

### RANK FRAUD CHARGED

Against the Mercantile Appraisers of the Quaker City.

### A DEMAND FOR THEIR REMOVAL.

Treasurer Wright Alleges a Systematic Scheme of Swindling.

### PECULIAR METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH: PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1.—City Treasurer Wright today took another and highly important step looking to the correction of the gross abuses he has found to have been connected with the collection of the mercantile taxes. On July 30 Mr. Wright addressed a letter to Auditor General McCaskey, in which he informed him of the illegal methods that had been employed by the mercantile appraisers and suggested heroic remedies. As that letter has not yet been answered the Treasurer, late Monday afternoon, mailed a communication charging the appraisers with deliberate fraud, and requesting the Auditor General to join with him in dismissing the offending officials from office. The letter is as follows:—

DEAR SIR:—On July 30 I had the honor to address you upon the subject of the irregular and illegal practices existing in connection with the administration of the present Board of Mercantile Appraisers, appointed by your honor, as Auditor General. The facts of which I was then aware fully justified my letter of complaint.

### CHARGED WITH CRIME.

Subsequent investigations, which I have conducted with care, warrants my charging that the appraisers have been guilty and convicted of dereliction of duty, and that what may well be considered criminal misconduct, so gross as to justify my now stating that they would be unfair and unjust to continue in office. The additional evidence of which I am possessed will be submitted to you in due detail at any time. It discloses:

First.—That the appraisers have regularly and deliberately, for the purpose of defrauding the State, assessed fictitious persons and those from whom the payment of mercantile taxes was, or could be, exacted.

Second.—That they have regularly exempted from the tax the persons and those from whom the payment of mercantile taxes was, or could be, exacted.

Third.—That they have grossly under-rated many hundreds of prominent merchants and dealers for purposes best known to themselves.

Fourth.—That they sent out notices of assessment placing certain taxpayers in a high class, while they have returned them to this department assessed in a lower class, thus enabling third parties to collect from the taxpayers the larger sum, while the amount so collected only was paid to the treasury, and the State was defrauded of the difference.

Fifth.—That their plans as to reactions and exemptions has been a systematic scheme of swindling, which has resulted inarily in oppression to the citizens, in loss to the State and in demoralization to the community.

### POWER OF THE ACT.

The act of Assembly, approved April 18, 1876, and generally known as the 'recorders' act, gave the power of appointment of the mercantile appraisers to the State Treasurer.

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### HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

Don't be induced to buy any other, insist upon Hood's Sarsaparilla—30 Doses Bottle.

### THE CRUCIAL TEST.

Popul r opinion puts men and things to the severest tests.

### ALASKA XXXX.

High Grades of Ladies' Fine Furs. Retrying of Seal Scaques in English Seal Color a specialty.

Practical Hatter and Furrier, 107 PENN AVE., Pittsburgh. Mail orders promptly attended to.

### ONE CENT A WORD.

ALL AT COST TO ADVERTISE IN THE DISPATCH UNDER THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS:

SITUATIONS WANTED. MALE HELP WANTED. AGENTS WANTED. FEMALE HELP WANTED. BOARDERS WANTED. BOARDING WANTED. PARTNERS WANTED. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALES. ROOMS TO LET. PERSONALS. LOST. FOUND.

ALL CERT-A-WORD ADVERTISEMENTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

W. T. Phillips is starting a well on the widow Snyder farm, located 1,000 feet southeast of the well drilled near the lampblack factory on the West Penn Railroad, some eight years ago. In the last named well

### BAD ECZEMA ON LIMB

From Knee to Foot a Mass of Running Sores. Cured by Cuticura Remedy. Total Cost \$1.75.

I have been afflicted with a sore limb, which the doctor called eczema. My limb from the knee to the foot was one mass of running sores. The doctor used mercurial ointment for weeks, but the sores continued to multiply. I tried the CUTICURA, and it cured me.

### RUBEN'S NEW FALL DERBY

The "Bostonian" HAS JUMPED INTO POPULARITY.

Our popular and unrivalled factory prices, grading at \$1.90, \$2.40, \$3.00 and \$3.60, will, as heretofore, hold tall sway, and insure to economic buyers a clean saving on every purchase.

GEORGE W. SHAMMAN, 136 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY.

The Hatter and Furnisher, 431-433 SMITHFIELD STREET. Mail orders promptly filled. au28-9-2824

### CUTICURA RESOLVENT

The new Blood and Skin Purifier and protect and best of Humor Remedies. Internally to cleanse the blood of impurities and break down, demerolize and thus remove the cause, and CUTICURA the great Skin Cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an excellent skin cleanser, externally to clean the skin and scalp, and restore the hair, speedily, permanently, and economically cure every disease and humor of the skin, scalp, and blood, with loss of hair, whether from hereditary, or any other cause.

### PAINS AND WEAKNESS

Of females instantly relieved by this new, elegant, and infallible Antidote to Pain, Inflammation, and Weakness. It is CUTICURA ANTI-PAIN PASTILS, the first and only instantaneous pain-relieving pastil.

