

TAXATION AND FEES.

County Commissioners From All Over the State in Session Here.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED PRESENT.

Many Suggestions Offered for Changes in Revenue Laws.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS ON FOR TO-DAY

The sixth annual convention of the County Commissioners of Pennsylvania began in this city yesterday and will continue to-day. To-morrow an excursion will be taken on the City of Pittsburgh. The convention sits in Orphan's Court No. 1 in the Court House.

The morning session began at 11 o'clock, and was a short one. Robert E. Mercer, of Allegheny county, called the meeting to order. There were present about 150 Commissioners, clerks and solicitors. Others came in during the afternoon, and there are only three or four counties unrepresented. Mr. Mercer, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, nominated the following persons for permanent officers: President, S. W. Shaw, of Westmoreland county; Vice President, George L. Mahan, of Bucks; Secretary, Thomas H. Barr, of Tioga; Secretaries, P. W. Seibert, of Allegheny; James M. Rogers, of Delaware; George S. Brown, of Lancaster; E. S. McNaul, of Clinton, and E. W. Crawford, of Lawrence. Mr. Shaw assumed the chair, and the Vice Presidents sat on either side of him. The roll of counties was then called.

An address of welcome was delivered by S. H. Geyer, solicitor for the Allegheny county board, and the President announced the following committee on resolutions: George A. Lane, of Lancaster; John E. Brosius, of Clinton; Thomas L. Barr, of Tioga; John G. Cameron, of Indiana; George F. Churchill, of Erie; W. J. Woodcock, of Blair, and S. K. Anders, of Montgomery. It was decided that resolutions should be read by their titles and sent to the committee. Many resolutions were presented, and a recess was taken for luncheon.

After the Hard-Worked Stenographer.

At the afternoon session July 29th were present. There was not a great amount of business disposed of, as few resolutions had been acted on and returned by the Committee on Resolutions.

The first resolution reported read as follows:

Resolved, That the act of Assembly of 1887, passed 1891, relating to the pay of transcribing stenographers' notes in the trial of civil cases be amended so as to make the salaries pay for the same unless an affidavit is made by one of the parties that they are unable to pay, when the Judge of the court shall order the same and the balance of the county at the final determination of the suit.

The resolution came from Erie county, and quite a discussion followed. It was agreed that the act should be amended so that the parties were frequently thrown on the counties when the parties were abundantly able to pay them. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution was offered from Lehigh county urging that the present system there of fixing the salary of the District Attorney in counties, and it was referred to the committee.

Trying to Improve Assessments.

A resolution affirmatively recommended by the committee, providing for a change in the law governing the assessment of property for the purpose of taxation, created a lengthy discussion. Theodore Kornman, County Attorney of Cumberland county, was the father of the measure. He argued that under the present system there is no equal taxation. In a borough having five wards, there might be two or three of the assessors fully competent to pass on the value of property, while the others would be utterly incompetent. He knew of a case where a vacant lot in a certain town, worth \$10,000, had been assessed at \$3,200, while an adjoining piece of property not worth over \$1,000 had been assessed at \$10,000.

Mr. Kornman thought assessors ought to be appointed by court, and that there should be a board of assessors in each county. He proposed that the assessors sit as assessors or equalizers. It had worked well in Allegheny county. The commissioners equalized the work of the various assessors, increased the property tax, and made the assessor was too low. Others took a similar view, holding that the work of the assessors could not be improved as long as human judgment was liable to err. The resolution was voted down.

To Stop Up Real Estate Agents.

A resolution from Butler county, recommending an act fixing stenographers' salaries at \$5 a day and 10 cents per folio for transcribing notes, was presented and referred to the committee.

In consideration of the difficulty in following the ownership of properties, through delays by real estate agents in making transfers by real estate agents, a resolution was adopted that the assessor should pass an act making it obligatory upon real estate agents to make their transfers and have deeds filed within six weeks after each sale, and also requiring records to refuse to accept deeds until the assessor has received the stamp of the County Commissioners, certifying that a transfer has been made.

A resolution was passed asking the Legislature to revise a former act making taxes the first lien on property.

A resolution asking that the Baker bill for an amendment to the County Commissioners may use their judgment in the selection of additional compartments when such an amendment was presented and referred to the committee.

A resolution providing that the County Commissioners be empowered to employ additional counsel in the prosecution of capital cases, was presented and referred to the committee.

It is best to break up a catarrhal cold in its early stages by using Dr. D. Jayne's Expectant and thereby save yourself much risk and misery.

Too Much Ice Cream. C. H. Boher, agent of the Missouri Pacific Railway, New Haven, Mo., says: "I suffered a great deal one hot evening last week (July 21). I had eaten ice cream for supper, and there seemed to be an internal something going on. A traveling man said he had something in his grip at the hotel that he believed would relieve me, and producing a small bottle of medicine gave me a dose. I felt better, and in a few moments took another dose which entirely relieved me. I believe that such a medicine is worthy of recommendation and that it should be kept in the house during the summer. The bottle was labeled Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." For sale by druggists.

