

CITY NOTES

MEETING TONIGHT—There will be a special meeting of the Knights of Columbus...

CLEARINGS FOR MONTH—The Trades' National bank reports clearings for the month ending July 31 as follows...

WILL PLAY AT HOTEL CLIFTON—Bar's orchestra, under the leadership of Professor G. H. Moore, will play at Hotel Clifton...

MEETING TODAY—The management of the Home for the Friendless will hold a regular meeting this morning at 10.30...

SAVED BY THE FLESH—John Ferguson, a 16-year-old boy, whose parents live on Mineral street, had a miraculous escape from death Wednesday night...

DELEGATES FOR SECOND

Named at a Convention Held in the St. Charles Hotel Yesterday Afternoon

At a convention of the Democrats of the Second Legislative district, held yesterday afternoon at the St. Charles hotel, four delegates to the state convention at Harrisburg were elected...

The delegates were in session a little over an hour, and the convention was an exceedingly quiet and unemotional affair.

The delegates elected to the state convention were Sheriff Charles H. Schadt, James Fadden, Thomas C. Melvin and John J. Shea.

The alternates chosen were Hon. M. E. McDonnell, F. W. Carrigan, P. M. Vandling and J. P. Hammes.

Those who answered to roll call at 4.15 o'clock were: James P. Maloney, Seventh ward, First district; Edward F. Meier, Second ward, First district; W. J. Bane, Seventh ward, Third district; J. P. Hammes, Eighth ward, Second district; E. J. Andrews, Ninth ward, First district; John J. Fisher, Tenth ward, Second district; John M. Corbett, Ninth ward, Third district; John J. Shea, Ninth ward, First district; M. J. Gorman, Tenth ward, First district; Martin Nealon, Tenth ward, Second district; Michael Joyce, Thirteenth ward, First district; Charles H. Schadt, Sixteenth ward, First district; Geo. J. Gaden, Seventeenth ward, Second district; Thomas H. Kelly, Nineteenth ward, First district; Thomas Rowe, Nineteenth ward, First district; Peter Binns, Nineteenth ward, Second district; P. J. Goss, Nineteenth ward, Third district; Herman Noz, Nineteenth ward, Fourth district; T. J. Coar, Twentieth ward, First district; M. A. Bonner, Twentieth ward, Second district; Martin Faherty, Twentieth ward, Second district; M. J. Conolly, Twentieth ward, Second district; Joseph Moore, Twentieth ward, Fourth district.

Some of the districts of the Fourth or Eleventh wards were represented. The convention formed temporary organization by electing Sheriff C. H. Schadt, chairman, and J. M. Corbett, and J. P. Conolly as secretaries. John J. Faherty and J. P. Hammes, who was chairman of the committee which called the convention, were nominated for permanent chairman, and for the ballot Mr. Faherty won, by a vote of 19 to 7.

A committee on resolutions was appointed which consisted of Sheriff Schadt, Herman Noz, and James McNally. After a short session together, they submitted a set of lengthy resolutions, which were adopted.

In there, the Republican party was arraigned for passing the Ripper bill and cutting the appropriations for hospitals and schools. The \$100,000 appropriation for a capitol building was denounced and the ruling party termed pirates and brigands.

Delegates were instructed to vote for Judge Harmon Yerkes for the Supreme court nomination, and the action of the Philadelphia Democracy in placing ex-Governor Pattison at the head of the party in that city was commended.

The election of delegates' next ensued. Some of the delegates desired an oral vote, but on motion it was decided to vote by ballot. There were six candidates: Hon. M. E. McDonnell and D. W. Vaughan, who were subsequently chosen alternates, with the four successful candidates, constituting the sextette.

Sunday Excursions to Mauch Chunk and Glen Onoko.

On Sunday, August 1, the Central Railroad of New Jersey will sell tickets from Scranton to Mauch Chunk and Glen Onoko at rate \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children for the round trip, good to go only on special train leaving Scranton at 7.30 a. m. and return on special train leaving Mauch Chunk at 3.30 p. m. and Glen Onoko at 4.15 p. m.

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EXAMINATION IS AT AN END

QUESTIONS CANDIDATES WERE ASKED TO ANSWER.

