

TWIN CITY DILEMMA.

Allegheny's Solicitor, George Elphinstone, Draws a Bill

TO HOLD THE CITY UNTIL 1900.

Neither an Inadequate Third Class, Nor Yet a Costly Second.

TEXT OF THE SOLICITOR'S OWN PLAN

City Solicitor Elphinstone was seen last night and said that he was preparing an act, the substance of which is printed below, providing for the change of classification of the City of Allegheny...

He has not finished his act as yet, but THE DISPATCH gives it as far as completed.

PHRASES AS IT IS.

By the draft of his act it will be seen, by reference to its first section, that it gives all powers necessary to municipal government, except such as conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution and laws of our nation.

Section 2 vests the municipal taxing power wholly in Councils. Section 3 provides for change in class for cities, and gives the City of Allegheny until the year 1900 to elect what it will adopt...

Section 4 provides for the redistribution of powers upon the adoption of an ordinance, or not putting it into effect.

Solicitor Elphinstone has endeavored to meet every objection coming either from persons opposed to or in favor of Allegheny's becoming a city of the second class...

MISAPPREHENSION RIGHTED.

The assertion of some of the papers that Allegheny could have special legislation by publishing notice of its proposed legislation for 30 days prior to its introduction to the Legislature is evidently a mistake.

AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That every city of this Commonwealth shall have all the powers necessary for the government thereof...

The intention is hereby to invest the local Legislature, viz., the City Councils and the Mayor, with legislative power for all purposes of municipal government...

Sec. 2. The municipal taxing power in cities of this Commonwealth shall be vested wholly in the Councils thereof...

HOW TO CHANGE CLASSES.

Section 3. Whenever the classification of a city is changed by reason of a decrease in population as provided by law...

First—The Councils shall be numerically the same in the different classes and be elected at the same time and for the same term...

Second—The officers of any such city except as provided by this act shall remain the same, perform the same duties and receive the same compensation until their terms expire...

Third—The executive powers and duties of the several officers of any such city shall, before the first day of January, Anno Domini 1900, be assigned by ordinance to the appropriate department...

OLD PROVISIONS CONTINUED.

Fifth—All local or general laws relating to a city whose class may be changed by reason of a change in population shall remain in full force and effect unless repealed expressly or by necessary implication by the laws relating to the changed class.

Section 4. For the purpose of redistributing the powers conferred and the duties imposed upon the officers and departments of any city whose classification is changed, contained in any laws, ordinances, or regulations not repealed or supplied, existing at the time of such change...

Section 5—Whenever the classification of a city is changed, or a city is established, a city breeder certificate is provided for in existing laws, ordinances, resolutions or contracts...

