

IT MAY APPLY TO OTHER BUSINESS

Real. estate men have started a fight against the business tax which they say will knock it silly when it gets into the courts. Last year the ordinance of Councils provided that the tax upon all men who did a commission business should be 10 mills upon each dollar. The real estate men made a kick against that and refused to pay a cent of taxes, upon the ground that they were not properly classed. They all rose up in arms against the provisions of the ordinance. Real estate agents they were, and under the clause of the ordinance they were classed as commission brokers. Upon that technicality they refused to pay the tax, and the result was that when the tax department threatened them with suit they laughed and, pointing to the language of the ordinance, told the city authorities to go ahead and sue for the 10-mill tax upon their gross receipts. Then it was that City Attorney More-

THAT BUSINESS TAX.

Real Estate Dealers of Pittsburg

Taking Steps to Defeat It.

MUST BE SETTLED BY THE COURTS.

They Won Once and Not a Cent Will They

Pay to the City Now.

land discovered a fatal defect in the ordinance, the result being that the real estate agents paid not no taxes last year upon their gross incomes. But last year Councils remedied this by placing the real estate men under the proper heading of real estate agents. This amended section of the ordinance reads: "Real estate brokers, forwarding and commission merchants, 5 mills upon each dollar upon said commission or brokage.

The Real Estate Agents' Agreement,

Last year when the real estate men had gained their point they still kept in service their committee, consisting of S. A. Dickie & Co., Samuel Black & Co., and Black & Baird. Under their appointment at this time these gentlemen drew up the following agreement, which was signed by all the best known real estate agents in the city:

best known real estate agents in the city: We the undersigned real estate agents doing business in the city of Pittaburg, be-lieving and being advised that the city busi-ness tax assessed at 10 mills on the gross amount of business done by us partakes of thenature of an income tax, and is there-forre illegal, oppressive and unjust, do hereby agree to withold payment of said tax, secure the opinion and service of an attorney and test the legality of the assess-ment in the courts of Allegheny county. We do hereby agree to divide the expenses of making said test in court pro rata among us according to the amount of legal ex-penses for an opinion not to exceed \$500, pro-vided an opinion be ad prior to June 15, 1801: this matter to be in charge of a com-mittee with power to act, consisting of three real estate firms having the largest assess-ment. Whose signatures are appended.

The signatures were those of all the big The signatures were those of all the big real estate men, and the committee was ap-pointed. When it was found that the time for the payment of the obnoxious tax was approaching, the committee was called to-gether and with them met a large number of the real estate agents. They were unanimous in their opinion that steps should be taken to resist the payment of the tax even if the case had to be taken to the Su-preme Court of the State. They felt forti-fied in the fact that their attorney, J. Scott Ferguson, had declared that the ordinance was unconstitutional for the reason that it was an income tax. was an income tax.

#### A Circular to Real Estate Agents. Fortified with the opinion the committee to-day will send to all real estate agents this circular:

PITTSBURG, June 28. Do not pay your city business tax this

Charge Against an Auctioneer. W. H. Jones was given a hearing before Alderman Gripp yesterday on a charge of

larceny by bailee preferred by William ekeeper in Mifflin t

at 12:10, ELLEN LORES, wile of Frank Law, aged 35 years. Funeral from family residence, No 33 Grant avenue, Bennett, on THURSDAY, at 8:30 o'clock and St. Anthony's Church at 9 o'clock A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. [Cairo, Ill., papers please copy.]

Buys choice goods. While Ox-MITCHELL-On Monday, June 27, 1892, at 4:15 r. m., John Mirchall, Sr., aged 55 years 4 months and 8 days. fords and Slippers sell freely, Russet Shoes, Tennis Shoes, ORT-On Monday, June 27, 1892, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., KEBECCA MARY, youngest child of J. C. and Emma Ort, aged 10 months days. Funeral services at the parents' residence Jancy street, Eighteenth ward, on WEDNES-DAY AFTEBNOON at 2 o'clock.

year, as the real estate brokers intend to test the legality of the assessment in the courts, having been successful in having it exonersted last year. This has nothing to to with the State mercantile license.

