THE STRONG POINTS OF COKE ROAD

Brought Out in Convincing Manner by General Alfred Caldwell Last Night at the

MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN.

An Effort to be Made to Have the Trades Assembly Reconsider Its Adverse Action.

Last night's meeting of business men of the city, held at the chamber of commerce, and presided over by Mr. J. N. Vance, and called in the interest of the new railroad, the Uniontown, Waynesburg & West Virginia, was the largest meeting of its character held in Wheeling for some time, fully one hundred of the leading business people of the city being in attendance—attracted by the undeniable advantages that will be Wheling's through the construction of the proposed line.

The most important matters arising were the appointment of three very important committees. First, a committee was named to confer with the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly, and endeavor to have that organization reconsider its recent action, in taking a stand against the new road. Second, a committee was authorized to be appointed by Chairman Vance, composed of at least one in each of the sixty voting precincts of the county, whose duty it will be to work on election day, July 17, for the success of the railroad ordinance. Third, a committee on education was appointed, which will bring to the public attention the manifold benefits to Wheeling arising through the construction of the coke road. With all of these committees earnestly carrying out the desirs of last night's representative meeting, it would seem *that success should come on election* day. The meeting was unanimous in its desire for the construction of the *railroad, and is a showing of public* sentiment that surprised even the friends and projectors of the road.

Some of the Hundred Present.

Among those attending the meeting were Messrs. Alfred Caldwell, W. H. Higgins, J. N. Vance, Egerton Vance, John Waterhouse, W. F. Shaffer, H. C. Ogden, Will Gutman, E. Buckman, James B. McKee, L. F. Stifel, Allen Brock, G. O. Smith, Thomas E. Lewis, *Frank McNell*, H. W. McLure, Leo Wolfe, J. V. L. Rogers, George E. House, R. J. Bullard, W. C. Stifel, William Erskine, G. S. Feeny, F. H. Lange, Walter Rinehart, Al. Glass, A. L. White, L. N. Reefer, H. L. Wheat, A. Gillespie E. B. Bowie, Henry Baer, L. E. Sands, W. E. Stone, W. B. Irvine, George Robinson, E. B. Franzheim, W. G. Caldwell, C. A. Bowers, S. P. Parker, Edward Wiles, W. A. Wilson, H. P. McGregor, J. E. Hughes

Mr. J. N. Vance was made chairman, and County Commissioner Will Gutman, secretary of the meeting.

General Caldwell's Address.

The object of the meeting was put forth briefly by General Alfred Caldwell. There seemed to be a lethargy and lack of appreciation of what the coke railroad means to Wheeling. Adverse action had been taken in the trades assembly, owing to a luck of knowledge of the project. There is a realization that there is a possibility of the defeat of the ordinance at the approaching special election—hence this meeting.

A large vote in its favor cannot be anticipated in Richland and Liberty districts, which the road will not reach. This vote against the road must be counteracted in the city districts, where the benefits accruing from the construction of the road are realized. It has been argued that Ohio county never be*fore gave more than $300,000 in support* of a railroad—the Terminal. The speaker then proceeded to show how the Terminal had appreciated the value of property, and the Terminal is not to be compared with the coke road.

For many years we have talked of how many benefits would come through the construction of the Connellsville railroad, but it was never built. And why—because the Pennsylvania end was never *projected; there was nobody* who could be enlisted to build that end of the road, without which this end would be useless, and Pennsylvania laws prevented municipal aid. The Pennsylvania railroad is all powerful there, and railroads must be built in that state entirely by private enterprise. Therefore the promoters of the Uniontown road have greater reason to seek the aid of Ohio county at this end of the line.

The gentlemen who are back of this road have obtained a Pennsylvania charter, as well as one in West Virginia, and in the former state they must spend their own money from the coke field to the line of the state of West Virginia, and it is but a small thing for them to ask us to contribute $500,000—for this is the end of the road that is to receive the greatest benefits.

If we sit down and wait our manufacturers will go elsewhere, where they can secure as low rates on coal and coke as Pittsburgh has. New industries would not come to Wheeling, with its handicapped condition in the matter of freights. The jobbers, as well, are interested—it opens up a new territory *and trade to them;* it lays Wheeling's hands on one of Pennsylvania's rich counties, Greene, and lays it tributary to Wheeling; and it also reaches over into Fayette, with its great coke industry.

The County Safeguarded.

