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MACKAY AND BARNHART swapped positions. Each has the position formerly occupied by the other.

EDITOR HONEYMAN'S campaign was a clean and energetic one. Though a resident of the county for a generation, he was defeated by the votes of Republicans, who persisted in looking upon him as a stranger.

THE REELECTIONS controlled by the Daily Press to Mayor Gilbert, in which he was made to endorse Mayor Saunders' re-election, were used with telling effect by North Plainfield Democrats in their work yesterday. That they were not repudiated as false made them all the more effective. If Mr. Gilbert was not so energetic in approving Mr. Saunders' re-election as the Press would have him to be, the election of a straight old Republican of Mr. Honeyman's well-known worth and ability, it is an unfortunate circumstance.

MR. SAUNDERS made a good Mayor. He will not doubt make as good a one the coming year. Throughout the brief campaign just finished, the Courier has had nothing to say derogatory to his record and methods. It urged the election of Mr. Honeyman because it considered him as good a man as Mr. Saunders and every way as capable. Finally it urged him because he was a Republican, unanimously chosen by a harmonious primary of head the ticket. The Courier has reason to feel that it is a better Republican than the three score Borough Republicans who voted against Mr. Honeyman simply because they did not know him personally. Through their weak-kneed Republicanism Borough Democrats have control of the Borough Council.

THE ITALIAN CHIEFS MAKERS OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD KILL THE CONSTRUCTION IN THE MIDDLE.

Some time ago the story of a shooting affair between a Italian named Wendell, of South Plainfield, and some Italian chiefs makers was told in the Courier. The Italian who did the shooting skipped for parts unknown, and within a week past, the whole gang had gone away, leaving their chieftaincy and its leader, a man named Stiller, who was furnishing them with milk, presented a bill of sale for what property they had, and wound up affairs. Wendell, who they tried to shoot, was in their bond for the rent of the farm for two years, and was left in the lurch with the farm on his hands at an exorbitant rent of \$300 per year. The Italians were content to deal with him; they were content to let the factory, because they could not speak nor understand English and it was only through their children that communication was had with them.

NOW FAIRWOOD CAN HAVE BOTH WATER AND LIGHT.

At the election in Fairwood Township yesterday, most of the voters cast their vote for the water and light bond. At any other Spring election ever held in the township, the question of water and light bringing out almost all the voters. The water bond, thirty years a resident of the township and a most efficient officer, was defeated by his own party, G. S. Miller, a New York journeyman and resident of Fairwood being elected by a majority of five. With the exception of Commissioner and Constable, the Republican ticket was elected, the appropriation of \$1,000 per year for a supply of water and for street lighting were carried by a majority of 28 and 43 respectively.

Now that the Crescent League

Wentons have also decided to ally the Plainfield Club will take the matter into their own hands and build a first-class one-third mile track in the southern part of the city.

Tickets for the F. M. C. A. election will not be sold at the door of the church, but can be procured at Mr. E. Shap's pharmacy. Tickets for St. George lectures will be sold.

Surgeons from the office of F. A. Dunham are still at work on the 4th

Main property. A party to-day were establishing the town of a lot on College place in the rear of the Library.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

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## THE SCHOOL BOARD LAW THROUGH OTHER EYES.

By Judge William Rappin in the Opinion

Advanced by the Corporation Council Regarding the Powers Granted by the State to the Board of Education. The Board Have Been Acting Under the Advice of Judge William Rappin, William Rappin Gives

His Year Ago.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

The Corporation Council in its recent action in your column on the subject of the question of the school law, has no law anywhere to be found which put any limit on the amount to which the school board could run Plainfield in debt for lands and school houses, and in doing this he simply begs the question and states what is true only on the surface.

The only act ever given the School Board for running the city in debt for these purposes is found in the act of 1882, page 22, which he cites so frequently. This act reads: "that if in the judgment of the Board of Education, it shall be necessary to erect additional school accommodations for the benefit of those entitled to attend the public schools, they are authorized to purchase lands and the erection of suitable school buildings and providing such buildings with suitable school appliances and conveniences, and to secure the payment of the money borrowed, by mortgage, covering the land purchased and the building or buildings erected thereon."

That is, the necessity must exist before the Board can use their authority and such authority can only be used on the occasion demands. The opinion of the Corporation Council should therefore be modified by stating that the school board can run the city in debt for only such schools as are absolutely required.

Again, the law carries its own limitation. The money borrowed must be on the credit of the school building to be erected. It cannot be obtained by a call on the tax rate. The amount could not exceed from one-half to two-thirds of the value of the particular school building erected, as no individual or corporation would lend a greater sum on such security for no use will loan more than they can hope to realize should they have to foreclose and sell the property at sheriff's sale.

The opinion of the Corporation Council should again be modified. It should so read that the School Board can borrow money for the purpose of erecting schools and lands only as may be needed and to an amount limited to the amount that they can borrow by mortgage on the credit of the school to be erected.

In a nut-shell the entire powers of the School Board on this point as to the borrowing of money for the purpose of erecting schools and lands only as may be needed and to an amount limited to the amount that they can borrow by mortgage on the credit of the school to be erected.

The law of 1882 provides that the funds to pay these items must be raised in the same manner as the money raised on the current expenses of the school.

Certainly it would be a wide stretch of the imagination to extend to this part of the law, relating to "raising funds" the interpretation that it meant the power to expend an unlimited sum for schools and lands for the purpose of "raising funds" by its own and general meaning determines its own limitation, viz: a small sum laid each year, for a certain purpose.

The special law of the Legislature which heretofore gave the School Board the power to borrow money for the purpose of erecting schools and lands, viz: the act of 1882, to which Mr. Marks referred, and for which they were designed, having long since been built in each case provided for a sinking fund of one thousand dollars on each school, viz: that two bonds of five hundred dollars each on each school should be paid each year, and it is probably from this that the Board have considered such sum as the proper amount for the sinking fund for this purpose on each school which they may have erected under this law of 1882. Certainly should they exceed this sum much, it would not be a sinking fund technically considered, and they would bring themselves without the provisions of this law.

The powers of the School Board in this matter were defined and laid down for them in an opinion written about twenty years ago, by the late Chief Justice, William Rappin, one of the greatest authorities in such matters, that this State has ever had.

The action taken by the School Board on this question as published by them in their recent communication to the public and which they have long followed, was founded on this opinion, which is now in their file. The writer of this article has not been able to see this opinion, nor does he know where it contains, but he believes that it will be found to bear out his own view of this very complex matter.

Wm. M. Silliman.

Chester is Pennsylvania.

Swickley, Penn. was an epidemic of cholera as our physicians called it, in this place lately and I made a bit with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I sold four dozen bottles in one week and have since sold nearly a gross. This remedy did the work and was very successful for me. Several persons who had been troubled with diarrhoea for two or three weeks were cured by a few doses of this medicine.







