

answer the same purpose when the time comes. "Have you no receipt for even the \$700 payment?"

THE FRONT BANK. Allegheny County's Debt Almost Extinguished and Her Valuation

NEARLY HALF A BILLION.

The State Treasury Helps Along by Sending in a Big Rebate.

COUNTY TAXES TO BE REDUCED.

Big School Appropriations That Relieve the Taxpayers.

PERSONALTY BEARING THE BURDEN

Allegheny county is coming to the front as a section of the State noted for low taxes. This may not be true of the city, where the valuations have been greatly increased, but it will apply to the county taxes.

It will surprise most people to learn that the county valuation is nearing the half billion mark. A great stir was made a few years ago when the quarter billion line was reached. This is a mighty big sum of money, and the average man will become bewildered in trying to comprehend it.

A Great Consolation to Kicker. A reduction of county taxes in a decreasing geometric ratio would be a pleasing picture to contemplate.

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FIXING UP APPEALS.

City Attorney Moreland, the City Assessor and Counsel for Disappointed Taxpayers Hold a Conference for the Purpose of Preventing Overmuch Litigation.

A meeting was held in the office of Bruce & Shields yesterday afternoon by attorneys representing appeals from the assessments of 1922. There were about 50 attorneys present, including City Attorney W. C. Moreland, Frank P. Case, Chief Assessor, was also in attendance.

It was resolved that an agreement be entered into between the counsel for the various appellants and the City Attorney, in pursuance of which an order of court should be entered in the various courts, authorizing all parties who have or who may hereafter appeal to the City Treasurer the amounts of their respective taxes upon the present assessments under and subject to the provisions of an agreement entered into by the City Assessor and the City Attorney.

It was also directed that all attorneys representing appeals in the organization form the City Assessor's office, who have prospective appeals, who shall turn the same over to the City Assessor and have him fix a date for the appeal to be taken to the City Assessor, and upon the adjustment of that question between the attorneys and the Assessor, making a statement of the just valuation to the City Assessor, who shall thereupon have the same so entered on the records in the various appeals by a committee consisting of Messrs. Guthrie, Negley and Moreland, and the City Assessor, who was appointed to prepare and present to the courts the copy of the order of court to be entered in the organization. It was also agreed that if the counsel and the City Assessor shall agree upon the valuation, the City Assessor shall certify the same to the City Assessor, who shall thereupon have the same so entered on the records in the various appeals by a committee consisting of Messrs. Guthrie, Negley and Moreland, and the City Assessor, who was appointed to prepare and present to the courts the copy of the order of court to be entered in the organization.

A B. & O. INSPECTING PARTY. The Company Has No Intention of Leaving the Pittsburgh, Shenango and Lake Erie. A. B. & O. Inspecting party reached the city last evening. In the crowd were Third Vice President Lord, General Manager Odell, General Passenger Agent C. O. Seale, George C. Crouch, of New York, a representative of foreign capitalists, C. W. Bassett, Division Passenger Agent E. D. Smith and others.

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Having a Good Time. A Beaver Falls Man Comes to Grief in the West End. An East End Highwayman Captured. William Wild, of Kelley street, Homewood, was arrested by Inspector Whitehouse last night. He is charged with highway robbery on the highway between the city and West End.

BOTH SIDES STUBBORN.

Bricklayers and Bosses Are as Yet No Nearer an Agreement. ARBITRATION IS NOW SUGGESTED. Printers File Objections to Non-Union-Made Ballots.

The official report of last Tuesday's conference of the striking bricklayers and the bosses has not yet been published, and the public are growing impatient for a settlement, as the building interests threaten to become seriously damaged by the continuance, if not entirely stopped.

The joint committee of masters and strikers met in the Builders' Exchange. Both sides were well prepared as far as strong arguments went, and were fully determined to hold their own. A sharp discussion was started and a feeble effort was made to settle the difficulty in a way that would be satisfactory to both parties, but the majority refused to concede to the other side to give way.

