

WHAT SHE IS WORTH.

The Triennial Assessment of Pittsburgh Will Bring Up the Valuation to Nearly A QUARTER BILLION OF DOLLARS.

Property at the Point, Near the New Post-office and in the East End Takes a Big Jump.

THE SCHEINLEY PARK DEED ARRIVES. How Some People Try to Fool the Assessors on the Price of Real Estate.

The capitalist who wants to buy Pittsburgh had better do it right away, for he will have to pay more for it next year.

The Board of Assessors is busy at work on the triennial assessment which covers nearly as much personal property, and has already discovered that Pittsburgh's soil has largely increased in value.

"The probability is that the assessment of the city will come very close to a quarter of a billion dollars. The valuation of the city is usually within a few dollars of the valuation of the county, and the valuation of the county, paradoxical as that may seem, is as low as that of the County Commissioners in 1888, was nearing the quarter billion mark. The city was over \$200,000,000, but the city assessors were new to the business, and were afraid of being considered too radical. The County Assessors did not fear any such charge, as their assessments, compared with the city's valuations, were calculated to please any and every property holder.

Change Their Minds When It Hurts. The City Board of Assessors is composed of Frank P. Case, Chief Assessor; Philip Hoer and James J. Larkin. These gentlemen are now serving their second term, and are making the triennial assessment for the second time.

The last triennial assessment was made under difficulties. A new law had gone into force, and under it all property had to be valued at its actual worth, so far as it was possible to ascertain. The Assessors were instructed to make their calculations on the last recorded sale, where one of late date had been made. Everybody agreed, and none more cheerfully than the taxpayers, that it was but fair to base the assessment on the selling price of the property.

But this was not to be a general proposition, but individually it did not look right to many of them, and the licks were many and vigorous. Chief Assessor Case expected it, and was prepared for it. He was prepared to go into court at any time and test the fairness of his valuations. Not that he liked litigation, but he preferred a fight to a lull in tempering. He won several victories and other people became shy of entering the ring with him.

Didn't Get Quite High Enough. The last assessment sent the city's valuation up like a skyrocket, and even the Assessors stood aghast at what they had done. Of course they realized, as did most of the taxpayers, that where a specified amount of money had to be raised on a pro rata tax, it made no difference whether land was worth \$1 or \$1,000 an acre, so long as the tax was an equitable one. Still, when the Assessors compared their valuations with the sales made shortly before and within a few months after their assessment, they found they had not gone too high, but had fallen a little short here and there.

Among other changes made in valuation was that on several blocks of downtown Pittsburgh streets, the value had been valued at \$2,000 a foot front, but the Assessors thought it was worth \$3,000, and taxed it accordingly. A few days ago one of these property owners dropped into the Assessors' office and said it was worth \$5,000 a foot front if it was worth a cent, and used several recent sales as proof of his statement. This encouraged the Assessors and they are prepared to show this year that Pittsburgh really is a nice town.

Trying to Save Their Tempers. The Assessors have commenced their work on the downtown portion of the city, and will introduce an innovation this year. Instead of waiting until the assessment of the whole city is made, and then taking several weeks or months to hearing appeals, they will send out their notices whenever two or three wards are completed, hear the appeals and finish the appeal as fast as they can in this manner they hope to give their tempers intervals of rest, which they need greatly, as they are often tried to the utmost by people who, content with disputing their knowledge of property values, impugn the honesty as officials, and hold them responsible for the imposition of any and all taxes. The Assessors do not sit in their offices and make a good rate, they are out in the field, and they are not in a hurry to get their work done.

Radical Changes at the Point. The increase in valuation is pronounced in the downtown wards, notably around the Point. There are large pieces of property there on which are erected buildings which would be a cross street to call houses. These structures are erected at good rates, considering the accommodations. Much of this property belongs to the Scheinley estate, and but few of these houses will be in existence in five years. There are two reasons for this. Mrs. Scheinley has determined that it is not good for her tenants to live in such houses, and in such a busy locality, and the value of the land is so high that it will not be less than \$50,000 an acre, and some of it will be raised much higher. The increased taxes on this property will necessitate its being put to a more remunerative use.

