

tion that the report be made in January if Councils agree. It is at a later date, which was done in this case.

Deny That They Were Arbitrary.

It is admitted that at the time the report was returned the assessors had not all the ward duplicates, but they believe it was not required by law. It is denied that no classification of all the property in the city had been made. On the contrary it is claimed they endeavored honestly and justly to maintain the distinct classification indicated by the laws, that no instances were an arbitrary assessment, or one through favoritism or otherwise, made, and that all assessments were made fairly and conscientiously with law.

One feature of the suit was a charge that the assessors and City Treasurer had illegally allowed \$30,000 in exonerations from the original assessment. This is admitted, except that the right to allow exonerations is claimed to be lawful. It is denied that this right has been abused or illegally exercised and it is admitted that the city officers hereafter intend to grant exonerations where mistakes have been made and it is necessary with law.

The charge that the triennial assessment was not bona fide, and was made excessive in order to evade the constitutional limit for the extraordinary expenditure of the city's money by persons having it in charge, is also flatly contradicted. It is alleged no foundation for such a charge exists.

Claim a Debt for Excess of City. As to the limit of indebtedness that is claimed to be a question between the city and her creditors, but if necessary in this case they further say that the constitutional limitation of debt for the benefit of the city, and the second class are authorized under the organic law of the State to incur. As to the allegation that its acts are illegal and that it had no legal valid existence under the laws of the State, the city denies the same and submits the proposition to the Court.

In conclusion the defendants in the suit raise the point that the Court has no jurisdiction over the Board of Assessors as concerned. They claim that the law imposes upon the board the duty of discriminating between the properties designated as built up, rural, agricultural, or unimproved, and that no power is conferred upon any other board to determine this question of classification, and as the law confers this discretionary power upon the Board of Assessors they cannot be controlled or corrected by the court. Finally, assuming that all the agreements of the plaintiffs to be true, it is claimed they have an adequate remedy at law, and therefore the Court should not take and exercise jurisdiction upon the subject matter of the plaintiffs' bill. The court is asked to dismiss the suit at the plaintiffs' cost.

SCHOOL BOARDS ORGANIZED.

The Old Corps of Teachers Re-Elected in the Twelfth Ward. The O'Hara School Board of the Twelfth ward has reorganized by electing J. H. Armstrong, President; John Paisley, Secretary, vice J. A. Little, and J. B. Noble, Treasurer, vice Dr. J. G. Green. The Springfield board reorganized as follows: President, Charles Sheers; Secretary, J. C. Boos; Treasurer, E. S. Smith. John Hunter was elected a new member of the board. In both districts the old corps of teachers were re-elected.

At a meeting of the School Board of West Newton Prof. D. S. Suttan was re-elected principal with the following list of teachers: First ward, No. 7, Prof. I. W. Hoesel; No. 6, Miss Frank Moore; No. 5, Miss Madge Hamilton; No. 4, Miss Helen; No. 3, Miss Margaret Bankin; No. 2, Miss Ida Lawson; No. 1, Miss Sadie Samson. Second ward, Prof. T. J. Cummings. Principal; No. 2, Miss Ella McLain; No. 3, Miss Lizzie Kubus; No. 1, Ida Galagher.

THE SUN OVERSTEPS HIMSELF.

He Gives Pittsburghers the Hottest Day of the Year and the Suffering Endured by Humanity and Animals was Excessive. Without there was a slight breeze but in the offices, stores and hotels, the heat was oppressive and at times almost unbearable. Upon the Seventh street bridge at 1:15 o'clock the thermometer was 94° in the shade. The weather man reported the highest temperature to be 90° at the same hour. The difference is attributable to the thickness of the shelter box where the instrument is placed.

Yesterday was a hard day on the millmen. While none of the mills are reported as having shut down on account of the heat, most of the water has been shut off and their forces greatly reduced by men quitting. A Pole named Wodinsky, employed at Dilworth, Porter & Co.'s mill, was overcome and had to be removed to the Southside Hospital. Several others stopped work fearing that the same fate would be theirs.

CUT RATES TO CHICAGO.

The Delegates to the Democratic Convention May Travel Cheap. Delegates to the Democratic Convention in Chicago will be given a rate of \$7.50 for the round trip by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Yesterday a number of officials of the road arrived in the city from Chicago and registered at the Monongahela House. The party consisted of President J. B. Roberts, John B. Green, Third Vice President Charles E. Pugh, General Manager W. B. Brown, Chief Engineer, Thomas Williams, Jr., J. M. Hardin, Superintendent, Robert, Isaac Roberts and P. Pennington. The party will return to Philadelphia this morning.

Arrested for Breaking His Leg.