They Were for the Purpose of Testing Their Qualifications for the Position of Mine Inspector—They Deal with All Departments of Mining—Asked to Name the Principal Causes of Mine Fires—Papers of the Candidates Are Now Being Passed Upon.

The examination of the four candidates for certificates showing that they are competent to be appointed mine inspectors, which has been in progress at the city hall since July 18, is at an end.

Those who conducted the examinations were J. E. Snyder, of this city; James Young, of Dunmore; James E. Morrison, of Carbonde; Vaughan Richards, of Priebsburg; Alexander Ruhland, of Old Forge; Emil Bonn is the secretary of the board which is now passing upon the examination papers of the candidates. This written examination may be supplemented later by an oral examination. Following are the questions that the candidates were asked to answer:

First—You are supposed to be familiar with the duties of a mine inspector under the law, so state as fully as possible his duties as to employee and operator under the law.

Second—Name the acts of assembly which relate to coal mining in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania.

Third—Describe the methods of mining in the anthracite regions.

Fourth—Give a description of a map of the mine workings in the same vein of coal on adjoining properties of two different operators, upon which all the details of the workings have been given.

Fifth—Explain the difference between the mercurial barometer and the thermometer. How is it that mercury is used to measure pressure in one place and temperature in the other? Of what use are these instruments in mining?

Sixth—What are the elements of ventilation in a mine?

Seventh—Describe natural ventilation fully.

DISTRIBUTION OF AIR.

Eighth—If you, as inspector, were in doubt as to the quantity and proper distribution of air in a mine under your charge, what would be your method of examination. Explain fully.

Ninth—Name the resistance to air movement by a mine ventilating fan.

Tenth—What constitutes efficient ventilation in a mine? What are the objects to be attained by efficient ventilation? How are resistances of an air current in a mine measured? How would you arrive at the density of the air in circulation?

Eleventh—What, in your judgment, should be the relative dimensions of the downcast and upcast shafts of a mine to get the best results in ventilation and why?

Twelfth—Give the names of the most dangerous gases found in anthracite mines. How are they developed and how are they best taken care of? Explain fully.

Thirteenth—What, in your opinion, accounts for the second explosion of gas which often follows the first explosion in a mine? Explain fully.

Fourteenth—What would you suggest as being the best plan of action, after an explosion of gas in a mine, in rescuing men and restoring the mine to a safe condition? Explain fully.

Fifteenth—Suppose you have five cubic feet of air always of the same dimensions as the following lengths: Three hundred yards, five hundred yards, seven hundred yards, eight hundred yards and one thousand yards. The regulator placed at the entrance of the three hundred yard split to be 48, or sixteen square feet, what will be the area of the other regulators that will allow the same quantity of air for each of the other splits?

SIXTEENTH—At what stage can you detect an explosive mixture of gas? Suppose, for example, we have three gallons, one, two and three, and the mixture is No. 1, from 1 to 10, No. 2 below the most explosive point, and No. 3 above it. In which gage would the explosion be most in gage of an explosion, and why?

Seventeenth—Suppose the velocity of the air to be five feet per second, what must be the dimensions and area of an airway where the quantity of air reaches 2,000 cubic feet?

Eighteenth—Explain what is considered a safe mine in relation to ventilation. How is it determined and how most successfully overcome?

Nineteenth—Suppose a mine has two openings fully 100 feet higher surface elevation than the other, with the temperature outside at 80 degrees, and inside the mine at fifty degrees, would a current be produced, and, if so, in what direction?

Twentieth—What is the principle upon which the safety lamp is constructed? In what speed of a current of air is a lamp safe?

Twenty-first—What is the weight of a cubic foot of air at different temperatures and under different pressures?

Twenty-second—What is the cause of the explosion of the powder in a mine? Explain fully.

Twenty-third—What effect does temperature have on the quantity of air passing through a mine?

Twenty-fourth—Suppose you had 2140 cubic feet of air at the face of an airway 428 feet long, how many persons, according to law, could work in this current when the airway had been driven to the boundary line 1240 feet from present face?

SPLITTING AIR CURRENTS.

Twenty-fifth—Give a general rule governing the splitting of air currents.

Twenty-sixth—Have you had any experience with electricity and compasses in anthracite mines? If so, how much?

Twenty-seventh—What, in your judgment, is the best method of stopping a gas leak that is threatening or has already commenced?