The change of location of the postoffice will enhance the value of property on Smithfield street and Third and Fourth avenues, without depreciating real estate on Fifth avenue. The developing power of a postoffice has been a factor in the past, and one man suggested to Mr. Case that one man be placed on wheels, so that it could be moved every year or so and used to boom property in the best parts of the city.

Deed for Park Property. Scheinley Park has long been a wonder in this city. Colonel W. A. Herron, who is agent for the Scheinley estate, has received from Mr. Scheinley the deed for 100 acres parcelled by the city, which was the condition attached to the deed of the park. In this connection Colonel Herron said: "If the city desired to sell this property to-day it would get from three to four times what it is being put up into, and that in bulk, without being cut up into lots. Any real estate dealer would jump at the chance of getting hold of it."

"Are we going to make evictions at the Point? Oh, no. We have removed all the leases, but only for this year. After that the tenants will have to find other homes. Mrs. Scheinley has arrived at the conclusion that it will be for the best interests of the tenants. You see, these families have lived there for years, have intermarried and have almost become a distinctive community. This is not good for them, either morally or physically. Next year they will be sent

WAIT FOR THE WAGON. Blithe Police Extend a Melodious and Earnest Invitation to SPEAK-EASIES AND THEIR GUESTS.

Illegal Liquor Dealers in Both Cities Raided Yesterday. FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY HEARINGS. Every Sunday morning, when you are by my side, we'll jump into the wagon, and all take a ride. Wait for the wagon, wait for the wagon, wait for the wagon, and we'll all take a ride.

This was the ballad that Lieutenant Lewis and Officers Koch and Devlin sang in concert yesterday morning at the hearing. They strolled out Second avenue, a thoroughfare noted for its sounds of revelry by night, and which is locally supposed to have given Byron the coloring for his famous poem, "The Battle of Waterloo." As the officers of the First district meandered out the beautiful thoroughfare, the sweet tones of their voices were echoed back from the vine-glad hillside, and the agile and non-dyspeptic gossamer-browed and paused to listen, while the windows of the castellated mansion, sometimes yeelp "Yellow Row," were raised, and fair faces peeped forth and cast smiles at the trio of preservers of the public peace.

And the Wagon Came Along. The officers meant all they said or sang. They were waiting for the wagon and so were some other people. But the latter did not know it, and none less than certain persons in the Yellow Row, to whom the lyric was particularly addressed.

When the wagon—the patrol wagon—arrived the house of G. Thompson, No. 269 Second avenue, and in the Yellow Row, a barber shop in a front room, but just at that time was dispensing bad quality of whiskey from a broken bottle, which was broken chair on which was a jug and one glass. Thompson and ten visitors rode to Central station.

John Welsh and Annie Duffel, at No. 284, also in the Yellow Row, were next visited. The former occupies the lower floor and the latter a room on the second story, but they had been seized on their own account. They had no visitors when the police arrived, but there is plenty of evidence against them, and they were taken down to the wagon.

Chivalry in a Speak-Easy. Second avenue residents were not alone in hearing the sound of the patrol wagon wheels. Speak-easies all over both cities were being raided, and one of the most interesting was that of interest to his friend, the Father of his Country was not only "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen," but was also in the front rank of money-making schemes. It appears that he was one among the shrewdest business men this country has ever produced, and he had a member of a great land syndicate that controlled a large part of the real estate about Washington City, but it seems they made the mistake of doing what many speculators have since done. They, expecting the city to grow in the opposite direction from what it has done, and that the city, which was certainly the most eligible, but held the property at such a high figure that they drove the city down upon the Potomac flats.

It is somewhat curious to note that the avenues named after the different States today reflect the condition of their unesakes. At the time the city was laid out the South was powerful, prosperous, healthy, and the most eligible. The North, which have since risen to influence, comparatively poor. The big syndicate held prices up until the avenues named after the States had absorbed the cash of all who wanted to invest or live in Washington and meantime the syndicate's land, which was being sold, was being sold at a profit. The syndicate, which was an agent of the Southern States, was an agent of the Southern States, and sank in price until it was finally absorbed mainly by poor colored people. It is a pity that the syndicate, which was a syndicate of the Southern States, was an agent of the Southern States, and sank in price until it was finally absorbed mainly by poor colored people.