And what are the terms of this railroad ordinance? The speaker hoped all citizens would investigate this matter, and learn how thoroughly the commissioners had safeguarded the people's interests; a special attorney had been employed to see that the county and the people were made secure. The interest rate on the bonds is phenomenally low, *three and one-half per cent, and* the ordinance provides that the railroad must receive the bonds at par if they cannot be sold at more than par. The first payment is $150,000, but before it is paid the company must expend in West Virginia three times that amount. The county's stock must be on a par with the other stock issued by the company; the county is not at a disadvantage compared with any private stockholder. So with the second installment of the county's *subscription, the company must again* expend of its own money $450,000 in the state of West Virginia. Before the final installment of $200,000 is paid, the road must be operating trains from Uniontown through the coke region to Wheeling. Certainly the board of commissioners has not been reckless in the steps it has taken in encouragment of the Uniontown road. In addition, the company shall not charge a greater *freight rate between Uniontown or in*termediate points than is charged between Connellsville and Pittsburgh. This means that Wheeling will be placed on an equality with Pittsburgh on coal and coke transportation.

Not to Go By Default.

The speaker felt that Wheeling would not allow this enterprise to go by defeault. If she does so she is not deserving of a place among inportant industrial centers. The company asked the citizens attending this meeting to go *out among the people and do all possible* for the success of the bond ordinance at the approaching special election. If this is done the ordinance will carry by far more than the required three-fifths majority, and it would be demonstrated to the Messrs Jutte and their associates that Wheeling has faith in them and in their plans.

Mr. John Waterhouse desired everybody to get out and work. With this *done the issue would carry.* He had done some electioneering and accomplished something.

To Ask Reconsideration.

Mr. Walter Rinehart suggested the appointment of a committee to wait on the Ohio Valley Trades & Labor Assembly and explain to it what the construction of this road means to Wheeling and her industries, and ask reconsideration of the recent adverse action. Mr. Lange seconded the motion, and it was passed without opposition.

On the committee the chairman appointed Messrs. Walter Rinehart, F. H. Lange, John Waterhouse, C. R. Hubbard, George E. House, William Gutman and Augustus Pollack.

Chairman Vance suggested prompt action, as the election comes very soon, July 17. It was suggested that the secretary of the trades assembly, F. D. Thomas, can be seen at Marsh's stogie works, and that the assembly would grant a courteous *hearing to the committee.*

W. E. Stone moved that a committee of three be appointed from each district in the county to work for the success of the railroad ordinance on election day. The motion went through without opposition. The chair announced that this committee would be named later.

Mr. Allen Brock suggested the advisability of reaching the employes of business houses, and advised the issuing of a circular letter asking the jobbers and manufacturers to see their employes and enlist the interest of the latter in the success of the ordinance. The motion went through unanimously, and Mr. Brock was instructed to prepare the circular.

Prompt Action Advised.

The chair addressed the meeting and advised prompt action and every endeavor for a full vote, in order that we *may realize our long-time dream of a* road to the coke fields. He hoped success would crown the effort this time.

Mr. Buckman suggested that either Mr. Jutte or Mr. Protzman address the meeting. The latter responded, and described the growth of manufacturing towns in Pennsylvania on the short-line to the lakes, Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Sharon, Beaver Falls, New Castle—and many others have doubled and some even *trebled in population.* Wheeling and Steubenville have little more than held their own, because they are out of the beaten path. This road will place Wheeling on the short line between the coke fields and the lakes. This road will place Wheeling fifty-six miles from her coke; Pittsburgh is eighty-five miles from Connellsville, and the cheap transportation via the Uniontown road will give this city a new lease of life *that will mean a wonderful develop*ment. Special stress was laid on the market that will be developed for Wheeling in Greene and Fayette counties.

Questioned by Mr. Vance, Mr. Protzman said the Greene county coal had been tested for coke, and it's all right.

Will Be Built in Two Years.

Mr. Jutte said the road would be built within two years, and that Wheeling would be treated right. For twelve years, said Mr. Jutte, the Laughlins have been making coke out of coal mined south of the Monongahela, and it has been found perfectly satisfactory.

As to the route of the road, Mr. Jutte said its eastern terminus would be Uniontown, and its western terminus Bellaire, going through Wheeling. There would be no "side track" through *Wheeling*—this city is on the main line, and will not be elsewhere. It was explained that a story had been going the rounds that Wheeling would be "side tracked." Messrs. Jutte and Protzman stated that there was not one iota of truth in such an assertion, as would be seen through an examination of the company's maps on file at the county court house.

