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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OHIO INSTITUTE OF MINING
ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY, 1883.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, JAN. 20, 1883.

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers convened in the office of the State inspector of Mines on the 19th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M. Hon. Andrew Roy, President, in the chair.

On calling the meeting to order President Roy stated, that, owing to the number of members and visiting friends present, the room was not large enough for the accommodation of all. He had been tendered the use of the more commodious rooms of the State Treasurer by the gentlemanly and obliging Treasurer, Hon. Joseph Turney. He would therefore request all present to step across the hall to the office of the Treasurer of State.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

Gentlemen:—Since our last annual meeting the society has made very satisfactory progress, and has attracted the favorable attention of capitalists, Superintendents of Mines, Furnace Managers, and other persons practically engaged in the development of the mineral resources of the State, a number of whom have made application to become members of the Institute, and whose names shall be proposed for membership in the due order of business.

A meeting of the Institute was called at Nelsonville, May 11, last, at which a number of valuable papers were read and several new members were added to the list of the Society. The papers read at that meeting, together with the minutes of the Secretary, were sent to our official organ for publication, but when they were printed there was so much dissatisfaction among some of the authors of the papers over changes and omissions in the manuscript, that I, upon the advice of members, called a meeting of the Executive Board, at Youngstown, Sept. 10, for the purpose of considering the propriety of changing the official organ to some paper more directly devoted to the interests of the industries which our Society was organized to foster. The Executive Board, after

carefully considering the matter, concluded to publish a quarterly journal to be known as THE OHIO MINING JOURNAL, which should be the property and the official organ of the Institute. The first number of this journal was published in Columbus on Nov. 15th, last, and contains the proceedings of the various meetings of the Society since the date of organization. Five hundred copies of the JOURNAL were printed and each member was supplied with a copy. The JOURNAL, by resolution of the Executive Board, is to be furnished to members free, and to subscribers at \$2.00 per annum. Owing to the inconvenience caused by these changes it was thought proper not to call any meeting of the Institute in the fall.

I wish to suggest a few changes in the Constitution of the Institute which I think experience has deemed necessary. Article Second, which defines the objects of the Institute, says that they shall be to promote the development of the mineral resources of the State, the economical working and ventilation of mines, the improvement of the social status of those engaged in mining, the proper and practical surveying of mines, and the preservation of the maps and plans of abandoned mines. This is well, so far as it goes, but there are so many other interests in the State allied with the development of the mineral resources of the State that in my judgment they should be included as forming part of the objects of the Institute. I refer particularly to Mechanical Engineering and Metallurgy. All persons engaged as Mining Engineers, metallurgists and metallurgical engineers, are by the Constitution eligible to membership, and it seems fitting that the interests of the sciences and the arts which *all* such members represent should be promoted by our Society as fully as that of development of the mineral resources of the State. The Society, with properly directed effort, is destined to become a vast power in the State. Its literature being practical and new, the freshest thoughts and the latest experience are embodied in its papers.

By our Constitution the officers of the Society are elected annually. Having been honored with the presidency upon the organization of the Institute, and again elected for a second term, I feel grateful for such a mark of regard on the part of an association having so many members so much better fitted by intelligence and education than myself, for the place. I am conscious that in other hands the well being of the Institute would have been better pro-

moted than it has been in mine. For the short-comings of my administration of the affairs of the society during the past two years, I must, therefore, beg your indulgence, and thanking you for your confidence and regard, I desire to announce that I do not wish my name to be used in connection with the nomination for the presidency for the ensuing year. Perhaps you have no thought of re-electing me, but lest you may have had, I mean to take the bull by the horns and anticipate action by declining in time.

The Secretary read a letter from Col. Charles Whittlesey, of Cleveland, the veteran geologist, regretting his inability to be present, and containing some well matured suggestions regarding the publication of the proceedings of the Institute.

R. M. Hazeltine addressed the Institute regarding the causes which induced the Executive Board to commence the publication of THE OHIO MINING JOURNAL, also in regard to the subscription price of the JOURNAL, and the kind and number of advertisements which he thought ought to be admitted in the JOURNAL. At the conclusion of Mr. Hazeltine's remarks he offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the year ending January 1, 1884, the Executive Board may receive only such advertisements in half pages as will be necessary to defray the expenses of the Institute not covered by dues of members, and subscription to THE OHIO MINING JOURNAL, at the rate of \$50 per page, except the manufacturers of mathematical instruments, who shall pay at the rate of \$100 per page. Members of the Institute who contribute to THE OHIO MINING JOURNAL regularly may have one-fifth professional card free.

Mr. Hazelton stated, in reference to the difference in the charges for advertisements, in the resolution, that mathematical instrument makers seemed to have a combination, and charged beyond all reason for their instruments, and for repairing the same, and he favored making them pay for their advertisements in proportion to their charges for selling their instruments.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of J. G. Chamberlain, the President appointed a committee of three, consisting of J. G. Chamberlain, W. H. Jennings, and R. M. Hazeltine, to put in nomination an Executive Board for the present year.

On motion a committee of three were appointed by the President, consisting of R. S. Paul, Fred. Howell, and Edward Orton,

Jr., to amend the Constitution, and to report at the next meeting of the Institute.

The following papers were read: "Coal mining at Steubenville," by Wm. Smurthwaite; "Horsebacks and their origin," by R. M. Hazeltine; "Iron Industries of Columbiana county," by J. G. Chamberlain; "The Mineral Resources of Jackson county," by Andrew Roy.

Twenty-five new members were elected.

John Buchtel, of Buchtel, Athens county, was elected an honorary member.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Andrew Roy, Columbus; Vice-President, Fred. Howell, Zanesville; Secretary, R. S. Paul, Akron; Treasurer, W. H. Jennings, Columbus.

The committee appointed to select an Executive Board for the ensuing year, reported the following: R. M. Hazeltine, Youngstown, W. H. Jennings, Columbus, F. Howell, Zanesville, J. R. C. Brown, Ironton, R. S. Paul, Akron. Andrew Roy, by virtue of his office as President, to be ex-officio member of the Board.

The nominations were unanimously confirmed.

The Institute then adjourned to meet in the Geological Museum of the State University, at 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, the 20th.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The adjourned meeting of the Institute was held in the State University, at 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday, President Roy in the chair.

By invitation of Prof. Edward Orton, the members paid a visit to the different departments of the University and were courteously received by the Professors. The Institute examined with interest the department of the School of Mines, in charge of Prof. N. W. Lord, and were well pleased with the system of instruction. The Geological Museum, containing samples of all the rocky strata of the State, from the Lower Silurian to the upper coal measures was unusually attractive and instructive.

The Institute reassembled in the Hall of the Geological Museum, at 3 o'clock, to hear the address of Prof. Edward Orton, on the "Formation of The Lower Coal Measures." Professor Orton delivered his address without notes, and illustrated it by aid of the State Geological Map, and the geological section of the strata

in the Museum, built up in miniature. The address, which occupied an hour in delivery, was listened to with wrapt attention on the part of the Institute, and at its conclusion an interesting and instructive interchange of views were had between members and the Professor, ni regard to disputed points on the Lower Coal Measures.

Prof. Orton proposed to reduce the lecture to writing, to form part of the papers of the Institute, but owing to his pressing duties on the State Geological Survey, he was unable to get the paper ready in time for publication in this number of *THE OHIO MINING JOURNAL*.

Prof. W. F. Sperr, of the State Geological Survey, addressed the Institute relative to the coals in the Steubenville District.

The Institute then adjourned to meet in Youngstown, on Wednesday, May 9.