There are many landholders in and about this city who are making the same mistake that the Washington syndicate did. They are too short-sighted to see that every other lot in their holdings would be well sold at half price on condition that the buyers build good houses.

UNDER FULL CANVAS. Corporal Aglio Has Her Quota of Magisterial Dignity. Squire George A. Lashell has gotten his commission and now Cora Aglio, whose judicial department has been running with one wheel for more than a year, is under full canvas. The result of the fight has sent several political schemes aghast. In the first place the state did not contemplate the election of Lashell, and in the second, after he was elected, there was a question raised as to whether there was a vacancy. The late incumbent, however, having been a non-resident for more than a year this objection did not hold. Then it was held by the opposition that a commission issued to Lashell it could be but for five years, but the state did not intend to give the Attorney General, with the result that his commission is all wool and a yard wide and made out for five years.

The place, which is growing very rapidly, was made vacant a short time ago by the death of Father Goldschmidt, and the priests named will now assume the duties.

REPAIRING. Watch and jewelry repairing, lowest prices, at Gallinger's, 1200 Penn ave.

GOING TO WISCONSIN. Several Priests Sent West to Take Charge of New Work. The Very Rev. Father Oster, of the Catholic Order of the Holy Ghost, has left in company with Fathers Phelan and Schmitt, and also a lay brother, for the diocese of La Crosse, Wis., of which the Rt. Rev. Bishop Flanagan has arranged with the Order of the Holy Ghost to have Father Oster assume the charge and duties of the Notre Dame congregation at Chippewa Falls, Wis.

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NOISY FUN AT THE POINT WITH A NEWLY-MARRIED COUPLE. A crowd of 300 boys and young men surrounded a newly married couple on Second street last night with all the old wash boilers, tin pans and other cast-off tinware that could be found on the Point dump. The noise made was deafening and could be heard blocks away.

OFFICER CONNELL DISPERSED THE CROWD of couples, and then told them he would arrest them if they gathered again. As soon as he was out of sight they posted sentinels and recommenced their horrible din, but when he returned they were given the signal and dispersed as if by magic. Later in the night Lieutenant Deniston captured Jerry McBlough, who is accused of throwing a stone through the window of the house of Mrs. Murray, the head of the family residing at that place.

PICKED UP BY THE WAY. THOMAS AND PATRICK CONLEY were arrested by Officer Hognan yesterday for fighting on Forbes street. They were taken to the Fourth ward station. OFFICER SCHULTZ arrested four small boys in Allegheny yesterday afternoon for playing ball on the street. They were taken to the Fourth ward station.

DEATH OF THE ARABIAN WOMAN WHO WAS INJURED SATURDAY. The woman who was thrown from a trestle at Hays station by a P. V. & C. train on Saturday evening, died at West Penn Hospital yesterday morning. She was an Arabian peddler of notions, 60 years of age and lived at 213 Boston alley. She was injured by the trestle when she was thrown from it. The body was taken to the morgue and an inquest will be held this morning.

WARMING TO WORK. Puddlers and Roughers and Catchers Join Hands to Capture A MAJORITY VOTE IN CONVENTION.

They Will Meet on May 9, to Increase the Belling Price, and CHANGE THE BASE AND CERTAIN WAGES. The strike in the building trades will be followed by a lockout of iron workers along in the summer, if the Amalgamated officers and the thinking men in the association don't sit down on the radical movement on foot between the puddlers of the Pittsburgh district and the roughers and catchers over the hour.

At the last convention both these branches of the industry sought to carry the points they have combined on this year. They were defeated because the sense of the convention was against them. This year they will have a better showing. They are still but 330 delegates in this year's convention, or about 80 more than last year, and between them, the puddlers and roughers and catchers, they will have a majority of the vote. The action has sprung from the puddlers of the American Iron Works, and it was, in essence, intended to preserve secrecy regarding it, because the radical element would not support anything of the kind.

