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BIG REPUBLICAN RALLY UBBARD DILLON HADDOX FRIDAY NIGHT

Remember the Date and Come to Hear these Men Speak. Ladies are Invited. Tell it to Your Neighbors and Bring Them Along.

Death Was Kind to Daniel Slocum, Whose Deplorable Condition Was Relieved by the Grim Reaper's Visit

Daniel Slocum, a deaf mute residing from Charleston, W. Va., was found dead in his bed at Skinner's Tavern this morning, having died in an epileptic fit. Coroner E. S. Amos and County Physician, C. O. Henry, were called in and after making an examination of the body, Dr. Henry pronounced epilepsy as undoubtedly the cause of his death and the remains were taken in charge by undertaker Jones. The coroner in searching the man's clothes found several papers stating that the unfortunate man was a deaf mute and that he was a sufferer from epilepsy. The following is an exact copy of one of the papers which was signed in the handwriting of the dead man, the signature comparing exactly with that upon the hotel register.

To All Who Are Charitably Inclined. Kind Friends:—I am a poor, deaf mute, and would like to ask of you a small gift of charity. I am afflicted with spells of epileptic fits, and nobody will give me employment in such a deplorable condition. Very gratefully yours, DANIEL SLOCUM.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The President has issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation, naming Thursday, November 29, as the holiday. The text of the proclamation is as follows: "The time of the year has come when in accordance with the wise custom of our forefathers, it becomes my duty to set aside a special day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty because of the blessings we have received and of prayer that these blessings may be continued. Yet another year of widespread well-being has passed. Never before in our history or in the history of any other nation has the people enjoyed more abundant material prosperity than is ours. A prosperity that is so great that it should arouse in us no spirit of reckless pride and least of all a spirit of heedless disregard of our responsibilities, but rather a sober sense of our many blessings, and a resolute purpose, under Providence, not to forfeit them by any action of our own. Material well-being, indispensable to the foundation of true national greatness and happiness. If we build nothing on this foundation, then our national life will be as meaningless and empty as a house where only the foundation has been laid. Upon our material well-being must be built an upper structure of individual and national life in accordance with the laws of the highest morality, or else our prosperity itself will in the long run turn out a curse instead of a blessing. We should be both reverently thankful for what we have received and earnestly bent upon turning it into a means of grace and not of destruction. Accordingly, I hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November next as a day of thanksgiving and supplication, on which the people shall meet in their homes or their churches, devoutly acknowledge all that has been given them and to pray that they may in addition receive the power to use these gifts aright. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this 22d day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By the President: "ELIHU ROOT," Secretary of State.

THE FARMERS WANT TO KNOW. Marion county farmers are pleased with the results of tax reform and they have commenced to ask questions. They want to know whether Judge W. S. Haymond, Wm. B. Ice and H. H. Rose, the Democratic candidates for House of Delegates, would vote to repeal the new tax laws if they should be elected to the Legislature. The farmers will insist on an answer to this question before they cast their votes. Let us have the answer, gentlemen.

