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RAILROAD APPEAL CASES WILL BE HEARD HERE ON 25TH OF THIS MONTH

JUDGE MASON RECEIVES LETTER FROM ATTORNEYS

Letters have been exchanged recently between Judge Mason and the attorneys interested in the B. and O. assessment appeal cases and all parties have agreed to have the hearing in this city on Thursday of next week, the 25th inst. Below is found excerpts from a letter by Mr. Mollohan, the chief attorney for the railroad which explains very succinctly the object and status of the case, and by Judge Mason's permission it is published. Mr. Mollohan says:

"Mr. Dillon and I have had various conferences with a view of making some arrangements whereby the hearings in the various counties and in respect to the various properties could be limited, and as a result we have arrived at a conclusion which we think will accomplish this purpose. At a hearing before you, if it meets with your approval, we will introduce the evidence as to the properties in all the counties through which the main line runs, in addition to the properties in your circuit, and this arrangement may be so broadened as to include the introduction of the evidence as to all the operated lines as to which the evidence has not already been heard, with a further agreement that a copy of such evidence will be filed in the Circuit court of each of such counties and that the judge of such counties shall act upon such testimony the same as if it had been taken in their courts. Under this arrangement the evidence introduced will be largely documentary, with a brief oral examination of two or three witnesses. If some such arrangements as this were not made the hearings would extend over months.

We desire to have present as many of the judges as possible on the morning of the 26th of this month, so that both of the parties can present their views as to the legal questions involved in the controversies, in order that they may be relieved from the argument before each judge and also in order that the judges can confer among themselves as to the legal questions. A number of the judges desire such conference and we understand it meets with your approval. If you should be of opinion that, under the circumstances, you could aid us in securing their attendance, we would be pleased to have you aid us. We have decided to have this conference at Fairmont, as the evidence will be there, and probably some references will be made to it in the argument.

I do not anticipate that the argument will be very extensive, as the representatives of the State some time ago prepared a brief and had it printed presenting their views and the representatives of the railroad also have a brief covering very fully their ideas, which they will have printed and ready at that time."

As Mr. Mollohan's letter shows it is not known at this time how many judges will be here, but it is likely that there will be several.

Had Leg Crushed.

Mike Katsu, an Italian miner, had his leg crushed at Chlefion mines last night. Katsu was brought to the city on the 11:15 car and taken to the Miners' hospital.

MOUNDSVILLE WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO PAIR SIAMESE TWINS

Babes Are Joined At The Back

WHEELING, Oct. 17.—Mrs. George Cullom, of Moundsville, gave birth this morning to perfectly formed Siamese twins, joined together at the back. They seem to have separate consciousness. When one cries the other does not. The babes and mother are doing finely.

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CAPTAIN CARELESS MADE A GREAT HIT

JOHN HENSHAW WAS NOT THE WHOLE SHOW, BUT HE WAS A BIG PART OF IT.

Probably the greatest success in theatrical circles for many a day was the appearance of "Captain Careless" at the Grand last night. Much had been read and talked of the attraction and the expectations of the theatergoers demanded much for satisfaction and in no instance was there disappointment. John Henshaw, as Bigamy Little, advertising agent for the Chocolate and Chiclet Company, was the big gun of the show, but he had excellent support in such talented persons as Sol Solomon, Forest Huff, Harry Lane, Alice Yorke and May Broeck, and a score of others. Henshaw has been seen here before in the "Chinese Honeymoon" and the audience was prepared for fine work on his part. His first appearance was greeted by great applause and time after time he was recalled to the stage. There were many excellent voices among the principal characters as well as in the chorus and they were all well drilled. The stage settings were fine and the costumes good. The appearance of the five Nosses was an attraction to a great many Fairmont people. Some fifteen or eighteen years ago the annual appearance of the Noss Family in the old "Rink" was the event of the season and few persons residing in Fairmont at that time had not witnessed their performance. There were no weak spots in the whole performance and it is safe to say that "Captain Careless" will be one of the attractions which will be remembered by the theater going public.