It was suggested that a committee on *publicity and education to give out in*formation regarding the project be appointed.

Mr. Erskine suggested that an examination of the ordinance, with its thorough and stringent provisions would answer the most captious objector. The committee on education and all advocates of the project should make the ordinance their text book. He could not understand how any prejudice had *arisen against the ordinance and pro*ject.

That's all very well, said Harry W. McLure, *but he would venture the as*sertion that not ten people at this meeting had read the ordinance. He favored the appointment of the proposed committee on education.

Committee on "Education."

The ordinance, said Mr. Rinehart, needs a commentator. Short, sharp, terse comments on the ordinance in the newspapers every day were advocated by Mr. Rinehart.

On the committee on education the chair appointed Messrs. Alfred Caldwell, William Erskine, H. C. Ogden, R. M. Archer, H. V. Arkle, Louis Colmar, Walter Rinehart.

Being questioned, Mr. Jutte said there *would be twenty-two bridges in West* Virginia, and that the mileage in this state would be twenty-two miles, and the distance to Uniontown seventy-eight miles. A cheap road couldn't be built, said Mr. Jutte, and this statement was endorsed by Mr. Vance. The cost, added Mr. Jutte, would be four times that of an ordinary road. Mr. Protzman said the road would have contracts for 4,000 tons of freight a day immediately *upon its completion.*

Chairman Vance spoke of the Terminal subscription, and was sure every dollar and more had come back.

Mr. G. O. Smith said he had been in Greene county recently, and he had never seen a people so anxious to see a road built.

Mr. Lewis suggested that two mass meetings, to be addressed by General Caldwell, be held on the South Side, in support of the ordinance. His motion to that effect prevailed.

At 9:45 *the meeting adjourned, and* the general feeling was that much good had been accomplished.

BRIEF MENTIONINGS

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

The Sunnybrook Club has gone up the creek on a two weeks' fishing expedition.

The barbers of the Eighth ward have decided to close their shops at noon on July 4.

The barber shops will close at noon July 4, and remain open to-night until midnight.

The new air course being built at the Hook and Ladder hose house, will be finished in a few days.

The congregation of St. Mary's church on *the South Side will picnic at* Mozart Park on July 26.

The Third Presbyterian church will *give an excursion on the steamer Jewel* July 4. They will go to Beech Bottom and spend the day there.

The North Street M. E. church Sunday school will picnic at Cresap's Grove, Thursday, July 19. They have chartered the steamer Leroy.

In endeavoring to quell a disturbance in his saloon Sunday evening, J. E. Gavin had his head cut open. Dr. Rau put several *stitches in the wound.*

The Viola Fishing Club is encamped at Pipe creek, about a mile below Belmont park, and invite all their friends for a royal good time on the Fourth.

Joseph Golner, of Twenty-ninth street, who had the misfortune to run a rusty nail in his foot last Friday, had the wound cut open and dressed yesterday.

Mike Murphy, while engaged in an altercation with some friends on the South Side, had his head cut open. Dr. N. A. *Haning put two stitches in the* wound.

Squire C. S. Greer remanded Tom Curtis to jail on an assault and battery charge, preferred by George Ramfey, yesterday. He was also charged with drunkenness.

The Niagara engine, which has been at the shops of Walters & McCluskey for some time past, receiving a general *overhauling*, will be ready for service again next Thursday.

The board of public works people will receive their pay *to-day instead of* Thursday, in order that they may have the "necessary" for a good time on the Fourth. The roll foots up $1,282 26.

B. Grinnen, of Wampum, Pa., arrived in town yesterday afternoon and was given his horse and buggy, stolen from him last week by a man named Willis, which Chief Clemans recovered here on Sunday.

Yesterday, in the criminal court, Jas. Williams and Henry Campbell, witnesses in the case of the state vs. Michael Kelly, charged with the murder of Patrick Sweeney, were discharged from custody.

In the criminal court, in the case of the state vs. Ivory Lynch, the motion for a new trial was overruled and sentence was deferred until Tuesday in order to allow the prisoner to bring witnesses whom he claimed will testify to his previous good character.