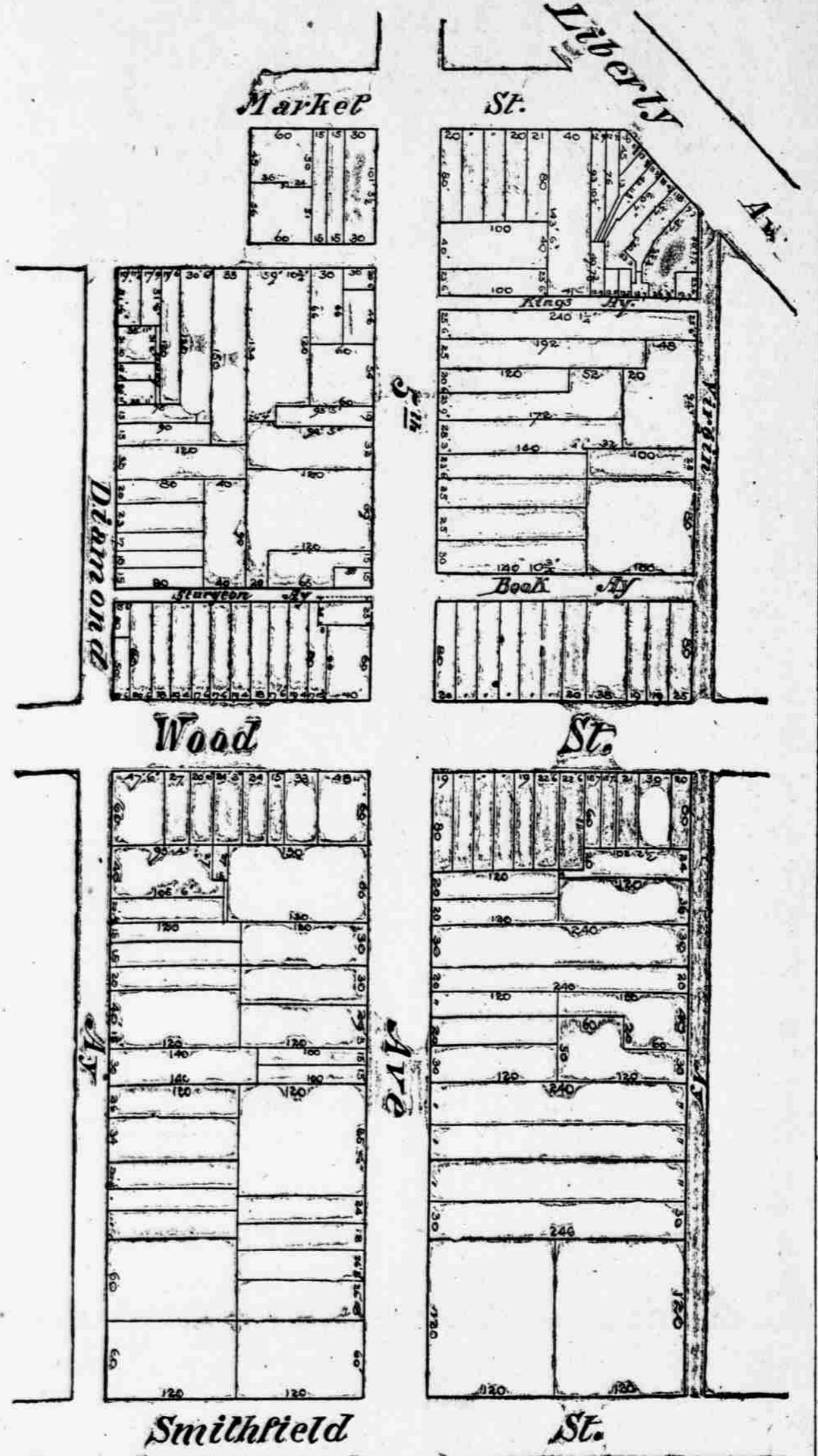
Section 6. The laws relating to the classification of a city, the powers conferred and the duties imposed upon the officers and departments of any city whose classification is changed, shall be changed, they shall be deemed to have been amended and applied to the proper officer or department...

Section 7—Whenever the classification of a city is changed, the powers conferred and the duties imposed upon the officers and departments of any city whose classification is changed, shall be changed, they shall be deemed to have been amended and applied to the proper officer or department...

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THE HIGHEST PITTSBURG VALUATIONS.

Data and a Diagram Indicating How the Rich Down Town Property Will be Assessed—An Aim to Make the System Equitable, From \$3,500 a Foot Down.



One of the most vital and interesting questions connected with the city's pending triennial assessment now confronts the officials. Moreover they have already taken quite a long step toward furnishing a fair, frank and open answer to it. The question is: What rates of valuation ought to be applied to the most valuable of the downtown business property in the very heart of the city?

The Board of Assessors has at last completed its list for preliminary calculation upon this most valuable property in the city, viz.: the blocks fronting on Fifth avenue, bounded by Smithfield, and Market streets and Virgin and Diamond alleys. The Chief Clerk of the office, Samuel M. Clark, has compiled such a statement of the approximate figures for several varying depths in the different properties. This calculation was computed upon the general estimates of the board as to "through and half depths" under the old rule of making assessments. The figures given below are only approximate calculations, it should be remembered, and are not yet official. They are given with the view of obtaining opinions from the newspapers and those interested as citizens and taxpayers.

The board has endeavored to comply with the law in treating these properties by ascertaining the cash value of the property according to the latest sales in the immediate vicinity. For instance the Malby Hall property on Fifth avenue was sold about ten days ago to Mr. N. P. Reed for \$102,500. The property adjoining was based upon this sale.

These valuations, however, are upon the ground only. The improvements in the way of buildings, etc., did not enter into the calculations, as they are itemized separately when the assessments are made. Here are THE INTERESTING FIGURES.

THE OREGON MINERS' RIOT. Military Sent to the Scene, and Several Men Arrested for Hurdles.

the large estate of William Carr, Esq., but recently deceased.

A CHILD'S TERRIBLE DEATH. He is Struck by a Locomotive and Instantly Killed.

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PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

Views of a Member of the Denomination on the Conference of the North and South Committees—The Attitude of the South.

New York, January 6.—The conference between the Northern and Southern committees of the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church was closed on Monday, and there's a strong interest among the Presbyterians to learn what results were accomplished at this important conference.

But the case in the committee was this: The machinery of the Southern Church was in the hands of those who opposed an organic union. The Southern committee was opposed to union because it was organized to oppose union, and its directions practically prohibited union.

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