DR. GEIL MADE FINE ADDRESS

LARGE AUDIENCE LISTENED TO NOTED LECTURER ON MOST INTERESTING SUBJECT

The seating capacity of the Methodist Protestant Temple was taxed to the utmost last evening by the throngs of people who gathered to hear Dr. Edward Geil deliver his noted address on "The Destruction of Canibalism." The address was pronounced to be one of the finest that has ever been made before a Fairmont audience and for one hour and twenty minutes the doctor was accorded the undivided attention of the vast audience. Dr. Geil has just completed a five years' tour of the world and is well fitted to deal with the subject of his address. Dr. Geil is an advocate of foreign missions, and the convincing argument he offered for the cause was calculated to cause a revival of the missionary spirit. He spoke of the benefit which had already been felt in the heathen countries where the light of the gospel had already penetrated and his condemnation of our own enlightened country for the treatment to which the Syrian leper had been subjected. He claimed that missionaries in foreign countries care for the lepers with little fear of contagion.

Dr. Geil has spent several months with the pigmies and has the distinction of being known among them as the "Big White Brother."

At the close of the service a silver offering was taken to defray the expenses incurred by the Ministerial Association in securing Dr. Geil's services.

Everything at cost at Burdette's.

Oyster Train Crashes Into Freight On B. & O. Railroad This Morning. Three Trainmen Were Injured

WEST NEWTON, Pa., Oct. 17.—An oyster train crashed into the rear of a freight on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad two miles from here early this morning. Three cars and the caboose of the freight were wrecked. The wreck caught fire and is still burning. The engine of the oyster train was badly damaged. Traffic was blocked for several hours. Thomas Blacklin, engineer of the oyster train, and Brakeman Hopper, of the freight were severely injured. The conductor of the freight sustained severe bruises. Just how the collision occurred has not yet been stated.

Not Worried AT VEILED THREAT OF ATTORNEY JEROME IS THE WIFE OF HARRY THAW.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the wife of the murderer of Stanford White, realizes that she was the person referred to by District Attorney Jerome yesterday when he expressed the veiled hint that another beside Harry Thaw might be indicted for the murder. Mrs. Thaw, however, is not worried or alarmed in the least because of the partially concealed threat against her.

Met This Afternoon. The members of the Davis Light Guards met at the Court house this afternoon at 2 p. m. and adjourned till 7:30 this evening in order to give all a chance to attend.

Special book and Bible sale now at Burdette's.

Shaw's Client Was Not Guilty

LAWRENCE CLAYTON GOT OFF CHICKEN STEALING SCRAPE BY PROVING AN ALIBI.

Justice Amos dismissed the case in which Susie Hruska was the prosecuting witness and Lawrence Clayton was defendant in this suit Clayton was charged with taking three chickens, one rooster and two hens, the goods and chattels of Susie Hruska.

The first witness for the State stated that he saw Clayton between one and two o'clock going from Mrs. Hruska's yard with something he took to be chickens. He said that there was a man with Clayton.

Mrs. Hruska stated that she went to her chicken coop Saturday morning and found feathers strewn upon the ground; she took the trail which led to Clayton's house. She made a more thorough examination yesterday about the Clayton premises and found the head of a chicken which she had recently purchased at the company store Mrs. Hruska produced the head and stated positively that it was worn by her speckled or dominick rooster.

Attorney Shaw asked Mrs. Hruska how many chickens she had. Her reply was that she had five, that they were all in the same coop on Saturday night.

Attorney Shaw then stated to the Justice that that was enough to dismiss the case. That if his client were stealing the chickens he would have taken them all. Clayton, who with a lot of his friends who were at the Clayton home on Saturday night and Sunday morning engaged in a hachanallan revel, succeeded in proving an alibi.

