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NEARING THE LIMIT.

It is not too soon to become busy on the poll tax proposition. This will be one of the years when the average red-blooded citizen will want to vote.

A FINE SHOWING.

A 9 o'clock Monday morning City Tax Collector Macedonia Garcia, reported that about \$2,500 of the school tax money had been paid in.

WINNERS.

The winning of the two basketball games by the Brownsville teams Saturday was a triumph of which the local schools may well be proud.

bers of the school board, members of the faculty, ministers of the gospel and gray haired mothers in Israel, to say nothing of the younger generation, united in one joyous hullabaloo that "quivered to the jingling stars"

For this was the third game played by the boys; the third game of boys' basketball team they had ever seen.

WITH THE EDITORS

Secretary Fred D. Henderson of the Young Men's Progressive League left Monday for Brownsville, where he is attending the Midwinter Fair.

The ball given in Brownsville in honor of Governor Colquitt, wife and daughter was a brilliant affair and had all the requisites to place it in the elite class.

McAllen day at the Midwinter fair was one of the big days of that institution. There was a big crowd from here who took the morning train, in fact, so many that we couldn't begin to mention all their names.

OUR VISIT TO THE FAIR.

The editor was a visitor to the Mid-Winter Fair Friday and Saturday, as the guest of the Fair association, and it is needless to say we had a royal good time.

Of course they received tickets to the grand ball given in honor of the Governor, but our giddy days are past, but there were several of the newspaper ladies present who participated in the dance and pronounced it an enjoyable affair.

Next week, when we get a report of the committee having the McAllen exhibit in charge and the awarding committees we will give a more extended write-up of the fair, which closes tomorrow.

More people attended services in the El Paso churches last Sunday than in years before. The ministers there made strenuous efforts to get the people out to listen to their sermons and they succeeded.

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everything the merchant has to sell that he needs. It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways.

SCIENTIFIC FACTS

A wireless weather service on the North and Baltic Seas under German auspices, has been in operation since the first of last July.

The "Aquitania's" Engines.—The new Cunard liner "Aquitania," which is due in this port early in the coming year, will possess the largest turbine engines ever built.

Small navy yards should be abolished.—We are glad to note that the present Secretary of the Navy has stated that it will be his policy to reduce expenditures ashore and use the money so saved for increasing the navy afloat.

Magic Wand.—A curious magic wand has been developed in France. It is worked by the action of a concealed magnet, so that a mouse or other small animal appears to run up and down the wand in a mysterious way.

Lifeboats and Davits. The International Committee sitting in London has recommended that lifeboats be provided for all on board. If this recommendation be widely accepted, we hope that the future type of lifeboat and davit will be modified to meet modern conditions.

Electrically Operated Moving Targets.—Moving targets are used in Germany which are mounted on tracks and drawn along the ground by the use of electrically worked cables and drums, so as to approach real conditions.

Summoning Police by train wireless.—The wireless equipment now used on the Lackawanna trains has proved very serviceable on a number of occasions.

Non-magnetic rails and track signaling.—According to our contemporary The Engineer, in order to accommodate the increasing use of track and signaling circuits on railways, with the necessity for bonding joints, points and crossings and separating rail sections to form the desired electric circuits, it is proposed by a German engineer to use non-magnetic rails.

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MUNICIPAL LAWS

OFFICERS—REMOVAL—DEFENSE

Barrett v. Board of Commissioners of Atlantic City.—In proceedings to remove a city comptroller from office for paying of a judgment in violation of a supersedeas staying such payment, it was no defense that he had been advised in this course by the city solicitor.

Town of Meeker v. Fairfield.—In an action against a town for personal injuries from a fall on a crosswalk, evidence that prior to the accident to plaintiff other persons had slipped and fallen upon the same walk was admissible only on the issue of defendant's notice of the condition of the crosswalk and not to establish negligence on the part of the defendant.

SALARIES—INCREASE—WAIVER

Walsh v. City of New York.—Where the employee of a city accepted his wages for a period of three years, such acceptance was a waiver of any right he had under the statute to recover the per diem increase for that period.

DEFECTIVE STREETS—NOTICE

Tefer v. City of Wichita.—Where a city grants permission to a third party to plow or excavate in a street, it is bound to exercise diligence for the protection of the traveling public and to know the condition of the street while the work is in progress and after it is done the same as it would where the work is directly done by its own officers or agents.

USE OF VAULT SPACE

Appleton, et al v. City of New York.—While a municipality may require an abutting owner having the fee in the street to secure from it a license to use vault space beneath the street, it cannot impose a rental, though in the form of a license tax, upon the abutting owner for such use.

City of Lancaster v. Pope.—In this state the collection of an illegal tax on personal property may be enjoined, the remedy at law being inadequate since an action to recover taxes lies only where they have been paid under duress or restraint, and the officers could therefore avoid such remedy by bringing an action at law instead of distraining.

CHANGE NAME OF TOWN

North Reading, Mass.—A campaign to change the name of North Reading, has been begun by the Board of Trade. Postal cards were sent to the voters and, if the majority favor the change, an article will be drawn for consideration at the next town meeting.

INJURIES—FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE

Ransom v. City of South Bend.—Reb. & Bal. Code provides that all claims for damages against any city or town of the second, third or fourth class must be presented to the council and filed with the clerk within 30 days after the claim accrued.

NATURE OF DEFECT IN STREET

City of Oakdale v. Sanders' Ex'x.—Where a complaint for injuries on a city street alleged that the city had placed stepping stones across the street and had also thrown rock into a mudhole surrounding such stones, and was negligent in allowing the street to remain in a dangerous condition, the gist of the action was whether the city was negligent in permitting the street to become and remain in a dangerous condition, and not whether the plan of the stepping stone crossing constructed by the city was manifestly dangerous.

FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS

People ex rel Fitzhugh v. Union Gas & Electric Co.—Where a city had general power to grant permission to a public service corporation to use the streets for the distribution of gas and electric current and defendant, under its franchise to use the streets, took possession thereof and expended large sums in making extensive improvements and incurred large liabilities on the faith thereof and without objection, the city was estopped to claim that the franchise was invalid because of a failure to perform certain pre-set conditions with reference to the obtaining of the consent of abutting property owners.

The Cleburne Review is welcomed to The Herald's exchange table this week. The Review was established in 1904. This entitles it to be called old, but it shows no signs of senility.

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