

WILL TACKLE TAXES.

County Commissioners of the State Will Meet in Pittsburg.

THEY WILL PREPARE A TAX BILL,

And Will Suggest and Recommend More Road Legislation.

R. E. MERCER TALKS OF THEIR WORK

The sixth annual convention of the County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania will be held in the Court House September 14 and 15.

A bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Commissioners was brought before the last Legislature.

The chief power of the Association is placed in an Executive Committee. This committee submits a written report of its deliberations, and embodies what may be expected in any recommendations for a change of legislation.

About 300 delegates are expected to be present. Every county in the State will be represented.

At the coming meeting great stress will be laid upon the formation of a State Statistical Bureau. This State is behind many other States in the way of having a proper report made of the various interests and the relative importance of each.

County Commissioner R. E. Mercer in an interview last evening said: "This association has been working for the past five years to get at some way to equalize taxation. This subject has always been causing a great deal of trouble and we find it very difficult to handle."

"Ever since the law was changed and the office of County Engineer was created in 1873 it took all this work out of our hands and there has not been much for the Commissioners to do but make the appropriations they recommended."

"One of the most troublesome questions is the one that has been raised in this city—that of the exemption of property in the way of assessments. We will especially direct our efforts to have this changed."

"The trend of the recommendations to be made in the coming bill, will be breaking up the line between the taxing of individual property holders and corporations. This question must be fought on this line, and will be our hardest task."

"Among the questions to be discussed at the coming convention is the new regulation law. This question has been before the former meetings of the commissioners."

Recommendations have been made. I cannot say whether anything will be done at this time, but the question will be discussed and something will likely be done as there is need for a change.

The duties of constables will also be discussed as will subject of inquests and post-mortems. All these duties are included in our preamble and receive the attention their importance demands.

The present convention will be called to order in the Orphans' Court room No. 3, on Wednesday, September 14, at 10 o'clock by Commissioner R. E. Mercer.

PITTSBURGH IS GROWING.

All Records Broken in the Building Inspectors' Office—Many New and Handsome Houses Going Up—The East End the Favorite Home District.

The record of building permits issued during the month of August breaks all records. There were 324 permits issued for the erection of 421 buildings, some permits calling for as high as 14 houses.

The character of the buildings have been of a very good quality, better than the general run, and the building inspectors, Hoffman and Brown, have been enforcing the city regulations as to their construction.

The East End still continues to be the choice spot for improvement, as the wards in that end of the city show the greatest number of new houses.

The Second district, comprising all the wards from the Sixth to the Twenty-third, there are 328 buildings put up. The Twentieth ward heads the list with 55, the Nineteenth next with 47, the Twenty-first following with 43.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF. The Cherokee strip is now absolutely clear of occupants. Lightning killed eight soldiers at Seely Sunday night.

The Honduras revolution has been wound up by the capture of General Nullis, its leader, and eight men, August 26.

The Free Thought Federation of America was formally organized in Chicago Sunday. It will work, among other things, for Sunday opening of the World's Fair.

A tax collector's office nearly swept away the town of Alpine. It created terrible havoc among live stock, buildings, etc., in the mountains above that place.

A general miners' strike has been ordered in all the Coal Creek and Yellow Springs districts in the West Virginia. They are rebuilding the stockades. Troops expect more violence.

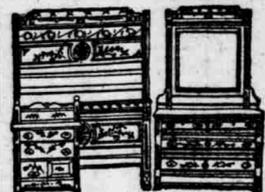
The old Palazzo, in the Via Taverna, Naples, collapsed yesterday, burying many persons in the ruins. One body was terribly crushed and mutilated, and three persons were rescued alive but frightfully injured.

William Henry Allen, a penniless inmate of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home, by the death of a brother in California, has fallen heir to an estate worth between \$10,000 and \$20,000,000. Allen was formerly an artist in Minneapolis.

A. J. McLennock, of Yeddo, Ind., is a very, very bad man. He is in jail and may be lynched. He has long been a terror to his neighbors, having slain three horses and cattle openly. Two years ago he married a wealthy widow, and at once began to abuse her and to ruin her property.

Thomas E. Berge, alias E. B. Thompson, chief "hooker" in the "old" city, is "doing" the hotels in the big cities at the expense of W. V. O'Connell, traveling freight agent of the Mississippi Valley route, and several banks. Some weeks ago while Mr. O'Connell was at the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, his valet was broken into and several annual passes extracted therefrom. Suspicion fell upon Berge, and some days later he left the hotel carrying a forged check in O'Connell's name. He has since been traveling about the country on stolen passes and forging checks. Chicago is the latest scene of his operations.

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DINAH. WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH BY IDA LEMON. Author of "A Divided Duty," Etc.

Dinah Crew sat at her sewing machine. She worked at it quickly and vigorously with her feet. She was employed by a wholesale dress tailor and was engaged in making trousers. She was a negress, though she had been born and bred in England. Her hair was curly and she had the thick lips of her race. Her face was a not unpleasant one. It showed, ordinarily, intelligence and warmth.

"You may go, for I can't bear to see you there, and I might do you a harm. Go. She was so desperately in earnest, and in her way so dignified that the man could do nothing but obey her. He slunk backward. But he put his question again, a dull red burning in his cheeks. 'I'll go when you've told me where Sal is.' 'Dinah burst into a harsh laugh. 'So you want her, do you? You're going to explain perhaps why you went away and left her just when she needed you most. You ought to have come earlier if you was so desperately anxious. Maybe you'd agree to make love to her. Oh, Sal, Sal—' she broke off with a groan. 'I'll tell you where she is, and you may go and look for her. She's been waiting for you, and maybe she'll be glad to see you. Shall I give you her new address?'"

But the poor cannot indulge their grief; for the needs of the body are paramount, and habit becomes nature in the matter of suppressing emotion. Dinah had to work 14 hours a day. The rent had to be paid, the collector called every week for what was owing on the machine itself, and her food had to be bought. Formerly she had not been the sole occupant of the room. She had shared it with a younger sister who like her did tailoring work, and the machine had been a joint possession between her and her sister, and each with a peculiar, name-like fascination which black women frequently possess. A very short courtship they were married.

But before he came, in the season of east winds, the baby died, and with it all humbling influences seemed to go from Dinah. She grew hard, bitter, almost cruel. She shut herself away from sympathy. Even the little children she had been so fond of, and at whom she had shown her white teeth when she met them in the street on her way to and from the workshop, she greeted no longer; it seemed to her when Sal's little boy was buried all her love for her kind for her kind was buried with it. And now Boney came back. It was the spring, almost the summer. A feeling, born of absence perhaps, had come to him that he would like to see his wife again. Even a sort of remorse had seized him. Yet he was half afraid to return, not knowing in what way he would be received. He had gone to Dinah's knowing that it was most likely that he would find Sal there. And he had learned he was a widower.

latter dwell, but he never again climbed the rickety stairs. He was not particularly anxious to renew his intimacy with his compromising sister-in-law. But he was a man who could not live without affection. In his class of life sentiment for the dead seldom is of long duration, and he had practically been a widower ever since he left the neighborhood. Before he had been back many months, he married the sister of his friend, a young pretty clinging thing, a daughter from Sal in disposition as she was in appearance. And as his mate emigrated to America, he continued to live where he was; the place was conveniently near work, and their few sticks of furniture were there. Dinah had so dropped out of his thoughts that he did not now enter into his calculations; if he exhibited a want of delicacy in remaining so near her, it was not because he voluntarily would have hurt her by the knowledge of the sight of his newly-found happiness. Perhaps he could not make concessions to a nature which he was incapable of understanding.

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