Joseph Young, the attorney, who fell down stairs in the Lake Erie depot on Saturday and had his shoulder fractured and hip injured, is doing nicely at the Southside Hospital. The hospital authorities are very indulgent at the treatment he received from the police. He was taken to the Twentieth ward station all night on a charge of drunkenness. The hospital officials say that it had been removed to the hospital on recovery would have been better. As it is, if Mr. Young recovers he will likely make it interesting for those concerned in his arrest.

A Campaign Marching Club.

Members of the Conkling Club, of the Southside, organized a campaign marching club with 75 members and the following officers: D. L. S. McDonald, Captain; John A. Bonheig, First Lieutenant; John Weber, Second Lieutenant; D. C. Williams, Sergeant. It is intended to wear blue and white uniforms, and the club will be one of the best equipped that will figure in the campaign.

Promised to Do Better Hereafter.

"Toby" Kurtz, who was charged with assault and battery by his wife, Mary Kurtz, had a hearing before Magistrate Scoop last night. The trouble which resulted in the suit was claimed to be due to Mr. Kurtz's impetuous habits. Upon his promise to do better, sign the pledge for a year and the payment of costs, Mrs. Kurtz withdrew the charge against her husband.

Mrs. H. C. Frick Badly Scared.

A Duquesne traction car struck H. C. Frick's carriage on Frankstown avenue, at Park avenue, last night. The hind wheel was torn from the axle, and Mrs. Frick, with several ladies who occupied the carriage, were badly frightened.

Senator Rotun B-ster.

Ex-Senator Rotun, who has been sick at his home in Allegheny, was said by his physicians to be much better last night. The announcement that he was about to die was denied by his attendants.

WALKED OUT WELL.

Ten Thousand Pilgrims Bow Before the Shrine of St. Anthony on Troy Hill.

BLIND EYES WERE OPENED, And the Lame Left Crutches Behind and Leaped as a Hart.

MOLLINGER'S WONDERFUL POWER.

Vast Multitudes Kiss the Sacred Relic of His Patron Saint.

HIGH MASS CELEBRATED IN OPEN AIR.

Two thousand weary watchers greeted the dawn of St. Anthony's Day on Troy Hill. The healing powers of the bones of the great saint and the wonderful cures performed by Father Mollinger had gone out to the world. Great multitudes had come from afar to kneel before the shrines of the saints, to kiss the golden vases that held the remains of a most holy man, to receive a benediction from the venerable priest and to go away cured of their infirmities. As the blind, the lame and the halt were brought to Christ of old, so yesterday the infirm from every State of this great nation and even from Australia they came to bow in prayer in that holy place and receive the blessing of the great healer.

Yesterday was the annual pilgrimage to the church of the Most Holy Name and St. Anthony's Chapel, the Mecca of the infirm. It was like a day of a great fair. Gay booths lined the streets and men in wagons furnished food for the hundreds that could not be accommodated otherwise. Paved

the ground with boards, the streets were crowded with the infirm. The most interesting sight was the blind, the lame and the halt, who were brought to Christ of old, so yesterday the infirm from every State of this great nation and even from Australia they came to bow in prayer in that holy place and receive the blessing of the great healer.



Father Mollinger, the Priest-Physician.

ments were disregarded and the streets from curb to curb were filled with a vast throng of people.

The Old Chapel and the New.

Almost on the southern crest of the hill stood the plain, severe old church of Most Holy Name. Further up the street stands the handsome new stone chapel of St. Anthony, where rest the relics of a hero, a thousand saints and whose interior decoration cost a quarter of a million of dollars.

The surging mass of humanity moved up Troy Hill. A tenth part of the people filled the church to overflowing, while thousands of others knelt on the hot, dry bricks outside, happy that they were even so near the sacred church and believed that even the bricks of the pavement had a saving power. In the rear of the church cripples, invalids and deformed people of all kinds were carried by loving friends and relatives in honor of his great work, and the aged priest has expended \$200,000 in providing fitting shrines for these sacred relics.

Wanted Only to Touch His Robes.

At last the side door opened and the venerable Father Mollinger appeared. There was a death-like stillness. Even the boys hawking lemonade were still. The grand old man pronounced a benediction and then hundreds scrambled almost over each other in their desire to even touch his robe. The sick and infirm that had waited for hours bended forward that the holy water might touch them. In carriages, doors were thrown open and mothers held on high their babes that on them might fall even a drop of the sacred moisture. The aged priest was too ill to bestow individual blessing and retired to his home.

It was not until 2 o'clock in the afternoon that the new chapel of St. Anthony was thrown open. It is the greatest repository of saintly relics outside of the ancient monasteries and churches of Italy. They were given Father Mollinger by the Pope in honor of his great work, and the aged priest has expended \$200,000 in providing fitting shrines for these sacred relics.

