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## MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING, 1887.

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The Institute held its Summer Meeting of 1887, at Ironton, Ohio, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 28th, 29th and 30th, according to previous announcement.

The first session of the Institute was held at the Court House at 8:30 P. M., June 28. Mr. E. S. Wilson introduced Mayor John M. Corns, who in a neat speech, welcomed the Institute to Ironton and tendered it the freedom of the city, to which President Haseltine appropriately responded.

Emerson McMillin presented an interesting and valuable paper on "Gas Fuel," accompanied by several drawings of different gas producing and iron paddling furnaces. The paper and subject was discussed by Messrs. Garvey, McMillen and Selby.

Hon. Andrew Roy read a short paper on "Mining Education in the State University," which brought out considerable discussion from

Hon. M. Nye, ex-member of the Legislature from Lawrence county and author of the law creating the department of mining in the University and by Hon. Ralph Leete, an Ex-Trustee of the University, and by H. D. Selby, a graduate of the University, and by the author of the paper. This discussion led to the suggestion, which subsequently took the form of a motion and was put and carried that Mr. Roy prepare a suitable resolution on his paper, to be presented to the Institute for its action at some of its sessions of the meeting. At 10 P. M. the Institute adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M. to morrow at the G. A. R. Hall.

January 29.

Institute re-convened at 9:30 A. M. in G. A. R. Hall. Mr. Roy offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the department

of Mining and Metallurgy in the State University requires more liberal appropriations from the General Assembly to carry out the letter and spirit of the law creating the Schools of Mines.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the president to visit the department of Mining and Metallurgy to examine and inquire into the wants and necessities of the same, and that said committee report the facts to this Institute at the January meeting to be held in Columbus.

The President appointed as the committee provided for in the foregoing resolutions, Hon. Andrew Roy, W. H. Jennings and Thos. B. Bancroft.

J. L. Morris read a paper on "The means of applying power or pressure to produce ventilation. In discussing the paper, the position taken by Mr. Roy induced a very animated discussion by Roy, McMillin, Morris, Dalrymple, Bancroft, Campbell, Harris, Price and Selby, which resulted in a pretty thorough "ventilation" of some of the principles of ventilation. Mr. Bancroft presented a very instructive paper on the subject of "Fan Ventilation," the discussion of which was participated in by Price, Dalrymple, Roy, McMillin, Morris and the author. Adjourned to meet at the depot of the Iron R. R. at 1 P. M., to visit sundry furnaces, coal and ore mines along this line of road. Upon meeting at the Iron R. R. Depot, learned the train would be too late (owing to some trouble on the R. R.) to make the contemplated trip, whereupon it was decided to hold a session of the Institute, hence the members and others repaired at once to the G. A. R. Hall and listened to a paper by Mr. A. D. Selby, on the Barren

measures and to a paper by John C. H. Cobb on the "Hanging Rock Region." Mr. Selby's paper was discussed by McMillen, Campbell, Roy and Cobb, and Mr. Cobb's paper was discussed by Roy, McMillin, Price, the author and some others.

Henry Price delivered a discourse on Mine Engineering, after which the Secretary presented the application of John Dinkle, of Hanging Rock, for membership, and the Secretary was, on motion instructed to cast the vote of the Institute electing him to membership, which was at once done, after which motion, an adjournment was taken until 7:30 P. M.

Institute met again at 8 P. M., when the discussion of Mr. Price's remarks were taken up by Dalrymple, Mitchell and Price. A motion to close the discussion prevailed, and Mr. Hester then presented the subject of "Tanks for Crude Oil," followed by Hon. Anthony Howells, with a paper on "Long Wall Mining." Each of the last two papers was discussed by several members. At 9:30 P. M. it was announced that the time for the Banquet had arrived, the Institute proceeded to the Sheridan House to attend to this part of the program.