WHAT THE ASSESSOR DOES STANDS

SUPREME COURT SO DECIDES IN MANDAMUS CASE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 24.—The Supreme Court refused to grant the mandamus asked by Tax Commissioner Dillon to compel B. E. Ware and S. T. Carter, assessors of Fayette county, to reassess about thirty coal leaseholds in Fayette county so as to make the assessments nearer the real value. The assessors valued the property at about half a million and the tax commissioner thought they were worth about six million five hundred thousand dollars. The opinion was by Judge Poffenberger. Judges Brannon and Cox dissented and will later set out their reasons. Judges Sanders and McWhorter concurred in the principal points in decision and that the mandamus should be refused. The court held the tax commissioner may mandamus to compel an assessor or other tax officer to comply with the plain provisions of the law but so as to control his discretion. Where such officer does have discretionary power but refuses to act the tax commissioner may compel him by means of mandamus to act and such officer is not protected by mere fraudulent or pretended action. Leasehold Considerations. By process of reasoning involving an interpretation of statutes relating to taxation we reach conclusion that evidence submitted to prove that the assessors acted fraudulently or arbitrarily in assessing the leaseholds is insufficient to establish the charges made. It is held that neither the value of the improvements nor the value of the land is to be considered in fixing the value of the lease, but only the extent and quality of the coal held under the leases and the adaptability of the fixtures to the successful working of the mine. These facts are to be considered as circumstances in determining the market value of the leasehold. If errors have been committed in valuing the improvements on the land for taxation they can not be corrected by changing the omitted values in making up the values of leaseholds which are considered as in tangible right. Dillon's McDowell Victory. Judge Poffenberger also handed down the opinion in case of Dillon, Tax Commissioner, against J. Walter Graybeal, assessor of McDowell, in which the tax commissioner sought to compel the assessor to assess certain bank stock that it was claimed had already been assessed and the writ of mandamus asked for was awarded. It seems that the assessor allowed the McDowell county bank to exempt \$50,000 of stock in a coal company, which had already been taxed and the true and actual value of its real estate in making a return of its property. Under the law chosen by the bank to make its return it had the right to deduct the value of its real estate which had already been charged against it on the land book. The bank in asking the deduction took what is considered the true and actual value of the property which exceeds by several thousand dollars the assessed value. Judge Poffenberger held for the State on the matter of real estate and for the assessor as to the further assessment of the coal. Following is the case. The syllabus. The court held that asiator the State tax commissioner may invoke the aid of a court by its writ of mandamus to compel an assessor to make an assessment in conformity with the requirements of the law. A bank owning shares of the capital stock of a corporation which has caused itself to be assessed will report its property in the manner prescribed by section 77 of Chapter 29 of the code as amended by Chapter 35 of the acts of 1905, and having elected to have its capital stock, surplus and undivided profits assessed to it in conformity with the provision of Section 79 of said chapter of the code as amended, is entitled to have the value of such shares deducted along with the real estate and property exempt from taxation, in the ascertainment of the taxable value of its capital stock and undivided profits under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 29 of the code, as amended by Chapter 35 of the acts of 1905 is the assessed value not the actual value thereof at the time of the assessment. While double taxation, in a practical sense is not always violative of the provisions of the constitution, requiring equality in taxation, courts in construing taxation always presume that it was not intended, unless the legislative intent to impose it is clearly manifest. Doubts are always resolved against it. Other Cases Decided. Among other cases decisions were: Golding & Sons vs. Cameron Pottery Company, Marshall county, reversed. Opinion by Judge Sanders. Johnson vs. Bank of Ohio county, reversed and remanded. Opinion by Judge Cox.

Grant District Citizens Rejoice Along With the Rest in Lower Tax Bills Under the Beneficent New Laws

It is with genuine pleasure that we give the names of a number of Grant district citizens who are sharing this year in the material benefits of tax reform. One nice thing about the new laws is that they are respectful of persons, they lower the tax bills of people living in a Democratic district just as much as those living in a Republican district. We continue the list from Mannington district, as it is very long it takes a good while to complete it.

Table with columns: Name of Tax Payer, 1904, 1906, Reduction. Lists names like Hartley, E. L., Watson, Hartley, Thos. J., (heirs) Watson, etc.

WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS CREATE A SCENE

A State Exhibit At Jamestown. EX-SENATOR DAVIS URGES GOVERNOR TO ACT WITHOUT WAITING FOR APPROPRIATION BY LEGISLATURE. EX-SENATOR HENRY G. DAVIS has written a letter to Governor Dawson, calling attention to the short time remaining in which to prepare a suitable West Virginia exhibit at the Jamestown exposition, and urging him therefore to act without waiting for an appropriation by the next legislature. Mr. Davis is a member of the honorary advisory board, of which ex-President Grover Cleveland is chairman. He expresses the belief that the legislature will reimburse those who advance the money, and he indicates a willingness to shoulder part of the expense if the legislature fails to appropriate. Mr. Davis' letter is as follows: ELKINS, W. Va., Oct. 16, 1906. Hon. W. M. O. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va. My Dear Governor:—If we wait for legislation action, I fear that the West Virginia State building at the Jamestown exposition will not be ready in time. I think plans should be preliminary and the erection of the building soon begun. I am willing to join with yourself and the committee in advancing whatever funds are necessary to commence the work at an early date. The legislature, I am sure, will reimburse us for the expenditure; if not, I am disposed to pay a part of the cost of the building, etc. I hope that you will concur in my view of the matter. You are at liberty to use this letter as you think best. Yours very truly, H. G. DAVIS.