"Now," Mr. Gloninger, of the firm of Black & Baurd, "that circular tells just where all of us real estate men stand. There are about 300 of us. This tax, you must remember, is upon our gross and not our net neceipts. The tax is a most unjust one, in receipts. The tax is a most unjust one, in that it taxes practically our incomes, a thing, we claim, not legal under the laws of this State. We won our fight last year, because the people who drew the ordinance evidently did not know what they were doing. The tax this year is due on the last day of this month, but we don't propose to pay it until the case has been settled by the courts, although the ordinance has been an nonneed so as to put us in the proper setnounced so as to put us in the proper category of taxables.

we win this fight, and we are sure we shall, then the decision will apply to other lines of business. Indeed, I believe that now we have made the move many other people in business will combine to fight this iniquitous ordinance. It is an outrage that a law passed many years ago, when Pittsburg was in need of money, should be applied in this age of progress when the sources of taxation should be beyond such a means of securing revenue."

#### Swearing Down Their Receipts.

Another real estate man put his opposi-tion to the ordinance in this way: "I know tion to the ordinance in this way: "I know of a certain firm in this town that made a sworn statement to the effect that their gross brokerage was only \$8,000, whereas their clerk hire amounted to more than that sum. This," said he, "was a mere question of swearing down your receipta. See what an opportunity it gives for a man to com-mit perjury. No business man likes to have the amount of his receipts placed be-fore the public. It is not fair." City Attorney Moreland when asked what

City Attorney Moreland when asked what he would do in case the real estate men re-fused to pay the business tax, said that he had no opinion to express until the real estate men had refused to pay the tax. In the City Collector's office it was stated that no trouble was expected from the real estate no trouble was expected from the real estate men, because when they refused to pay there would probably be an arrangement could be reached. At the office of the Collector of De-linquent Taxes Chief Clerk Lewis said that he had no fear of any trouble over the col-lection of the taxes from the real estate man. "Of convers" said he "if they real

lection of the taxes from the real estate men. "Of course," said he, "if they re-fuse to pay the only thing for us to do is to distrain. In this case I think that there will be a case stated, to use the legal ex-pression, and that there will be no trouble. They won't pay, we insist upon their pay-ment—and then the Court comes in and fixes the whole matter. Even were the real estate men to win I cennot see that the real estate men to win I cannot see that the decision would apply to other lines of busi-ness. We will send out the customary no-tices, and upon the failure of the party no-tified to 'come up to the Captain's desk and settle,' the regular notice will be served."

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O'LEARY-On Tuesday, June 28, 1892, at 2 A. M., ELLEN, wife of John O'Leary, aged 23 years. Funeral from her late residence, Millwood avenue, Thirteenth ward, city, on THURS-DAY, June 30, at 8:30 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

TITZEL-On Tuesday, June 28, at 9 A. M., JOHN TITZEL, formerly of Allegheny, Pa., at his residence, Glenshaw, Pa., on P. & W. RR Funeral services THUBSDAY, upon the ar-

rival of the train leaving Alleghenv at 10:3 A. M., city time. Carriages leave Willison & Son's, Cedar avenue, Allegheny, at 9:30 A. M. WALTER-On Saturday, June 25, 1892, at 6 P. M., LEONARD WALTER, Sr., in his Sist year.

Funeral services on WEDNESDAY, 29th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from his late residence, 9 North Canal street, Allegheny City. Inter-ment private at a later hour.

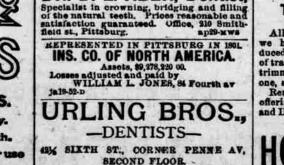
[Brookville, Pa., and Harrisburg papers please copy.] 3 please copy.] 3 WITTMEE-On Tuesday, June 28, 1892, at 4:30 A. M., HAZEL IRENE, daughter of Samuel and Christina Wittmer, aged I year, 3 months and 35 days.

Funeral services at the family residence, Nelson street, near Park avenue extension Twenty-first ward, on THURSDAY, 30th inst. at 2 r. M. Friends of the family are respect fully invited to attend.

# ZEHR-On Monday, June 27, 1892, at 7 A. M., MARY, wife of Peter Zehr, in her 48th year. Requiem high mass at St. Coleman Catholic Church, Turtle Creek, on WEDERDAY MORN-ING at 9 O'clock. Interment at St. Thomas' Cemetery, Copeland station, P. R. R. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. ANTHONY MEYER Snocessor to Meyer, Arnold & Co., I/m.,) UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER, Office and residence, 1134 Penn avenue. Telephone connection. my11-57-xwssu JAMES M. FULLERTON. UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER, No. 6 Eighth street. Chapel for private funerals. my10-99-wrsu Telephone 1155 JUNE WEDDINGS.

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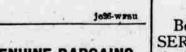
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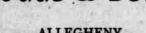
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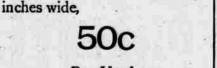
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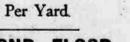
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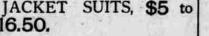


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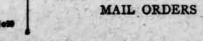
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