

GURRELL SAYS TART THINGS

HE ALLEGES FIGURES WERE JUGGLED WITH.

Democratic Members of the Councilmanic Appointments Committee Cause an Adjournment Till August 6, to Give Opportunity of Investigating Allegations Made Against the Accuracy of the Assessor's Returns of Resident Taxables—May Want Expansion Postponed.

Common Councilman Gurrell believes there was some juggling with the assessor's return of resident taxables upon which the appointment of common councilmen is made, and when the appointment committee met last night to do their computing, he and Commoners Galvin and Clarke, the other two Democrats, voted to adjourn for two weeks to give opportunity for verifying the return. Selections Clemens and Oliver, the Republicans on the committee, protested that the committee's only duty is to make the appointment and that it can not go behind the return of the assessors. The Democrats, however, held otherwise, and, being in the majority, effected the adjournment.

Mr. Gurrell's ground for his allegation is based on a comparison of the hastily made and since discarded returns, compiled last January under Recorder Moll's direction on last year's assessment, and the return made this month on the new triennial assessment. He points out that the January return would give the Sixth ward (Democratic) two members and the Fifteenth ward (Republican) one member, while the newer return cuts the Sixth down to one member and boosts the Fifteenth up to two.

FIGURES AT VARIANCE. As further evidence in support of his allegation he cites his own ward, the Fourth, which, according to the January return was only twenty shy of enough resident taxables to give it two members, while the July return widens the margin to 100. Mr. Gurrell says it stands to reason that the Fourth ward has not lost ninety resident taxables in six months, but instead has more likely gained that many. At all events, he claims, the discrepancy is so wide that an investigation should be made, and before he will agree to sign the appointment report, he will have to satisfy himself that it was the January and not the July return that is incorrect.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS. Whether the ratio of representation in common councils in cities of the second class shall be fixed and determined as follows: In the month of July, preceding the next regular municipal election, after the passage of this act, and every fourth year thereafter, the members of common council shall be appointed in the following manner: It shall be the duty of the assessors of each ward, to return, under oath, a true and exact return of resident taxables, to the president of the common council, on or before the first day of July in each year when an appointment is made, and at the next meeting of the council thereafter, a joint committee of five, two from the select and three from the common council, shall be appointed, to examine the returns and divide the whole number of taxables by the number of common council. Provided, That should any ward have an excess of three-fifths more than the ratio of taxables, it shall be entitled to an additional member. And provided further, That each ward shall have at least one member of common council.

It may be that the purpose of the Democrats in putting over the report of the committee for two weeks is to defeat the appointment and the consequent expanding of the council. The law under which the appointment is made reads as follows:

the whole number of taxables by forty is 653. Three-fifths of that is 391, the number of necessary taxables a ward must have in excess of 653 to entitle it to a second councilman. To have three councilmen, a ward must show taxables numbering twice 653 plus 291.

THEY HAVE RETURNED HOME

Mobilists Establish a Record Between Buffalo and Scranton. From Buffalo to Scranton in twenty-eight hours and ten minutes' running time is the record established by Harry Jones and Roland Carr, who yesterday at noon arrived here in their mobile. It will be remembered that they went to Buffalo over a week ago on a wager put up by Florey & Brooks that they would cover the distance in thirty hours. They beat that time going to Buffalo and on the homeward trip beat the out-bound record.

SUSTAINS THE LOCAL JUDGES

Superior Court Affirms Three Findings of Local Judges.

At the midsummer session of the Superior court, held yesterday in Philadelphia, decisions were handed down in local cases, as follows: Miller vs. Interstate Casualty company, common pleas, Lackawanna county; order directing judgment for the plaintiff for \$29 affirmed. Spring Brook Water company vs. Kelley, treasurer, common pleas, Lackawanna county; order affirmed.