The horse stolen from Squire Riddle, of Benwood, on Sunday, was found yesterday morning in the alley at the rear of the Burns & Church stables, South Side, and was returned to the squire, who had made a fruitless trip to Cameron in search of the stolen property.

The popular Korn Kob Klub left yesterday afternoon for Kreb's landing, where they will engage in two weeks' piscatorial pleasures. There were eight members in the party and they invite all their friends to partake of a bounteous spread of fish and other delicacies *on the Fourth of July.*

George Neiman, aged thirty-four and single, a signal repairman on the Pan Handle, met with fatal injuries at Colliers, yesterday morning, where, in attempting to board a moving train, he slipped and the wheels passed over his legs close to the body. He died a few hours later at the railroad hospital in Steubenville.

Shortly after 8 o'clock last evening, while Godfrey Hadorn was driving a surrey up Market street, just above the postoffice, an electric car crashed into the vehicle, demolishing the rear wheel. In the carriage were Mr. Hadorn's aged mother-in-law and three small children, *but beyond a severe shaking up,* they all escaped unhurt.

At several of the stogie factories there have been disputes with the "stripping" boys, who want an advance in wages in proportion with the advance granted the stogie rollers. The boys employed at Marsh's met yesterday morning before 7 o'clock in Riverside park and declared a strike. During the day several conferences were held, and an amicable settlement of the trouble was effected.

To-night, at the Park Casino, occurs the last of the series of delightful summer night dances given by G. W. Delbrugge to the Cotillion club. Special *cars will bring the people back to the* city. The patronesses are: Mesdames Jacob Wilson Grubb, Alexander Campbell, James Taney and W. W. Arnett. Prof. Delbrugge will arrange another series of the dances before leaving, about August 1, for a trip to New York *city and the seashore.*

Detective McGovern, of the Pittsburgh police department, arrived in *Wheeling on the midnight Baltimore &* Ohio train, and this morning he returns to the Smoky City with E. T. Taylor in custody. Taylor is the man who abducted thirteen-year-old Mary Loybel, as detailed in the Intelligencer yesterday morning. Taylor was *minded to make trouble before return*ing, but later he reconsidered and returns to Pennsylvavnia without the formality of requisition papers.

DRIVERS, Cleeks, Lofters, Mid Irons, Mashies, Driving Irons, Puteters, Golf Balls, Tees, Caddy Bags, everything for golfers, at JASON C. STAMP'S, Peabody Building.

Special Sale at the Klondike.

*600 pairs Ladies' Tan Shoes in 100 dif*ferent styles, worth $3 00, go for $1 50.

ALL latest novelties in Suitings and Fancy Vestings, at C. W. SEABRIGHT'S SON, Merchant Tailor.

BY your provisions to-day. All grocery stores will be closed all day Wednesday.

CHARACTER OF W. J. COTTS IN QUESTION.

Witnesses in the Forgery Trial at Moundsville Have Varying Views in the Matter.

DEFENDANT TELLS HIS STORY

Of the Two Notes Given the Late Squire Haberfield, and Declares He is Not Guilty.

The trial of W. J. Cotts, of Wheeling, *on the charge of forgery, now on in the* circuit court at Moundsville, will not likely conclude before the Fourth, perhaps not till later. Yesterday Mr. Cotts was on the stand and told the story of the transaction with the late Squire Haberfield that brought about the forgery charge. Before he was put on the stand Cotts was cautioned by Judge Melvin to restrain his temper—this being occasioned by certain threats Cotts uttered *against Prosecuting Attorney Meyer.* At the night session of the court a number of Wheeling business men testified that Cotts' reputation for honesty, integrity, truth and veracity was not good—this in rebuttal of the testimony of certain Wheeling business men given earlier in the trial.

The first witness called was Mrs. Amanda Holmes, who knew John G. Haberfield's signature. Had seen him write his signature frequently. Was shown the signature on the note and said it was Mr. John G. Haberfield's. A. K. Haberfield was at her house after the civil trial in Wheeling, and in speaking of the note and signature said that the signature didn't look like his father's signature, but that it was his signature. *This conversation took place a short* time after the trial and after Cotts had been arrested. Mr. Haberfield said Cotts would go to the penitentiary and that that was where he ought to go.