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An Increase in Business. Causes a False Alarm Among Lawrenceville Millworkers. The insertion of an advertisement in the daily papers of yesterday by the Phoenix Mill Works, asking for rollturners, caused a slight alarm among the millworkers, and a rumor was started that a general strike would take place at the Phoenix works.

Wants Free Raw Material. George von Reinolt, a Chicago paint manufacturer, registered at the Schlosser last evening. He is a Swede by birth, and has been in the country for ten years. As a result of observation and having no ground to grind, he thinks the true solution of the mill question is to use raw materials.

Fractured His Ankle. William, the 17-year-old son of the Rev. E. R. Donehue, 232 South Main street, was running along the street yesterday afternoon when he stumbled and fell. It was thought at first that his leg was broken, but on examination it was found that his left ankle had been badly fractured.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL ARMY.

Big Figures Given by a Worker in the Evangelical Field. Rev. S. H. McCullough is now making his annual visit to the city in behalf of the American Sunday School Union, of which he is Superintendent. The following Pittsburgh gentlemen are Vice Presidents of this society: Charles J. Clark, Hon. Felix B. Bruce, W. E. Fraw, Thomas Wightman, John B. Jackson, John G. Holmes, Andrew Howard, Thomas H. Lane.

In speaking last night of the work of the Union Mr. McCullough said: "During the past year 1,500,000 children, representing 1,250,000 Sunday schools, in places hitherto entirely destitute of religious privileges, containing 70,775 scholars and teachers. Aid was given to 4,000 other schools with 128,125 members; and besides this, schools that had been previously reported, were again aided in 8,000 instances with 243,880 scholars and teachers.

INQUEST OVER THE HEADLESS BODY. Mary Creer's Death Held to Be Deliberately Committed Suicide. At the inquest held by Coroner McDowell yesterday in the case of Mary Creer, whose body was found floating in the Junction railroad track at Shenley park Tuesday, it was ascertained that she deliberately committed suicide by placing her head on the track before a passing train.

Will Get Their Back Pay. All of the newly-appointed committees of Allegheny Councils, which are able to approve the payrolls of city employees, will hold special meetings for that purpose, as follows: Committee on Public Safety, Thursday evening; Committee on Public Safety and Commerce on Friday evening; Committee on Public Safety on Monday evening; Committee on Public Safety on Tuesday evening.

Officer Mike Harrison, of Union station, was called on yesterday by a Liberty street stockbroker to arrest William McManis, a farmer from Brinton, who had offered an old Confederate note in payment for a purchase. The stockbroker thought McManis was a counterfeiter, and after a search where he was taken, McManis said he had carried the note for ten years as a pocket piece and he had never intended to give it up.

Excursion to Washington and Norfolk. A special excursion will leave B. & O. depot, Pittsburgh, Pa., for Washington and Norfolk, S. A., Tuesday, April 25. From Washington, excursionists will return to Pittsburgh via the historic Potomac river and great Chesapeake Bay. Excursionists can visit Old Point Comfort, Virginia Beach and Richmond. On Wednesday and Thursday a limited number of choice lots in the great city of Norfolk will be offered for sale at very low prices.

For Mamma. That beautiful panel picture, size 14x20 inches, will be given to all our patrons Saturday, April 15. Be sure to come on this date as this is the only opportunity you have to secure one of these pictures. It is our own design, and was photographed and printed in the most artistic manner and is an evergreen souvenir to our patrons. This picture is now on exhibition in our window.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Kleber's Wonderful Stock of Pianos and Organs. In addition to the numerous Steinway, Conover and opera pianos and other musical instruments sold daily at this popular, old-time establishment, the Messrs. Kleber have also disposed of quite a number of Vocational church organs.

Complete new display to-day of the very last Parisian styles. Come to-day. No such exhibition ever before made. Jos. Horne & Co.'s Penn. Ave. Stores.

GRAND EASTER SALES DRESS GOODS AND SILKS. Beautiful colors, handsome designs, novel weaves. An endless variety of beautiful effects, bright and handsome, tasteful and stylish, in every way suggestive of the brightness and cheeriness of the season that starts with the beginning of next week.

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