Read What EVAN E. JONES, The Popular Contractor and Builder, says: DR. GRIFFITH'S TA-VA-ZON KEY TO PAIN I can highly recommend for colic, cramps, cholera morbus, all aches and pains, for two doses cured me after other well-known remedies had failed. I advise every family and all who intend taking a summer trip to have a bottle of this medicine in their trunk. It is a most valuable remedy. "Be your own doctor."

### WHITE STAR LINE

Royal and United States Mail Steamers. For Queenstown and Liverpool. For London and Southampton.

### ANCHOR LINE

Steamers Leave New York Every Saturday For Glasgow via Londonderry. Rates for Saloon Passage \$100 and upward, according to route and class of service.

### DIJON THEATRE

To-night MISS ROSABEL MORRISON IN THE DANGER SIGNAL. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Sept. 7—Hallen & Hart in "Later On"

### MAX KLEIN

FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY. Send for complete catalogue and price list. au28-9-2824

### FALL OF POMPEII

Thousands unable to see the great spectacle on Tuesday. General request for its reproduction. A catract of fire 250 feet long. Children under 12 years, 25c. General admission, 50c. Don't fail to see this Greatest of Pain's Fireworks Productions.

### DOUGLAS & MACKIE

Prices That Will Certainly Give Us a Good Share of Your Linen Household Wants.

### DOUGLAS & MACKIE

151, 153 AND 155 FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY.

### MIDSUMMER BARGAINS

PATENT LEATHER SHOES, KANGAROO SHOES, FINE CALF SHOES, ELEGANT DONGOLA SHOES, all at greatly reduced prices.

### Laird's Shoe Stores.

406, 408, 410 MARKET ST. and 433 WOOD ST.

### FALL STYLES CARPETS

Wall Paper

In all the new choice styles and latest colors at prices that will please you. We have carpets from 12 1/2¢ a yard up to the finest Wiltons; also, a large stock of Wall Paper, Lace Curtains, Curtain Poles, Window Shades, Linoleum, etc.

GEORGE W. SHAMMAN, 136 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY.

### JACKSONS.

5 POUNDS GAINED. VACATION AND ITS RESULTS.

GETTING A WEIGHT WITH ONE OF OUR SUITS

The school bells ring once more. The boy in one of our school suits is sure to go head of the class. You cannot improve on these suits anywhere in America for either style, durability or price.

Home Ready-Made Clothing. Hats and Gents' Furnishings.

### JACKSONS

954 and 956 LIBERTY ST. Star Corner.

Visitors to the Exposition invited to look through our establishment. We don't importune anyone to buy.

### OIL WELL SUPPLIES

OIL DRILLERS, M. V. TAYLOR, OIL WELL SUPPLIES.

ALLISON TUBING AND CASING ALWAYS IN STOCK. ROOMS 29 and 36 Fidelity Building. Phone 757. au28-9-2824

### COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL

WEST BROADWAY AND CHAMBERS ST., NEW YORK.

European Plan. Thoroughly renovated, in complete order. Restaurant supervised by a first-class chef. G. R. LANSING, Manager. au28-9-2824

### THE BARKUP SALE

OF SCHMERTZ & CO.'S STOCK

DRAWS THOUSANDS OF PURCHASERS TO KAUFMANN'S

"Ill blows the wind that profits nobody!" The failure of W. E. Schertz & Co., 43 Fifth Avenue, had as it was for the Eastern creditors, certainly was a good thing for the Pittsburg and Allegheny public. The loss of the former was the gain of the latter. That we give our customers the benefit of the ruinously low prices at which the goods were auctioned off at the Sheriff's Sale last week is fully confirmed by the figures below: Why, in every instance,

WE SELL THE SHOES AT RETAIL

### FOR LESS MONEY

THAN SCHMERTZ & CO. SOLD THEM WHOLESALE

Men's shoes sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$1.87. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$1.25.

Men's Kangaroo shoes sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$2.50. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$1.75.

Men's Welt dress shoes sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$3.50. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$2.50.

Men's fine French calf hand-welt dress shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$5. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$3.00.

Ladies' fine Bright Dongola Button Shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$2. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$1.25.

Child's Spring Heel Shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$1.50. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR 75c.

Infants' One-Piece Kid Shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$1. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR 25c.

Best Youths' Shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$1.37. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR 86c.

Best Boys' Shoes sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$1.50. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$1.00.

Finest Misses' Spring Heel Shoes, sold wholesale by Schertz & Co. at \$2. RETAILED BY US NOW FOR \$1.00.

The above are but a few of the lines bought by us at the Sheriff's Sale last week. They will suffice, however, to show that never in the annals of the trade have shoes been sacrificed at prices so low. No wise person, therefore, will miss this opportunity.

### WANTED: 25 more experienced shoe salesmen.

### KAUFMANN'S

Fifth Ave. and Smithfield St.

### RAILROADS

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Schedule in effect May 10, 1921. Eastern Time.

MONONGAHELA DIVISION. For Monongahela City, West Brownsville and Uniontown.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION. For West Union, Meadville, and other points.

VALLEY DIVISION. For Altoona, Stateburg, and other points.

CHESAPEAKE DIVISION. For Chesapeake, and other points.

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ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD. Schedule in effect May 10, 1921.

PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN RAILROAD. Schedule in effect May 10, 1921.

### BLAINE

Free Transportation. CHARLES SOMERS & CO. 129 Fourth Avenue.