On cross examination by Mr. Boyce the witness was shown the signature on declaration and said it was John Haberfield's; was shown the envelope which was found in the City Bank and said the signature was John Haberfield's; was *not familiar with the writ*ing of W. J. Cotts; was shown Mr. Cotts' writing and asked to compare it with Mr. Haberfield's writing; witness could not say that there was any difference, for she said she was not an expert in handwriting. Stated that Mr. Cotts had been at her house once on *business since his arrest,* but had not spoken to her about what she should testify to on the present trial, nor had Mr. Dryden or Colonel Arnett said anything to her as to what she should testify.

John W. Williams knew W. J. Cotts and A. K. Haberfield. Had known Mr. Cotts nine or ten years. Was present at trial between A. K. Haberfield and W. J. Cotts. Was in W. P. Robinson's *office that same day.* Was *summoned* to appear in Haberfield's behalf. Detailing a conversation between Lawyer Robinson and W. K. Haberfield, witness alleged the former said: "You must have no hesitancy in stating that the signature is your father's signature, whether it is or not." Had seen Mr. Haberfield on the street, who asked witness if he had heard of the trouble Cotts had got into. Said that another note had turned up, and said, "we have got him," and finally said: "He (Cotts) is nothing but a d——d old rogue, and ought to be in the penitentiary." Haberfield said that he would have testified that the signature was his father' even if he hadn't been told to do so by Robinson. Had seen W. P. Robinson, and he said "we have the 'dead wood' on Cotts now. If we watch our p's and q's and keep our heads, he will get a *trip to the penitentiary.*"

Mrs. Williams' Story.

Mrs. Clara Williams, wife of John Williams, was acquainted with W. J. Cotts, the Haberfield boys and their father, John G. Haberfield. A. K. Haberfield had been at her house, and had spoken of the signature and said it didn't look like his father's signature *but it was, and that Mr. Cotts would* go to the penitentiary, where he ought to be.

Mrs. Mary Radcliff, a daughter of W. J. Cotts, is housekeeper for her father. Knew of the civil suit of A. K. Haberfield vs. W. J. Cotts. Witness was at *the civil trial, and saw A. K. Haberfield* when he was being examined by Dryden. Had heard him say the signature shown him by Dryden was his father's signature. Witness had learned what the paper was in the back room and recognized the alleged forged note as being the one shown A. K. Haberfield.

On cross examination by Mr. Meyer, the witness said her father had agreed to pay the note if the Haberfield boy give him some security or assurane that he wouldn't have to pay it twice. Her father had spoken of giving Mr. Haberfield two notes, one of which was made out so as to call for interest, which was not right, as the interest had been paid in advance, and another note properly made out had been given Mr. Haberfield, who was to destroy the first note.

A squabble here arose as to some questions asked by Mr. Meyer as to the witness' character, all of which were ruled out by the court. Mr. Meyer here arose and asked the protection of the court, as Mr. Cotts had been calling him vile names. The court stated that if the defendant said anything further he would imprison him and suspend the trial till defendant had been sufficiently punished.

G. R. E. Gilchrist was put on the stand, but as he hadn't known Haberfield and didn't know that he had seen any of his writing, his evidence was of no importance.

At this juncture, a recess was taken for dinner till 1:15.

Afternoon Session.

Miss Edith Cotts, a daughter of W. J. Cotts, a milliner at Reed Bros., at Cleveland, O., was the first witness at the afternoon session. Was at home during the civil trial of A. K. Haberfield vs. W. J. Cotts. Saw Mr. Dryden show the paper to A. K. Haberfield, and he said it was his father's signature and that he could swear to it.

She was cross examined by Mr. Boyce as to what occurred at the trial, and got mixed somewhat, as she said she was not at the civil trial in January, but that the occurrences she had told of had taken place at the preliminary hearing.

