes in case all of such compartments are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy the same. No voter not an election officer shall be allowed to re-enter the enclosed space after he has once left it, except to give help as hereinafter described. Each voter's name shall be checked on the voting check-list by the officer having charge thereof as soon as he has cast his vote in the manner now provided by law. It shall be the duty of the judge of election to secure the observance of the provisions of this section, to keep order in the room in which the voting is held, and to see that no more persons are admitted within the enclosed space than are allowed by this act. Each party which has by its primary meeting, caucus, convention or board, sent to the proper officer a certificate of nomination, and each group of citizens which has sent to the proper officer a nomination paper, as provided in sections 2 and 3 of this act, shall be allowed to appoint three electors to act as watchers at each voting place, without expense to the county, one of whom shall be allowed to remain in the room outside of the enclosed space. Each watcher shall be provided with a certificate from the county commissioners, or if the election be held in a township or borough, from the auditors of the same, stating his name, the names of the persons who have appointed him and the party or policy he represents, and no party or policy shall be represented by more than one watcher in the same voting room at any one time. Watchers shall be required to show their certificates when requested to do so. Until the polls are closed no persons shall be allowed in the room, outside of the enclosed space, except one time, who are awaiting their turn to prepare their ballots, and race officers when necessary for the preservation of the peace. No person within the voting room shall elector or solicit votes for any party or candidate, nor shall any written or printed matter be posted up within the said room, except as required by law.

No Extra Lists Allowed.

Section 25. No list or memorandum of the names of voters, except such lists as are expressly authorized by law, shall be made within the voting room by any person or officer, nor shall any list or memorandum of the numbers marked upon the ballots be made or kept, except such lists as are expressly authorized by law, provided that any voter may make a memorandum of the number of his own ballot, and the watchers may keep their poll-books and challenge lists. After the closing of the polls and the lists of voters upon which the numbers of the ballots are recorded, as now required by law, shall be placed in separate sealed covers properly marked, and the stubs of all the ballots used, together with all unused ballots and the ballot check-list shall also be enclosed in a sealed package, properly designating the voting place, which package shall be sent to the proper officer as required by law in the case of the ballots cast, and neither the said package nor the said lists of voters shall thereafter be opened except by the return judges, or in the case of a contest, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

For Failure of Duty.

Section 34. Any public officer upon whom a duty is imposed by this act who shall negligently or wilfully perform it in such a way as to hinder the objects of this act, or who shall negligently or wilfully violate any of the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$100, or to undergo an imprisonment for not more than one year or both at the discretion of the court.

How Ballots Are Made Void.

Section 28. If a voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled his ballot shall not be counted for such office. No ballot without the official endorsement shall, except as hereinafter provided, be allowed to be deposited in the ballot box, and none but ballots provided in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be counted. Ballots not marked, or improperly or defectively marked, shall be endorsed as defective, but shall be preserved with the other ballots. If any ballot appears to have been obtained otherwise than as provided in this act, the judge of election shall transmit such ballot to the district attorney without delay, together with whatever information he may have, tending to the detection of the person who deposited the same.

Section 29. After the polls are closed the election officers only shall remain in the voting room, within the guard rail, and shall there at once proceed to count the votes. Such counting shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed. A record shall first be made of the number of the last ballot cast, the officers in charge of the voting check-list small, in the presence of the other officers and watchers, count in a distinct and audible voice the names checked on the said list, and announce the whole number thereof, and the lists of voters, the stubs of ballots used, and all unused ballots shall then be sealed up as required by section 25 of this act. The ballot box shall then be opened by the judge, the ballots shall be taken therefrom by the inspector designated by the judge, and audibly counted, one by one, by the judge, and when the count is completed the whole number of ballots cast shall be announced, and the counting of the number of votes, received by each person voted for, shall then proceed. All ballots, after being removed from the box, shall be kept within the unenclosed voting room, but outside the guard rail, while the votes are being counted and to preserve order therein. No persons, except the said peace-officers and such other persons as are authorized by the peace, or persons acting in their authority for the same end, shall enter the space within the guard rail, or communicate with any election officer in any way after the polls are closed and until the counting of the votes is completed.

To Preserve the Peace.

It shall be the duty of the police officers, constables and deputy constables, now required by law to be present at the polls, to remain within the voting room, but outside the guard rail, while the votes are being counted and to preserve order therein. No persons, except the said peace-officers and such other persons as are authorized by the peace, or persons acting in their authority for the same end, shall enter the space within the guard rail, or communicate with any election officer in any way after the polls are closed and until the counting of the votes is completed.

Miners' Wages Raised.

The miners of the Schuylkill region employed by the Reading Company who were on Saturday last that the \$2.50 basis for wages has been reached, this being the first time this consummation has occurred in three years. It is due to the enhanced prices realized for coal.

How Authors Work.

An ingenious reporter has been interviewing a number of celebrated authors to discover what are their habits and attitudes while writing. M. Alphonse Daudet, he tells us, smiles maliciously; M. Emile Zola repeats in a loud voice the phrase which is at the tip of his pen; M. Edmond de Goncourt moves his lips as if he were eating; M. Jules Lemaitre strokes his mustache with his left hand; M. Renan looks in the palm of his hand, as if to find inspiration there; M. Ludovic Halévy looks up to the ceiling to collect his thoughts; M. Melhac puts his head into his hands to meditate; M. Jean Richepin taps on his desk when he is in want of a phrase; M. Francois Coppee lights a cigarette while searching for a rhyme; M. Henri Bernier scratches his head; M. Emile Bergerat whistles; M. Jean Rameau, when he is writing verses, seems to be thinking of something else, and finally M. Georges Ohnet appears to be thinking of nothing.—London Globe.

What the Baton Was For.

The Marine band was playing. The people were thick; the flies also. Director Sousa was standing on his little platform waving the magic baton, and naturally, from his elevated position, he was the cynosure of all eyes.

The Ghost of Leap Year.

In France there is a popular tradition among the peasantry, especially those of the Seine country and of La Chatre, concerning a demon called "The Ghost of Leap Year." It is said that every leap year this peculiar sort of evil demon makes his dread appearance. The creature's sole pleasure is to be displeased with everything and everybody. His shape is not distinguishable in member, joint or limb, but taken altogether his hideous and uncanny actions make him a much dreaded monster.—St. Louis Republic.

A Primitive Primrose Dame.

A Primrose dame, a member of the grand council of a certain seaside habitation, called to canvass an elector. The elector was a Liberal and tried to get some fun out of his visitor. "What do you think, ma'am," he asked, "about the eight hour movement?" "Well, it does seem hard, don't it?" replied the dame, "to make men work from 8 o'clock in the morning till 8 o'clock at night."—London Truth.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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