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BIG MEETING ON FIRST DAY OF CIRCUIT COURT

Old Fashioned Joint Discussion

CLAY, W. Va., Oct. 17.—It has indeed been a red letter day for Republicanism and tax reform in Clay county. Tax Commissioner Dillon and Governor Dawson were billed to speak at the opening of circuit court and an immense crowd, the largest seen in this county for many years, gathered from all parts of the country to hear them, this being one of the counties in the State in which nearly every citizen is benefited by the operation of the new tax system. The Democratic committee, in order to try to stem the tide, challenged Mr. Dillon, who was billed for the morning meeting, for a joint discussion with W. E. Chilton. The challenge was promptly accepted by the chairman of the Republican committee and the fun began.

Mr. Dillon, in a speech of one hour, gave an exposition of the new tax laws, which delighted the Republicans and struck dismay to the hearts of the Democrats. Every sentence of his speech was to the point and his earnestness and straight forward manner carried conviction even to many of the Democratic listeners.

Mr. Chilton, in a speech lasting an hour and a quarter, tried in vain to counteract the effect of Mr. Dillon's logical discussion. No attempt was made by the speaker to refute the argument, the versatile Mr. Chilton confining himself exclusively to vicious attacks upon the Republican administration, charging the governor and tax commissioner with insincerity and lack of good faith, and predicting many dire things that would befall the people under the administration of the new tax system in the future, though compelled to admit that they were beneficial to the average taxpayer this year. Mr. Chilton, who is the rival of Colonel McGraw for the United States Senatorship in case the legislature this year might by any chance be Democratic, is not only one of the most eloquent and logical speakers in the Democratic party, but he found himself up against a proposition for which he was not prepared and from which he could not extricate himself.

Mr. Dillon's closing argument, which lasted only twenty minutes, was perhaps the most masterful and convincing bit of oratory ever delivered in this court house. He completely demolished every vestige of his opponent's argument and won for himself not only the everlasting love and esteem of the Republicans, but the genuine admiration of the Democrats as well.

Dawson's Great Speech. At 2:30 p. m. Governor Dawson was introduced to the audience, who were still anxious to hear the gospel of tax reform preached, and for two hours held their undivided attention, while he went over the whole subject, leaving no part untouched. The people of Clay county have a particularly warm feeling for the governor and claim the proud distinction of having been first to instruct for him in the memorable campaign of 1904, and they showed their appreciation by the enthusiastic and undivided attention given him through his entire speech.

But the tax reform battle did not end with the afternoon meeting. At 7:30 the people again assembled to hear more of it, and were not disappointed. Judge W. R. Bennett for an hour and twenty minutes talked tax reform in a manner peculiarly his own, during all of which time his audience was deeply interested. His arraignment of the Democratic party was so humorous that he kept the house in an uproar for the first half of his speech, after which he got down to business and discussed the question in a manner which showed conclusively that he had a complete grasp of the subject. No happier hit was made than Judge Bennett's speech, and the crowd dispersed in the best humor possible.

The Republicans are highly pleased with the results of the day and the Democrats correspondingly depressed. Clay county will give a good account of herself in this campaign.

One Up To-Day. Charley Goozman was the only prisoner up this morning. Goozman was arrested by Officer Gould on Locust avenue Goozman paid out.

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CITIZENS OF MANNINGTON AND WINFIELD SHARE BENEFITS OF TAX REFORM

SAYS PROHIBITION WILL BE AN ISSUE

GENERAL GROSVENOR DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN OHIO AND MAINE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—General Grosvenor, who ever since the first McKinley presidential campaign has been famous the country over as the "Ready Reckoner" of the Republican party, is in town. The General will get to work in a few days on his table of the next House of Representatives. He will figure out a big Republican majority may be a trifle smaller than it was in the past. Individually, General Grosvenor will, for the first time in his life, view with Christian fortitude anything that might happen in the Elevation Ohio district, for a person named Douglas beat the venerable General Grosvenor for the nomination.

General Grosvenor called on President Roosevelt and talked politics with him for a time. Just as he was about to leave the room he handed Mr. Roosevelt a marked copy of a magazine which contained the piece written by the General advocating Mr. Roosevelt's re-election. Mr. Roosevelt laughed as he took the magazine, but besides saying that he had heard of the article, he refrained from comment.