PITCHED BATTLE BETWEEN THEM AND THE POLICE

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Seldom if ever in the history of London's police court have such scenes been enacted as those witnessed to-day in the arraignment of the women suffragists arrested yesterday for creating disturbances in the lobby of the House of Commons, where they tried to force their way in. Outside the court room there was a veritable pitched battle between the suffragists and the police. Fifty officers called for special duty to guard the court could not preserve any semblance of order. The trouble increased when the eight prisoners were arraigned, their refusing to testify and refusing to recognize the jurisdiction of the male court, where they had no voice. All were bound over the sum of twenty-five dollars to keep the peace for six months, but the determined women refused to give bonds, saying they preferred to go to jail. Many sympathizers in the court room loudly expressed approval of the utterances and actions of the prisoners and they tried repeatedly to create an uproar. The judges kept them quiet with difficulty until the hearing was concluded. Then the real fun began. Several women refused to leave the court room despite the orders of the police. So the officers in charge left them inside, locking the doors. Other suffragists attacked the policemen, taking the keys from them. The women released their companions who seized a policeman and threw him bodily into the court room and turned the key upon him and made off in triumph. The women, but the officers gave chase to a hard hand to hand struggle that they were able to recapture the key. Fully two thousand persons were attracted to the scene and the women started to harangue this crowd from the court house steps. By this time the police were reinforced and threw the women bodily into the crowd and the whole throng was driven away. Miss Parkhurst, one of the most violent agitators, was re-arrested and it is expected there will be a repetition of to-day's scenes at her next hearing. Several policemen suffered severe injuries in the struggle with the women. A sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed upon the agitators for refusal to give bond and keep the peace. Miss Parkhurst was given two weeks additional sentence for creating a disturbance.

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Coal Company Bridge Gave Way

Two spans of structure at Monongah mine No. 6 went into the river. An accident occurred at Monongah mine No. 6 this afternoon which resulted seriously for the steel bridge crossing the river at that point. In some manner the loaded cars left the track and two sections of the bridge collapsed. It will be several months before the bridge can be replaced. However there will be no loss in tonnage of coal as the Monongah mines are so connected that coal from No. 6 can be sent around another way. The loss will be considerable to the Fairmont Coal Company.

BAR ASSOCIATION

Will Tender Banquet to Prominent Attorneys to Be Here for 8. and O. Appeal Cases. The Marion County Bar Association will tender a banquet at the Watson hotel on Friday night from 6 to 8 the judges and lawyers who will be here that day attending the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company's appeal cases. Among the prominent men who will be here are: Gov. Dawson, Judge E. B. Faulkner, Judge R. W. Daley, Judge F. M. Reynolds, Judge John H. Holt, Judge Thayer Melvin, Judge H. C. Hervey and Judge M. H. Willis. Hon. C. W. Dillon, Hon. M. Mollahan, Hon. John W. Davis and Hon. Taylor Vinson.

Black Hand Band Under Arrest

NINE ITALIANS CAUGHT WITH REVOLVERS, STILETTOS AND PAPERS ON THEIR PERSONS. NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Through the arrest early to-day of nine Italians, caught with revolvers and stilettos in their possession, the police have rounded up the leaders of the dangerous black hand gang which has been terrorizing people in this city for several years. In the possession of the men were found letters fixing responsibility upon themselves for many of the black hand crimes in this vicinity.

NEW CATHEDRAL IS DEDICATED

MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE OF WORSHIP WAS CONSECRATED IN PRESENCE OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 24.—With all the impressive dignity and sacred solemnity which belongs to Roman Catholicism, the ceremonial symbolism of consecration and dedication of the beautiful new St. Patrick's Cathedral and solemnized to-day in the presence of thousands of devoted worshippers and amid the scenes of pomp and grandeur which marked the culmination of the one supreme effort of the mother church. The weather made perfect, the ceremonies both without and within the magnificent pile which today stands free of debt. The cost of erection and equipment aggregates one million, nine hundred, four hundred and eighty-one dollars.

HOW ABOUT IT, GENTLEMEN?

The Democratic platform in this county condemns the new tax laws. The farmers believe the new tax laws are right. Do Messrs. Haymond, Ice and Rose stand on their platform? Are they in favor of repealing the new tax laws? The farmers want to hear from these gentlemen on this question. Are they afraid to answer?

BUNDLE OF PAPERS LOST.

Judge Mason Will Appreciate Return of Same if Any One Finds It. While returning home from the court-house yesterday Judge Mason lost a bundle of papers in an important land suit brought here from Lewis county. It is thought that the papers were lost on Parks avenue. Any person finding the same will confer a great favor by returning the papers to the Circuit clerk's office.

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