

Director" said W. S. Poppleton. "For once all the papers of the city have united in their efforts to increase these assessments. Why should \$75,000,000 worth of real estate be taxed at \$12,000,000 worth of corporate interests to escape with one-fourth of the taxes they should pay?"

R. S. Hall spoke briefly on behalf of the water company and insisted that the attempt to increase the assessments of the company is unwarranted. He explained that \$1,500,000 was spent by the company in making the basins at Florence alone. Mr. Hall stated that the company's assessment on personal property located in Omaha is not out of proportion with the assessment upon realty.

T. H. McCague, John S. Knox and A. L. Reed spoke on behalf of the real estate men. They stated that a proper readjustment of taxation will bring about activity in real estate, which is now lying dead because it is bearing more than its share of city taxes.

Webster Argues Law Points. The legal right of the Board of Equalization to make assessments was questioned by John L. Webster, attorney for the Omaha Street Railway company. He cited decisions of the supreme court, which held that a change in assessments cannot be made unless a trial has been held and evidence introduced concerning the assessments. Mr. Webster intimated that this has not been done by the Board of Equalization and that any changes made in assessments would consequently render taxes void.

Mr. Webster made the final speech on behalf of the real estate men. He denied the statements of Mr. Webster and insisted that the Board of Equalization may do as it sees fit in adjusting assessments. He said that the corporations have been given a hearing in the sense intended in the supreme court decisions.

The board took a recess until 10 o'clock this morning, when the hearing of complaints will be resumed. Protests will be received until 5 o'clock this afternoon. The committee will decide at that time whether the sitting of the board will be continued next week.

Among Those Present.

Below is a partial list of the men who attended the meeting yesterday afternoon: John S. Knox, C. S. Elgutter, Joseph Hagen, W. G. Ure, W. T. Graham, C. C. George, R. S. Hall, W. G. Shriver, W. W. Moran, John Steel, W. Morrow, W. R. Homan, W. S. Poppleton, James Craighton, A. P. Tukey, C. F. Harrison, J. H. McIntosh, John L. Webster, T. H. McCague, W. F. Hunsat, F. D. West, T. A. Creigh, A. B. Johnson, William Wallace, A. L. Reed, T. J. Mackay, M. J. Kennard, D. K. Tindall, E. J. Cornish, E. M. Fairfield.

PIRATES GET RICH BOOTY

Steal Many Thousand Dollars in Ore from Mines, Say the Officials.

VICTOR, Colo., Jan. 17.—Manager Shipman of the Independence mine, owned by the Stratton Independence company of London, stated today that about \$40,000 worth of ore had been stolen by ore pirates from the mine during the last eight months, about \$5,000 every month since the trouble between the miners and the management on account of the "strip to skin" order issued last summer.

This order nearly precipitated a strike and was only modified at the earnest request of the parties most interested. Manager Shipman states that the stealings before this now famous order was issued amounted to between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a month ever since the mine was sold by Mr. Stratton to the English corporation. A score of detectives have been engaged by the Independence company and private detectives from other big mines are lending their assistance.

KILLED IN A MINE CAVEIN

Four Men Meet Death by Premature Explosion of Dynamite.

JOPLIN, Mo., Jan. 17.—In a cavein at the Ada mine at Carter, Mo., today, today three miners lost their lives, another was injured fatally and several others were seriously hurt. Dead: JOHN SIMMONS, ARTHUR ROBERTS, BRUCE WHEELER, DON OUSTATT.

The accident was caused by a premature explosion of dynamite, which blocked the entrance to the mine. It took several hours' work by the men from the adjoining mines before the imprisoned miners were reached.

RESUME OPERATIONS SOON

Properties of Everett-Moore Concern Being Relieved from Their Heaviest Pressure.

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BRYAN SEES VICTORY AHEAD

Says Future of Democratic Party is Bright and Menus Success.

BUTLER, Pa., Jan. 17.—William Jennings Bryan spoke at Butler opera house tonight on "A Conquering Nation," before the largest crowd ever assembled in that building. After his lecture he was the honored guest at a reception and banquet tendered him by the Butler County Bar association. Colonel Bryan spent the greater part of today in Pittsburgh, where he was the guest of Democratic National Committee member J. M. Duffey. He was the only politician in a general way, saying: "The future of the democratic party is bright. It means success."

What are Humors?

They are vitiated or morbid fluids coursing the veins and affecting the tissues. They are commonly due to defective digestion but sometimes inherited.

Head's Sarsaparilla

It builds up the system that has weakened from ill health. It is the best of all medicines for all humors.

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Organized Effort to Prevent and Cure Infectious Diseases to Be Made.

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DEATH RECORD.

Colonel Thomas Harbino.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Colonel Thomas Harbino, aged 51 years, who formerly lived in Fairbury, died yesterday at Tacoma, Wash., where he has lately lived. Colonel Harbino was born in Ohio, but passed his boyhood at Hagers-town, Md. He came west in the early 50s and settled at St. Joseph, Mo., where he lived until 1874. He removed to Fairbury, where he had considerable property, and founded the Harbino bank. While living at St. Joseph he served two terms as senator and as mayor of that city. During the civil war he was lieutenant colonel of a regiment of Missouri militia. While living at Fairbury he erected several brick buildings and the stone bank building occupied by the Harbino company and the Harbino leaves two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Snell of Tacoma and Mrs. George Lyons of Nelson, Neb.

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ALLIANCE WITH SENATOR CLARK POSSIBLE

Harriman Faction in the Fight by Which Goulds Demand Recognition as Transcontinental Factors.

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SOUTH HEARTILY COOPERATES

Several States Show Active Interest in McKinley Memorial Association's Work.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 17.—The following bulletin was given out today from the McKinley Memorial association headquarters in this city: Hon. James A. Garry, chairman of the executive committee of Maryland, reports to the members of the memorial association of Maryland that he has already begun action and there is every promise of gratifying results. The list of names at Canton has received 200 subscriptions. The names of the donors will not be made public at present. Governor Jennings of Florida says an appeal will be published throughout the state. There is an auxiliary of twenty-five members in Florida. Governor Longino of Mississippi in reply says: "President McKinley was not only a great and noble man, but possessed such a rare combination of all the Christian virtues that his name deserves to be fittingly and enduringly commemorated, and in your noble undertaking you will have the sympathy and support of the south, which has recently remembered him with the most profound gratitude and reverence."

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The Hague Agreement and Compulsory Method Pass Conference.

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