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MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING, 1887.

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.

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 Dirkie, 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 al-
lude, jocularly, to the military ex-
perience of one of the members to
show the confidence and high es-
teem in which he was held by the
General in command at Gettys-
burg. To Mr. Haseltine's speech,
Mr. Leo Ebeit, President of the
City Council responded in a short
but earnest, enthusiastic and ap-
propriate speech.

To the Toast, "Ohio—Grand in
men and grand in mind," Mr. An-
thony Howels responded in a fit-
ting 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 re-
sponse to the Toast, "The state and
its care for the mine," briefly
enumerated the benefits and re-
forms that had been secured to the
mining fraternity of Ohio through
legislation since the creation of
the office of Mine Inspector, cred-
iting Hon. Andrew Roy with being
Ihe principal mover in these re-
forms, and the one to whom the
miners are most indebted.

Emerson McMillin in his re-
sponse to "Gas—The best, cheapest
and surest way to strike it at
Ironton," indicated what he seem-
ed 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 pos-
session of all the desirable mineral
wealth and transportation facili-
ties in the State, as had been jo-
coslly claimed by Mr. Wilson, and
while he was not prepared to dis-
pute Mr. Wilson for the claim that
Lawrence county had more hand-
some ladies to the square mile
than any other county in Ohio;
with Mr. Cobb, it was Jackson
county against the world for ba-
bies, 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 depos-
its, the basis of our prosperity,"
was the text from which Hon. An-
drew Roy delivered an excellent
short speech, the subject being
one with which he is perfectly fa-
miliar.

Mr. Ralph Leete's response to,
"The mineral basis of our civiliza-
tion" was most excellent, but was
of necessity short, owing to
the lateness of the hour. The fes-
tivities were closed by a response
from J. L. Morris to, "The Greas-
er as a miner, and the miner as a
Greaser," in the days of a Humor-
ous Poetical Effusion, which evi-
dently 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 ar-
rangements and citizens of Iron-
ton for the cordial reception and
royal entertainment received at
their hands during our short so-
journ among them.

A motion to adjourn prevailed
and thus ended at 2 A. M. Thurs-
day, June 30th, the Ironton ban-
quet, 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 decided 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.