Origin of Visiting Cards. As with many other instances the invention of visiting cards came from the Chinese, and dates back as far as the seventh century. The first introduction of the visiting card was made by the Marshall Kennedy Milling Co., who started into the milling business 40 years ago. All this time has been devoted to improving the quality and quantity of their flour. The Marshall Kennedy mill today stands for the best, pure, rich and most regular family flour in the world. Try it.

A SECRET MEETING.

The Strikers at the Union Mills Discuss the Situation—Some Prominent Labor Leaders Address Them—Encouragement Given.

A mass meeting of the strikers of Carnegie's Union Mills was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Union Hall, Third-second street. It was not open to the public, but the proceedings were obtained from an Amalgamated man who was present. Vice President Sheehan was chairman and John Connelly secretary of the meeting.

Chairman Sheehan made the opening address, in which he introduced William Pfeifle, representing the Trades' Council of Beaver Falls. Mr. Pfeifle said that although he was not a member of the Union Mills, he had the honor to be present because of the need he had of the cause of the strikers greatly at heart. He talked in an intelligent way telling the men that this fight was not considered a fight against the Amalgamated Association alone, but the blow was aimed at unionism in all forms, so that they had the support of every workman in the country. Secretary Dillon, of the Flint Glass Workers' Association, addressed the men in which he dilated upon the duties of men to each other when bound together in labor organizations. He promised the assistance of his branch of trade and gave the men some encouragement.

Burgess McLuckie and Secretary McConeghy, of Homestead, dwelt upon the situation in their town, reporting that the locked-out men were meeting with great success and steadfast to the cause, but that situation and encouraged the men to hold out as they were sure of success. First Vice President Carney and William G. Roberts followed. The latter said when he had spoken in an address to which he had been invited, he was bound to win whether the Union Mills came out or not. He said he was just as sure now. W. J. Brown and Jerry Dougherty followed with short addresses and were given thanks and then given to the speakers.

The meeting was enthusiastic, and the general tenor of the remarks made gave evidence that the men were confident of success and steadfast to the cause, but that they would like to see matters come to an end, so that they could shake hands with a firm and work for them the same as before. There did not appear to be any weakness in the ranks whatsoever.

THE ELBA MAKES A START.

Some of the Old Men Return to Work—Ev'rything Going Smoothly.

The strikers at the Elba Iron Works seem to avoid the mill as much as possible. None of them can be seen within three squares of the works. Captain Whitehouse, with a squad of ten officers, is on duty, but the strikers have made no interference whatever with the men in the mill.

"We made a start in parts of the puddling and finishing departments this morning," said Superintendent Everson yesterday, "and we propose to go on by degrees until the whole mill is working full. A great number of our old men returned to work and we expect more to-morrow. The output of this strike is bound to be the same as that of Shoemaker's, and there may be some greatly disappointed men. So far everything is going on as well as we could wish."

The former workmen of the mill deny that the scale has been signed. They say that Superintendent Everson was willing to sign part of the scale yesterday, but the men refused to accept. They also say they are confident of winning the fight.

THEY WANT THEIR PLACES.

Only One-Fifth of the Striking Men Can Be Taken Back.

Everything is going along smoothly at Shoemaker's. Over 100 of the men who were out on the strike applied to Manager Crawford for work during the day. Mr. Crawford stated that not more than one-fifth of the striking men can be given positions as nearly every place is filled. There are about 200 men who will be affected.

A member of the firm said: "There will be no difference in our treatment of our former workmen, if they are just as good before, except we will have the control of our property."

The South Shore Railroad Chartered. A charter was issued at Harrisburg yesterday to the South Shore Railroad Company of Allegheny county, to run from Expen to Pittsburgh, along the Ohio and Monongahela rivers four and seven-eighths miles. Capital, \$100,000. Robert Frazer is President and Alexander M. Neepser and Ernest Jones the Directors.

Had No Trouble Yesterday.

The Upper and Lower Union Mills were running very smoothly yesterday. No breaks were reported and there were no demonstrations from the ranks of the workers in the mill.

BUSINESS REVIVITIES.

The prospects for the grape crop in the French Burgundy district are excellent. JEREMIAH F. EISS, a farmer and cattle raiser near Altoona, has assigned. Assets and debts about \$70,000 each.

The twenty-first annual convention of the National Association of Steam Navigation Companies was held in New York City on Monday. A resolution endorsing the Nicaragua Canal scheme was adopted.

The Koeber Store and Plov Works at Erie, Pa., has assigned. Assets, \$200,000; debts, \$200,000. Causes, mortgages, bad debts and a falling off in Southern trade.

SPRIGG & CO., Chicago furniture dealers, confessed judgments for \$100,000 yesterday. Liabilities, \$1,500,000. Dull trade is the cause.