In seeking to accomplish their purposes, the puddlers and roughers and catchers will have to reckon with the rollers and their following in the convention, and with another and more powerful line of manufacturers to accept their views. Position of the Manufacturers. The rollers will, of course, antagonize anything which will reduce their earnings, and the manufacturers equally, of course, will be against them. They are still but 330 delegates in this year's convention, or about 80 more than last year, and between them, the puddlers and roughers and catchers, they will have a majority of the vote.

Men Who Got Drunk and Ugly. Mayor Veman disposed of 25 cases in Allegheny City, the white girl taken from a colored girl, and sent 30 days to the workhouse. James Gillespie, while filled with bad liquor, went to his home on East Diamond street and abused his father and mother. John Fagan, of Federal street, was accused of putting his sick wife and child out of the house and was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse.

SETTLED A DISPUTED POINT. How Two Southsiders Found Out Which Was the Drunker. On Saturday night Arthur O'Malley and Adam Schuerer started out to have a time. After imbibing copiously they purchased a supply of liquor for Sunday, and O'Malley proceeded to take Schuerer to his home on Brownville avenue, near the Knox school. On the way the two were drinking and were charged with abusing his step-daughter and was held over.

ASSAULTED HIS LECTURER. Samuel Miller Knocked Down for Objecting to Abuse of His Property. Edward Nee was arrested last night by Officer Reich and looked up in the Twenty-eighth ward station on a charge of disorderly conduct. Nee, with several companions, hired a carriage from Miller Bros., and were out all day. About 8 o'clock, the driver telephoned to the office in party with Nee to take the carriage from him. He was instructed to return home. He arrived at the stable on Carson street shortly after 9 o'clock, and Samuel Miller gave the party a lecture about the manner in which they had acted.

A VERY REMARKABLE GROWTH. Mr. Weeks Says the South Will Never Hurt the Local Iron Industry. Joseph D. Weeks left for Virginia yesterday. He says local iron men do not realize the growth of the industry. The iron in the South along the base of the Appalachian range of mountains. A number of steel plants are being erected, and Mr. Weeks claims the Southern iron will be able to make cheaper steel than Pittsburgh manufacturers, but it can't compete in this city's home market.

CHLOROFORMED THE INMATES. During Burglars a Friday Residence and Secure Over \$1,000 in Cash. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. YOUNGSTOWN, April 26.—Baker Burke, George McCarrie and George Scanlon, three police celebrities, this morning held up Sidney Cox, as he was going home, and robbed him, beating his brains out when he resisted. Later they went through the residence of Mrs. Farragher, and were captured while escaping by the police.

CAPTURED IN THE ACT. Three Well-Known Youngstown Burglars Nabbed by the Police. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. YOUNGSTOWN, April 26.—Baker Burke, George McCarrie and George Scanlon, three police celebrities, this morning held up Sidney Cox, as he was going home, and robbed him, beating his brains out when he resisted. Later they went through the residence of Mrs. Farragher, and were captured while escaping by the police.

STARTING UP AGAIN. The Edgar Thomson Resumes Operations—Mr. Carnegie's Pig Iron Purchase. According to orders from the Fifth avenue office, the Edgar Thomson works were started up last night, and it is generally regarded in Braddock that the works are operated to their fullest extent for some time.

A LUMBERMAN'S VIEW. Mr. Roast Thinks the Night-Work Strikers Won't Be Stubborn. H. A. Roast, a Michigan lumberman, is at the Duquesne. He is in the city chasing some bad debts. Mr. Roast said the night-

STILL A VERY SICK MAN. Father Mollinger's Illness Developing No Better Features.

Rev. Father S. G. Mollinger, of the Most Holy Name Church, on Troy Hill, has recovered from another severe attack of his lingering illness. This time he was only confined to his room less than two weeks, but it has just leaked out that he was nearer death's door than ever before, and while Father Mollinger is again able to be out, and attending to the most of his duties, his chances of becoming healthier are getting less hopeful all the time. His sickness, in developing itself, is now rapidly commencing to show symptoms of a drop of the kidneys.