W. J. Cotts was the next witness and testified in part as follows: "I am not guilty of this charge." Had been a resident of Wheeling for many years; knew John G. Haberfield, but had known more of him within the last few years. Stated that he had borrowed $200 from John G. Haberfield and told of the circumstances connected with the loan. Had received of Mr. Haberfield $195, but had given him a note for $200, which was dated July 27th, and was written upon a piece of legal cap paper. He *afterwards* discovered that he had made a mistake in making out the note, as he had drawn it "with interest from date," and then took a blank form and made out another note for $200, leaving out the words "with interest from date" and gave it to Mr. Haberfield and asked for the other note, but Haberfield said he didn't have it with him, but he would destroy it. Had given the alleged forged note to correct the first note, as he had never borrowed but $200. Had told Mr. Haberfield later that he wished to settle their business, but Mr. Haberfield said, "I'll be down town in a few days and we will settle." Had gone to see him another time, but he said he didn't know where the note was. Asked Haberfield if the note was in the bank, and he replied that it wasn't. He had gone to the Haberfield house the day *after the squire's funeral* and had seen Mrs. Joseph Haberfield and told her that he wanted to pay the note. Had told everybody he wanted to pay, for he never denied owing the money. Had gone to several of the banks and asked if his note was there, but could not find it. *The people in the banks had never* heard of the note. Had advised the administrator to advertise for the note. Shortly after that he was approached on the street by a man who asked if he wasn't W. J. Cotts and stated that he had a note of his. Witness identified *the letter he had written to A. K. Haber*field, in which he had asked him to call at his (Cotts') home, and had seen Haberfield on the street and told him to call and see him and arrange for paying the note and for giving an indemnifying bond, and had asked Cotts *to have Dryden draw up the bond.*

He Offered to Pay.

Witness told of what had taken place in Dryden's office, *about offering the* money and wanting the two Haberfield boys to sign the bond, but they refused. Spoke of the bond being returned to them (witness and Dryden) unsigned, and had then offered to pay Mr. Haberfield, but he walked off and did *not take the money. Spoke of Dry*den cutting out the words "with interest from date" from the bond. Was sued before Justice Rogers on a note dated July 21, 1899, and had refused to pay the note, as he had never given a note of that kind. Told of showing the signature of *John G. Haberfield* to James Creighton, who had said he would swear that it was not Haberfield's signature, but when shown the contents of the paper, and seeing his own name on it, acknowledged it to be genuine. Spoke of Mr. Dryden showing *the alleged forged note to Haberfield.* Was asked by Squire Rogers why he hadn't offered the note in evidence and settled the matter, and had replied that his attorney had advised him not to do so. Had met the party holding the alleged forged note several times, but had put him off, as he wanted to get the indemnifying bond from the Haberfields and pay them and then let the other parties have the trouble about the two notes. The owner of the alleged forged note would not give his name, nor would he take a check in payment of the note, *but insisted that he must* have currency. Mr. Arnett had advised the witness to pay the note as he could not escape payment of it. At the time Mr. Robinson did not permit any one to see the note found in the bank. If witness had been permitted to see it *he could have explained it.* Witness had never thought but what Mr. Haberfield had destroyed the first note.

On cross examination by Mr. Boyce, the witness was asked when he gave the notes and cancelled the revenue stamps. He replied that the first was given the 27th day of July, 1899, at Squire Haberfield's office, and the second was given the next day and the stamps were cancelled with the date "7-27-'99." Asked if the date on the stamps wasn't "1-27-'99," witness said no, but refused to use a small magnify*ing glass* to look at the cancelled stamps. When asked why he hadn't had Mr. Haberfield scratch out the words "with interest, &c.," instead of giving a new note, replied that he could, but Mr. Haberfield didn't have the note when he called. Witness had told Mr. *Dayden and the Haberfield boys* that it had been intimated to him that a married woman in Center Wheeling had it, and he insisted upon receiving the indemnifying bond before paying the Haberfields. Told of his meetings with the stranger who had the note, and of *going to Colonel Arnett* for advice in regard to paying. The witness told of the stranger calling at his house on several occasions, and said he had told his daughter to get the man's name, and told her that a man who refused to give his name was not an honorable man. *Had paid the stranger $150 for the note.* When asked how he came to pay $150 for the note when he had only offered the administrator of J. G. Haberfield $116, witness said he didn't then owe the estate anything, but the stranger held his note, and that the Haberfield estate *owed him and does yet owe him $84.*

Court adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m.

At the night session the following character witnesses, *most of them* Wheeling business men, testified: Ex-Postmaster M. J. O'Kane, Martin Thornton, S. G. Smith, C. D. Thompson, Albert Schenk, Jerry O'Brien, Geo. E. Stifel, Orloff Zane, William Ellingham, Harry Hillman and George W. Eckhart. They *testified that the repu*tation of Cotts for honesty, integrity, truth and veracity was not good. Messrs. Schenk, Zane, Ellingham and Hillman testified that they would not believe Cotts on oath. On cross-examination all admitted that they were not good *friends of Cotts, and had had liti*gation or trouble of some kind with him.