The Catholic belief of virtue in the remains of the saints, in many, one of the prettiest tenets of that great church. It is that these persons were holy and pure both in mind and body. In life they were temples of the Almighty. In death they are still habitations of the Holy Spirit. Gathered in this sacred chapel are relics of all the saints and many of the martyrs.

Thousands Kiss the Sacred Relic.

Outside 10,000 people pressed the great iron gates that were guarded by half a dozen sturdy policemen. In the crowd were Detectives Steele and Johnson who were watching for pickpockets. The great throng of humanity was sweltering with the heat. All clamored for admission to where the relics were kept, but once inside the great iron gates they were hushed and moved with bowed heads. At the entrance the pilgrims sprinkled themselves with holy water and prayed before the seven groups of statues representing stations in the crucifixion. Passing on up they passed a relic of St. Anthony in a golden vase. Father Meyer held it, and after each had kissed it he rested the vase upon the head of the pilgrim and pro-

VISIONS OF WEALTH.

The Commissioners' Report to the State Shows the County Is WORTH HALF A BILLION DOLLARS.

Pittsburghers Pay Half of Cost of Running the County.

FIGURES THAT TELL A GOOD STORY.

When the French, English and Indians indulged in a free-for-all fight for the possession of this neck of woods they must have been gifted with remarkable foresight in addition to the innate delight of man, civilized or otherwise, to shed human blood. But it is hardly probable that they imagined that within a hundred years of what was then part of the great wilderness, what is now Allegheny county, would be valued, even by assessors, at nearly \$500,000,000.

The figures are given by the County Commissioners in a sworn statement forwarded yesterday to the Secretary of Internal Affairs, showing the number of taxables, number of acres of cleared and timber land, amount at which all real and personal property are valued and assessed for State and county purposes in Allegheny county. The various items are shown by wards in the cities and by the several assessment districts in the boroughs and townships.

The Fourteenth Ward in the Lead.

The largest number of taxables is found in the Fourteenth ward, Pittsburgh, where there are 4,927; the largest ward in Allegheny is the Second, where there are 4,878. The Sixth ward in McKeesport is the largest in that city, having 1,158. Bradock leads the boroughs with 2,302, while Millfin is the largest township, with 1,792. The smallest ward in Pittsburgh is the Thirtieth, having but 312 taxables; the Ninth ward, Allegheny, has but 959; Seventh ward, McKeesport, 328; Osborn borough only has 80, while Sterrett township, with only 69, is the smallest assessment district in the county.

The total number of taxables in the county is 153,636; the amount of cleared land, 347,512 acres; timber land, 36,752 acres. A New Estimate of Dirt Cheap. The value of all real estate is placed at \$426,521,473. The value of real estate exempt from taxation is \$48,200,254; of the taxable, \$378,321,219. Total number of horses owned in Allegheny is 27,703; Seventh ward value is placed at \$2,120,332. The number of cattle over the age of four years is 21,338, and their value is \$482,085. The value of salaries, emoluments of office, trades and occupations is \$30,636,870.

The aggregate value of all property taxable for county purposes is \$420,663,936, and the aggregate amount of county taxes assessed is \$736,102.87. The amount of money at interest in the county is \$60,548,402. Total value of all staves, cabs, etc., is \$103,630. The aggregate value of all property in the county taxable for State purposes is \$60,652,032, while the State tax assessed is \$2,948,128. The principal items of the report by districts are as follows:

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THE FATES AGAINST THEM.

Record of the Accidents in the Two Cities.

Railroads Recorded another Death in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Company.

The Eldest Thing on Wheels.

Cut Glass for Wedding.

Don't Wait.

Volokran.

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Smallpox Patients Re-convalescing.

Dr. J. Guy McCausley, city physician, stated yesterday that the seven patients in the pesthouse suffering from smallpox are all doing nicely and will recover. Miss Cora Harris, the teacher of the Duquesne College, who was recently taken with the disease, had been vaccinated prior to her illness, and on this account her attack is very light and she will recover.

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Our big stock of Remnants went out in a hurry, but we are making more every day, and will continue to sell them at ONE THIRD their actual value.

Moquette Carpets, 15 to 40 yards long, at 66c to 85c a yard.

Tapestry Brussels, 18 to 40 yards long, at 40c a yard up.

Ingrain Carpets, 18 to 30 yards long, at 90c a yard up.

300 Rolls China Matting at \$5 per roll of 40 yards.

100 Rolls China Matting at \$3.

We still have about 75 pairs of the SILK CURTAINS AT \$9 A PAIR, WORTH \$16.

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