When General Grosvenor reluctantly consented to be interviewed he set up a theory that surprised his hearers. The Republican party, according to General Grosvenor, must meet the prohibition issue. On this issue in Ohio the Republicans are likely to lose the Third district, now represented by Mr. Nevin. There is a Soldiers' Home in this district, and the old soldiers of the home are bitterly indignant against the Republicans because at the last session, Congress passed a law forbidding the cantenens in the soldiers' homes and substituting prohibition of the strictest type. Mr. Nevin found the sentiment against him so bitter that he declined to be a candidate for renomination. The Democrats have nominated former Governor Campbell, and he is making the prohibition issue the main topic of his speeches.

"But not only in Ohio is prohibition giving us trouble," said General Grosvenor, "but in Maine the Republicans will have to face this issue sooner or later. If the Republicans of Maine do not give the people of that State a chance to declare whether they want prohibition in their constitution any longer or not, they will lose the State. If the Democrats had known their strength in the election last September there is no telling what might have happened."

General Grosvenor thinks that Congress ought to repeal the prohibition law in the soldiers' homes.

Fell From Building.

Charles P. Roby, of Fifth street, while at work yesterday afternoon on the old creamery building in the Fifth ward, fell and dislocated his hip. Drs. Holland and Sands rendered the necessary surgical aid. Mr. Roby's condition is not so serious as was first thought.

J. G. Bennett & Co. of Pittsburg,

have on display at Skinner's Tavern a full line of Ladies' Furs, represented by Edward F. Whippo. A telephone message will bring him to your residence.

Notice.

The city taxes for the year 1906 are now ready for payment, and all persons paying the same on or before November 15th, will be allowed a discount of 2 1/2 per cent., but no discount allowed after the 15th day of November.

JOHN S. SCOTT, City Collector.

THE WEATHER.

Partly Cloudy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—Forecast for West Virginia—Partly cloudy to-night and Thursday.

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SAME STORY OF REDUCED TAX TICKETS FOR THE MASSES

No matter where you go the same story is heard, lower taxes for the people at large under the new tax laws. Below are given numerous examples from Mannington and Winfield districts. The figures for Mannington include only the amounts due the sheriff, as the amounts for city taxes are not available for publication. The pro rata decrease in the city taxes will be the same, however, as the taxes for the county are based on the same valuations as those of the city. The only change would be the corporation taxes for both years, which would make no material change in the rate of reduction. The tax ticket tale is a very interesting one and we are pleased to publish it.

MANNINGTON DISTRICT TAX TICKETS. Table with columns: Name of Tax Payer, 1904, 1906, Deduction. Lists names like Baker, H. E., Mannington; Beatty, A. W., Mannington; etc.

THE STORY AS TOLD IN WINFIELD.

Table with columns: Name, 1904, 1906, Deduction. Lists names like Corbin, Ann B.; Dughery, W. C.; Dwsen, D. H.; etc.

To Be Continued.

SHORT SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

A FEW MATTERS WERE PASSED UPON BY COUNCILMEN LAST NIGHT

Council had a short session last night. There were eight councilmen present. They were, Boylston, Nichols, Robinson, Hutchinson, Musgrave, Hawkins, McNeely and Buckley. The transfer of Theodore Roll's license to Joe Friedman refused.

A petition presented by Councilman McNeely for extending the paving of Eighth street, Fifth ward, up Short avenue, carried with the usual provisions.

Judge Haymond appeared for Harry Snider, Frank Dickerson and lodged complaint with council about the paving of Sixth street. The paving crowds their property so that they have not room for a sidewalk. Matter referred to the street committee. Water Commissioner Howard Swisher granted a leave of absence for ten days.

Mayor Arnett, who is suffering from an attack of lumbago, was not at the meeting. Councilman Robinson presided in the mayor's absence. Our tortoise brand hair pins look and wear like genuine shell. 25c a box of 6, 12 or 18. A. B. SCOTT & CO., Jewelers. 100 yds. more of that Black "Yarn" Silk. 1 yd. wide for only 50c at The Bon Ton.