After a most excellent *menu* had been disposed of, satisfying the inner man, Mr. E. S. Wilson acting as toast master announced the following toasts, each of which were responded to in a very happy manner: "Our Guests—we welcome them with warm hearts and outstretched hands. Their numbers are not great but they are very select." Responded to by R. M. Haseltine, President of the Institute in a short speech, confining himself pretty closely to the

text, digressing only enough to allude, jocularly, to the military experience of one of the members to show the confidence and high esteem in which he was held by the General in command at Gettysburg. To Mr. Haseltine's speech, Mr. Leo Ebeit, President of the City Council responded in a short but earnest, enthusiastic and appropriate speech.

To the Toast, "Ohio—Grand in men and grand in mind," Mr. Anthony Howels responded in a fitting speech, pleasing to all Ohio men.

"Our Railways and Waterways, —Twin sisters of the mines, was handled by Mr. H. B. Wilson in a short and humorous speech to the great entertainment of all present.

Hon Thos. B. Bancroft in response to the Toast, "The state and its care for the mine," briefly enumerated the benefits and reforms that had been secured to the mining fraternity of Ohio through legislation since the creation of the office of Mine Inspector, crediting Hon. Andrew Roy with being the principal mover in these reforms, and the one to whom the miners are most indebted.

Emerson McMillin in his response to "Gas—The best, cheapest and surest way to strike it at Ironton," indicated what he seemed to think, and what the future will, without doubt prove, as the correct answer to the query, viz., manufacture it from the large piles waste slack that lie at different points on the line of the Iron R. R. In responding to "The Pick and Drill—The Chief Geologists of a country" John C. H. Cobb, of Wellston, made an entertaining talk of several minutes, advocating somewhat the truthfulness of the text. Mr. Cobb was unwilling to

concede Lawrence county the possessor of all the desirable mineral wealth and transportation facilities in the State, as had been jocosely claimed by Mr. Wilson, and while he was not prepared to dispute Mr. Wilson for the claim that Lawrence county had more handsome ladies to the square mile than any other county in Ohio; with Mr. Cobb, it was Jackson county against the world for babies, both in quality and quantity. Geo. W. Keye responded to, "The diversity of manufactures, the key to success" in an earnest and logical manner. "Our coal deposits, the basis of our prosperity," was the text from which Hon. Andrew Roy delivered an excellent short speech, the subject being one with which he is perfectly familiar.

Mr. Ralph Leete's response to, "The mineral basis of our civilization" was most excellent, but was of necessity short, owing to the lateness of the hour. The festivities were closed by a response from J. L. Morris to, "The Greaser as a miner, and the miner as a Greaser," in the days of a Humorous Poetical Effusion, which evidently pleased everybody present—a very pleasant ending of a very pleasant occasion. The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Institute are due and are hereby tendered to local committee of arrangements and citizens of Ironton for the cordial reception and royal entertainment received at their hands during our short sojourn among them.

A motion to adjourn prevailed and thus ended at 2 A. M. Thursday, June 30th, the Ironton banquet, with every one present in a good humor, and feeling that it

was good to be there. At 9 A. M. Thursday, June 30th, the members of the Institute and several citizens of Ironton took special train, furnished through on the Iron R. R. and visited Sarah and Etna Furnaces, Standard Gas Retort and Fire Brick Co., Iron Fire Brick works, the Kelly Nail & Iron works, all at east end of the city and *Meta* Furnace and Lawrence Iron works, the Belfont Nail works and the Belfont Gas(?) well.

In the afternoon took special train on Scioto Valley R. R. and visited the furnace at Hanging Rock, and thence to the Railroad transfer at Petersburg which closed the program of the Ironton meeting, most of the members leaving on the evening train for their homes. Votes of thanks were tendered all members and others for presenting papers.

The Ironton meeting was a de-

cidated success, and those members of the Institute who were not familiar with this section of the State were very favorably impressed with its mineral resources and the brilliant future in store for it, and Ironton, the present and future metropolis of the "Hanging Rock Region."

The attendance of members was somewhat limited on the first day but was augmented by the arrival of several others on the second day, making the representation in numbers, very fair, but not as many as was desired, and as was hoped would be able to attend, Many citizens regretted their inability to attend and participate in the sessions of the Institute as they saw in it an instrument of great usefulness to those engaged in mining and the manipulation of our mineral products.

R. S. WEITZELL, Sec'y.

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