In the first named case the plaintiff, Constable J. S. Miller, sued the insurance company for \$25 a week accident benefits for a period of several months that he was incapacitated by a broken arm and other severe injuries inflicted upon him by a man named Nichols, whom he was attempting to dispossess on a landlord's warrant. The company does not insure police officers, but the plaintiff claims he was accepted upon his representation that he dealt only with civil business and never served warrants in criminal cases. The company maintained that the agent who made the exception in Miller's case did so without authority, and as the policy expressly states that its provisions can not be amended in this manner, the company could not be held liable. The local court sustained the company, but the Superior court affirms this finding.

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HISTORY OF THE ERIE ROAD

FINANCIAL UPS AND DOWNS IT ENCOUNTERED.

After Being Used as a Football in the Financial World for Years It Now Seems That It Has at Last Achieved a Permanent Place Among the Paying Railroad Properties of the Country—Number of Reorganizations It Has Undergone.

"Holland," the brilliant New York newspaper correspondent, writing of the ups and downs of the Erie company says: At the time of the panic in the money market in December, 1899, when rates were for an hour or so quoted as high as 150 per cent, and when there was the closest scrutiny of securities offered for loans, a broker called upon one of the most conservative bankers of Wall street to beg for a loan of about \$25,000. He was in great straits. It was necessary that he obtain this money, no matter what the rate, or else be forced to throw himself upon the mercy of his creditors. In the considerable block of stock of various kinds that he offered as security, was one batch of Erie railroad shares to the value of about \$25,000. He was in great straits. It was necessary that he obtain this money, no matter what the rate, or else be forced to throw himself upon the mercy of his creditors.

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GIFT MADE BY DYING PRIEST

SUBJECT OF A SUIT INSTITUTED YESTERDAY.

Patrick Lavelle, Who Was a Man-of-All-Work for the Late Rev. John Loughran, of Minooka, Is Seeking to Recover \$1,100 Which He Alleges Was Donated to Him by the Priest Half an Hour Before He Died—Wills Admitted to Probate, Other Matters in the Courts.

Whether or not the delivery of the keys to the trunk constitute the delivery of the trunk is the interesting question of law involved in a generally interesting assumption suit filed yesterday in Prothonotary Copeland's office, by Attorney M. J. Donohoe.

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FUNERAL OF HARTNETT.

From the residence of his sister, on Wyoming avenue, occurred the funeral of Dennis Hartnett, yesterday morning. In St. Peter's cathedral a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. D. J. Brblin and interment was made in the Cathedral cemetery.

NEW COLLECTION AGENCY.

One Was Formed Here Yesterday by Local Parties. The Scranton Collection Agency was formed here yesterday, with W. T. Hackett as general manager, W. S. Bartlett, general agent, and Charles E. Daniels, attorney.

MARRIAGE LICENCES.

John Williams, 215 Grace street; Georgiana Halpern, 512 Florence street; John S. Haggerty, 614 Leggett street; Julia E. Kearney, 427 Philip street; Ando Kikua, 427 Philip street; Joseph Tomaski, 427 Philip street.

COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.

Application was made yesterday by O'Brien & Martin for a charter for the Street of St. Michael, the Archangel, at the corner of Luzerne and Eighteenth streets; one on Meridian street, near the Maloney oil house, and one on Twenty-second street, facing Division street.

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SUIT OVER INSURANCE POLICY.

Thomas Whalen yesterday brought suit, through Attorney J. Elliott Ross, against Independent Order of Odd Fellows Mutual Life Insurance society of Pennsylvania, to recover \$1,000 on an insurance policy taken out on his mother, Mrs. Hannah Whalen, Sept. 1, 1899.

Advertisement for Bonds and Investment Securities, featuring a signature and contact information for dealers.

Advertisement for City Notes, listing various financial services and contact information.

Advertisement for the Erie Road, detailing its history and financial status.

Advertisement for Water Filters, highlighting their health benefits and availability.

Advertisement for Furniture Coverings, showcasing various styles and materials.

Advertisement for BARGAINS IN DRAPERIES, offering lace and tapestry curtains at reduced prices.