Twenty-eighth—In attacking a mine fire, what should be your plan? Explain fully.

Twenty-ninth—What is the length of a chamber in the mine that has been measured 300 feet on the mine map?

Thirtieth—What make of fan do you consider best, and what are the most suitable proportions for a fan, say twenty-four feet in diameter?

Thirty-first—Can regulators be dispensed with in mines? Can air currents be split without air bridges?

Thirty-second—Name the principal causes of mine fires and the precautions you would take to guard against their occurrence.

Thirty-third—What, in your judgment, would be the best form and dimensions and the best materials to use in the construction of a dam in a mine to withstand a pressure of a head of 500 feet of water?

Thirty-fourth—If the pillars in a vein of coal eight feet thick are left seven yards wide at a depth of 200 feet, how wide should pillars be left at a depth of 800 feet in a vein twenty feet thick of some quality of coal?

HIGH EXPLOSIVES. Thirty-fifth—What are high explosives? Why is it necessary to report

THE TAX ON CORPORATIONS

CAUSED A BIG DISCUSSION IN SELECT COUNCIL.

The Common Council License Tax Ordinance Was Under Consideration and Messrs. Vaughan, Oliver and Chittenden Argued in Favor of a Tax on Public Service Companies—Mr. Melvin Led the Opposition—Amendments Increasing Tax Adopted.

The common council license tax ordinance, providing for a per centum tax upon the gross receipts of the several large public utility corporations doing business in this city, after a large amount of singularly undemagogic discussion in select council last night and after it had been partly amended, action was postponed until the next meeting.

The license committee met before the meeting, and after considering the voluminous ordinance introduced in select council and the brief measure already passed by the common council, decided to report favorably upon the latter. The common council ordinance in form in which it was reported by the committee provided for a tax of five per cent. upon the gross receipts of street railway companies, and for a tax of two per cent. upon the gross receipts of water, gas, steam heat, telephone and electric light companies.

When the ordinance came up on first reading, Mr. Wagner moved that action on it be postponed in order to let the members more thoroughly inform themselves as to its contents. The motion called forth a storm of protest from several of the members, notably Messrs. Vaughan and O'Boyle. Mr. Vaughan protested against what he called "dilly-dallying," and said that if the ordinance was not considered now it would be allowed to drift along until finally permitted to die like all other license tax ordinances in the past.

OPPOSED HASTY ACTION.

Mr. Melvin counselled conservatism, and was opposed to hasty action. "These companies," said he, "ought to be treated as individuals. There's no use in taxing them just because they're corporations. There's no use in taxing a company that don't do any business. It's foolish, that's all." The motion to postpone was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Ross, Finn, Costello, Evans, Morgan, Melvin, Wagner, Schneider, O'Boyle, O'Malley—10.

Nays—Vaughan, Oliver, Vaughan, Chittenden—3.

Mr. Ross moved that the tax on the water company be five per cent., and that the tax on the street railway company be two per cent. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Ross, Finn, Costello, Evans, Morgan, Melvin, Wagner, Schneider, O'Malley—9.

Nays—Vaughan, Oliver, Vaughan, Chittenden—3.

Messrs. Cosgrove and Merriman had amendments ready providing for an increase of the tax on the water company from two to five per cent., but Mr. Oliver got in ahead of them with a motion to amend the ordinance by an increase of the tax on every company from two to five per cent.

President Chittenden relinquished the chair to Mr. Finn and took occasion to remark that to raise the tax on corporations to five per cent. would be a little unjust. The steam heat company, he said, was just barely existing and could not afford to pay any such tax.

"The water and street railway companies should be taxed," said Mr. Melvin, "but not the other companies. Let a water company set its plant established all the stockholders have to do is sit around, look pleasant and pray for rain. They ought to be made to pay a little bit into the city treasury for this. The street railway companies should be taxed, but not the other companies. Let a water company set its plant established all the stockholders have to do is sit around, look pleasant and pray for rain. They ought to be made to pay a little bit into the city treasury for this. The street railway companies should be taxed, but not the other companies. Let a water company set its plant established all the stockholders have to do is sit around, look pleasant and pray for rain. They ought to be made to pay a little bit into the city treasury for this. The street railway companies should be taxed, but not the other companies. 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