C. W. Welty testified that Cotts' character was good, and on cross-examination it was brought out that Cotts had paid Welty a long-standing bill, *which he had despaired of ever get*ting.

Court adjourned until this morning. More testimony is yet to come.

BY your provisions to-day. All grocery stores will be closed all day Wednesday.

The Official Chautauqua Excursion

for the Epworth Leagues and the public is via the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling and Erie railways by special through service, leaving at 7:30 a. m., July 5. Tickets only $5 round trip, good ten days. Particulars at city ticket office, corner of Twelfth and Market streets.

PICNIC, Mozart Park, July 4. Incline runs all day.

FRUIT TREES, Grape Vines, Raspberry, Blackberry and Strawberry Plants. Half Agents' prices. Catalogue free. Reid's Nurseries, Tel. 58, Bridgeport, Ohio. tths

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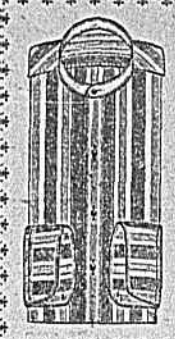

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For July the 4th.

Sweat-Proof Rubber Collars.....25c
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Cool, Fine Underwear..... 25c, 37 1-2c, 48c
Latest Style Straw Hats.....25c, 48c
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McFADDEN'S 3 BIG STORES,

1316 to 1322 Market Street, Wheeling.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hold Their Regular Monthly Meeting and Transact Routine Business. Ordinance of Ohio Valley Railway Present in Amended Form.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ohio county board of commissioners was held yesterday, President McGregor presiding. The following bills were ordered paid: Court house and jail committee, $18 27; finance committee, $490 01; *poor house and farm* committee, $698 66; contingent poor fund, $787 80; roads and bridges committee, $1,679 34; total, $3,674 08.

The jail ice contract was awarded to George Crumbacker, at seventeen cents per hundred.

The sheriff was credited with county orders to the amount of $16,538 85.

The superintendent of the infirmary reported receipts for June, $103 96; number of inmates, 82.

A petition that a monument be placed over the grave of the frontier hero, Major Samuel McColloch, at Fort VanMetre, was referred to the finance committee.

The sheriff's delinquent list was accepted.

The jury commissioners returned their lists.

The Ohio Valley Railway Company presented an amended ordinance, providing for right of way from the Top Mill to the Brooke county line. The *name is to be changed to the Northern* Ohio Railway Company. The ordinance was laid over for consideration at a future day.

The Remains Brought Back.

The remains of Albert Bahra, son of Councilman August Bahra, of Bellaire, were brought home from Pennsylvania *last evening, on the 9:45 Cleveland &* Pittsburgh train. The funeral will occur this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from his father's residence, on Harrison street, in the Fourth ward. Services will be held at the house, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. S. Coffee, of the First Presbyterian church. They will be in charge of Black Prince lodge No. 57, Knights of Pythias, which will meet at their hall at 2 o'clock. The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias band will be in line and the Arlington quartette will render musical selections.

In the Justice Shops.

In Squire W. W. Rogers' court yesterday, Moses Harris, colored, was put under bond to keep peace toward his wife, Betty Harris, for one year.

In Justice Fitzpatrick's court, Kate Brown was fined $1 and costs on a profanity charge, preferred by W. D. Bates.

Mollie Sadler was put under a $100 bond to keep the peace for one year. Maggie Clouse preferred the charge against her.

The case of James Ryan, charged with wife beating by the humane society, was appealed to the criminal *court, by order of Judge Hugus; bond,* $100.

Many Welsh Visitors.

The concerts yesterday afternoon and evening at Wheeling park by the New Castle Glee Society, attracted several hundred visitors to the city, most of whom spent the day at the *park. The society made a decided hit,* and its friends believe it will carry off some of the prizes at the approaching national eisteddfod. Most of the visitors accompanied the society from New Castle.

The Six-Footers Organize.

Last night, in the police court room, city building, at a well attended meeting the old Republican Six-Footers were re-organized for the approaching *campaign. It is hoped to enlist at least* 150 six-foot Republicans (5 feet 11 inches will be winked at) in the organization, and to provide handsome uniforms. There will be another meeting of the club next Monday evening, when the organization will be completed.

Rogers Not a Candidate.

Squire W. W. Rogers has positively declined to be a candidate for re-election. He says the pecuniary compen*sation of justices of the peace are so* small as to make it an office no longer worth striving for.

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