The directors of the Ohio Steel Company have located the site of the Mammoth steel plant in Youngstown, Pa. Monday the Stewart Iron Company will light the first one of its stacks in Sharon, Pa., after an idleness of a number of months.

The Siemens Valley furnaces are slowly resuming operations. On Monday the Stewart Iron Company will light the first one of its stacks in Sharon, Pa., after an idleness of a number of months.

Three hundred and fifty coal miners in the Wheeling district are on a strike for a more correct adjustment in the wage system and measurement of coal. One hundred laborers of the Wheeling electric street car line are also on a strike against the ten-hour system.

The lookers and straighteners in the Big bar mill of the Monongahela Valley Iron Company, Youngstown, struck Monday night on account of the reduction imposed by the new scale. The men were notified and after the consultation ordered the men back to work.

UNITED STATES SENATOR CHANDLER, Chairman of the National Committee on Failed National Banks, has sent to the Hon. J. B. East, receiver of the Matherick National Bank a letter in which Mr. East is requested to furnish a list of the names of the officers of the bank, which says that the receiver knows that bank belonging to President Potter must remain unopened.

The difficulties which have resulted in the dissolution of the Philadelphia brokerage firm of Nutt & Friend, has culminated in a bill of entry filed by Albert M. Friend against his partner, Frederick Nutt, asking an accounting of the business and the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of the firm. Mr. Friend charges that the books of the firm have been kept in his name, and that he has deprived him of his share in the profits.

Luella Plae. Highland avenue, East End, near the Park, for buildings, a number of years ago, according to the high class of the ground within a short time. Los in the plan will be offered for sale shortly.

If your complaint is want of appetite, try Angostura Bitters before meals.

NOBLE WELL DRILLED

Deeper and its Output Brought Up to 200 Barrels an Hour.

NEW LOCATIONS BEING MADE.

No Oil Found at 24 Feet in the Sand at the Leech Farm Well.

The officials of the Devonian Oil Company were out yesterday selecting locations for wells which they intend to put down as soon as possible on the line between the Noble heirs' No. 2 and the Royal Gas Company's No. 1 on the Mark Robb farm, about a mile and a half south of the Leech farm, 700 and 800 acres of territory in this section which they consider first-class producing property and will drill it over as rapidly as possible.

The Devonian's No. 2 Joe Robb is due in the sand Tuesday. Their No. 2 on the Watergate, which was due about the same time, has been delayed by a cave, after reaching the sandstone at 24 feet, and on the Elliott Bros' farm are drilling at depths ranging from 700 feet to the sand. The same company's No. 1. Robb No. 3 is down 1,700 feet.

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York Transit shipments, \$3,091. Southern Pine Lumber shipments, 5,094; shipments, 4,967.

Shipment runs on the 13th, 13,000; received from other lines, 1,448.

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Range of the October option: Opening, 54 1/2; highest, 54 3/4; lowest, 54; closing, 54 1/2.

Refined oil—New York, 61c; London, 61 1/2; Antwerp, 61c.

New York, Sept. 11.—The petroleum market opened steady, advanced a small fraction, then became dull and remained so until the close.

Oil City, Pa., Sept. 14.—National Transit certificates opened 53 1/2; highest, 54 1/2; lowest, 53 1/2; closing, 54 1/2.

The National Convention of street car employees in session, have decided to organize a union independent of the Federation of Labor.

The Southwestern Railway and Steamship Association Rate Committee discussed interstate cotton and lumber rates Monday but reached no conclusion.

A decree of foreclosure on the mortgage held by the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company against the Noble Street Railway system has been issued.

The projectors of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix Railroad have concluded to abandon work on the line, owing to minor seen mountain obstacles.

The construction of the new railroad connecting Houston and Galveston, Tex., has begun. It is expected that it will be a little trouble from this source occasionally.

Representatives of the Brotherhoods of Firemen and Engineers of the Santa Fe system held a conference in Chicago. An agreement was reached on an increase of wages and the reinstatement of several discharged employees.

A chattel mortgage was filed in Houston, Tex., yesterday in favor of the Mercantile Trust Company, of New York, to secure payment of third mortgage 4 per cent gold bonds.

Young-old men, thin, nervous, peevish, cranky creature, are daily met with. They should take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

At Washington, D. C., and Naval Veterans' reunion at Baltimore, Md., the B. & O. R. R. will sell excursion tickets from Baltimore to Washington, D. C., Sept. 15 to 20.

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It is of the utmost importance to strengthen the body. A healthy body will much sooner withstand the ravages of contagious diseases, Cholera, La Grippe, etc., than a weak frame.

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Prof. Prosper De Pietra Santa, of Paris, says: "As a large number of patients lack the necessary power to digest solid food, and would through the use of stimulants be merely excited and weakened, therefore I regard it of immense value to the practitioner to bring to his aid a nutritious tonic and remedy like the Johann Hoff's Malt Extract, which will act not only as a tonic, but as a nutrient as well, and which is less exciting than wine as a stimulant."

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