Henry Kalmeyer Made a Sergeant. Henry Kalmeyer, who has been cornerman at Ohio and Federal streets for the past year, was yesterday informed of his appointment as daylight sergeant, in charge of Central station. He will assume his duties there today. Mr. Kalmeyer has seen ten years of service on the force.

A SUCCESSOR TO SUPERINTENDENT WARNER. The Board of Workhouse Managers will today elect a successor to Superintendent Warner, who has resigned. The candidates are Messrs. McClaughey, late of the Huntington Reformatory; ex-County Commissioner McKee, ex-County Controller Speer and ex-Mayor McCullin.

A BOOMING BOROUGH. Coropolis Building Up at a Great Pace—New Stores Started and Prospering—It is Difficult to Catch Trains. Coropolis is forging ahead. There are more cellars dug and building material piled up in the borough than were ever before seen at any time of year, and the village in which a goat could scarce get a living three years ago, now affords employment to a large number of men who are no longer forced to come to the city for it. Store after store has been added to the place and all are doing a good business. A feed store was started in the town last fall by a man who was told that he could not make a living there, but he has since done so. The store has a number of oaks and his hay trade has been enormous. It doesn't reflect much credit on the farming community back of the town, however, to state that farmers are the best customers of the feed store proprietors, farmers with 100 to 200 acres buying feed. They have been paying 10 cents for their mortgages, however, since the oil belt was developed.

Neither does the condition of the roads reflect any credit on the people of Coropolis, who have most profited from the awakening. They are still but deep mud, and some of them so narrow, even within the borough limits, that vehicles can only pass each other at intervals. A man coming to the station yesterday in a great hurry to catch a train was left on account of overtaking a four-horse team in a narrow "street" half a mile from the station. It was so narrow that he had to wait until the heavy team, at snail's pace, reached a wide place in the road, when he succeeded in passing by running the risk of upsetting. The train was delayed by the delay of the buggy over the bank of a dizzy precipice. By the time the irate man reached the station the locomotive of the train whistled for the second station this side of the town.

AN ASSUMED NAME. Nobody Knows of Bertha Everett in Pittsburgh. The death of a young woman calling herself Bertha Everett, and registering from Pittsburgh, in a Boston hotel, where she was found dead in bed, caused some comment in the town papers. A search among the three people of that name in the city failed to reveal any relative of the girl. It is supposed she assumed the title for some other reason.

Henry Eved, of 4708 Mignonette street, East End, said that the girl was no relative of his. He had no idea to what family she belonged. Matthew A. Everett, of the Dorcas Day Nursery, near the East End Middle street, Allegheny, said he had never heard of such a person. Widow Everett, Southside, did not know Bertha. None of her connections in the city and she could not tell where she was from.

MR. C. WEISSER. 435—MARKET ST.—437. In a line of Plaid and Striped Dress Goods, which we mark down from 80 cents to 68 cents.

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SPECIAL SILK SALE THIS WEEK. YOU ARE INVITED. Reliable and high class goods only are offered.

Bargains That Are Bargains. Read the following descriptions, then come and see the goods. Buy your Summer Silk dresses "now."

GENUINE INDIA SILKS. At 50 Cents. A great bargain, as they are real Shanghai Silks and not low-class French foulards; the best value ever offered.

FINEST INDIA SILKS. \$1 50 Quality at 85 Cents. Genuine Shanghai Cloth, the celebrated Coral Brand English printing; in about 30 different styles.

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BARGAIN NO. 1. Our regular Kid Glove at 68 cents, in Browns, Tans, Slaten and a few Blacks.

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Light Ground India Silks. A magnificent assortment in delicate color effects, in new floral designs, at \$1 a yard.

High Novelty India Silks. In single dress lengths, in latest Paris colorings; our exclusive designs. Illuminated or changeable printed India Silks; the latest thing out in summer silk fabrics.

Colored Surah Silks. At 50 Cents a yard. A full line of choice shades, soft and lustrous; the best ever sold for this price.

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