

A TONNAGE BILL BOOM

The National Meeting of the Advocates of a Merchant Marine.

MR. KELLY A NATIONAL DELEGATE.

Objects of the American Shipping and Industrial League.

PRESIDENT WHEELER'S FORMAL CALL

Mr. George A. Kelly, of this city, has received from Congressman Wheeler of Alabama, President of the "American Shipping and Industrial League," a document stating that Mr. Kelly is appointed a national delegate to the forthcoming fourth annual National Union convention, which will meet at Willard's Hotel on February 5, 6 and 7.

Mr. Kelly was requested yesterday to impart to the public some idea of the business which is to be done by the proposed convention. He laughed and said: "I am afraid I am not much on maritime matters. If I were in command of a vessel my best advice to you would be to stay on shore. But, seriously thought, this movement is a most important one. One which appeals both to our patriotism and our economic principles.

The proceedings at these conventions have always been favored with addresses upon the subject of revivifying American commerce by the leading men of the nation, and so it will be, in this case.

The principal business to be transacted will be to "bring upon Congress" a bill to regulate the tonnage bill now in the hands of the Committee on Commerce. It is generally expected that Congress, more than any other body, has the most complete knowledge of the subject.

There is something about the word "tonnage" which seems to have an unpleasant effect upon some political ears. It is a word which has been used in the most influential papers of the State as outcries in their advocacy of the very moderate tariff system which is now in operation in the present bill. It has taken a year or more to bring the public to believe the truth about the subject.

NEED GOVERNMENT AID. American botanists must be aided by the Government to enable this nation to compete with other nations in shipping. It is just the difference between a business and a hobby. All other nations that do not do it. All other nations that do not do it.

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ON TECHNICAL ERRORS.

Argument heard on the motion to quash an indictment against Wheeler, of Alabama, charged with criminal negligence in an explosion. An argument was heard by Judge Single yesterday on a motion to quash the indictment against E. W. Powers, Superintendent of the coal mines at Tom's Run. Four men were killed in the mines a year ago by an explosion alleged to have been caused by insufficient ventilation. Superintendent Powers was charged with criminal negligence in not providing proper ventilation, as required by an act of Assembly.

A POSSIBLE CASE.

Schmittler's Affairs Would be Badly Mixed if He Alive. It was disclosed yesterday that if John Schmittler, the blacksmith, who disappeared from his home in Allegheny, in 1883, and whose supposed body was found in the river three months later, has turned up alive in Montana, he would find his affairs here in a peculiar shape. The records in Register Corner's office show that on May 17, 1883, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Sophia Schmittler. She made an affidavit that her husband had died on April 23, the date on which his body was found at East Liverpool, this being customary in such cases. She filed an inventory, June 11, 1883, showing the estate to be worth \$1,000. The inventory was never filed, and the estate has therefore never been settled. A controversy arose about his property, the situation presented to the Orphans' Court. She was appointed executrix, and one that probably has never before arisen.

ASSESSORS' RETURNS.

Many of the Books Sent Back for Correction. Despite the provisions requiring the assessors to make their returns to the County Commissioners, it is reported that a large number of the books sent back for correction. A number of the other books have been returned to the assessors for correction, they having failed to make their returns for themselves. For complete stock to be returned to the assessors, it is necessary that they should be ready to appear.

TO-DAY'S TRIAL LIST.

Common Pleas No. 1—Tressager vs Oliver vs McKee & Co. vs Reynolds & McKimney (2). Fuller vs Adair; Schaefer, Reithal & Co. vs Common Insurance Company, of Philadelphia; John vs Silver; Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Frank Marzetti (2); Edward Ringold, James Cook, James H. Hunter, Valentine Alamo, Missie Ringler, Otto Ziegler, Ben Hirst, Julius Henshaw, George W. Hunter, John W. Hunter, Paul Singer, Alex Winters, Tim Hayes.

She Wants the Balance.

The suit of Mrs. E. Reed against Mr. Albert L. Klaus is on trial before Judge Magee. The case is an action to recover a balance of purchase money alleged to be due. Mr. Klaus, it is stated, bought a house on East Chestnut street, Allegheny, from Mrs. Reed, agreeing to pay \$5,000. He paid \$500 down and short-ly paid the balance of \$4,500. He has never paid the \$4,500 balance of purchase money, it is asserted, and the suit was brought to recover.

To-Day's Audit List.

Estates of—John G. Fulton, Mary M. Horner, D. W. Elder, John W. McCarty, John W. McCarty et al., James S. Dravo, C. S. Dravo, W. W. Kerr, P. M. Cushing, Mary McGovern, John W. O'Connell, James Wall, Wm. M. Wall.

Around the Court House.

The jury is out in the case of Fred Brubach, charged with the charge of the larceny of \$75 from W. J. Jewell.

THE FORMAL CALL ISSUED.

The following is the formal call issued by the public President Wheeler:

LOOK OVER THIS LIST.

Stock Taking, February 1. Decker Bros., Wm. Knabe & Co., Fisher, Ester, New England Piano Co., Story & Clark, Clough & Warren, Sterling Organs.

HUMAN ANNUAL MEETING.

The Good Work Done by the Humane Society in the Past Year. The fifteenth annual meeting of the Humane Society was held yesterday. President Eaton, in his address, reviewed the work of the society since its organization.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE—\$5.

The newest ideas in our overcoat department is a \$5 overcoat, and what a wonderful lot of fine men's overcoats is based on it for your choice.

BIG BARGAINS IN SHORT LENGTHS AND REMNANT EMBROIDERIES.

Special Reduction Sale of Laces—Extraordinary Bargains. Special Reduction Sale of Seal Goods—Alaska seal mantles.

Don't Put it Off Until Too Late.

But have your photo taken, or bring the little ones, while in good health, to the "Elgie" Gallery, 616 Market st., Pittsburgh.

There is growing demand every year for the unexcelled and best portier made by the Iron City Brewing Co. All first-class bars keep them on draught.

SUFFERING PHILANTHROPISTS.

An effort made in behalf of Rev. T. M. Jones, of this city. The Western of North Carolina Mob Sick and Destitute. A Subject for the Charitably Disposed Folk of This Section.

THE PITTSBURGH DISPATCH BRANCH OFFICES.

THE DISPATCH HAS OPENED A BRANCH OFFICE FOR THE SOUTH IN BRIDGE STREET, WHERE ADVERTISEMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 9 P. M. FOR INSERTION NEXT MORNING.

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