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How Much Sympathy is Due Them?

The employees of the Philadelphia traction company, as workmen who are oppressed by a corporation that pays them small wages and works them long hours, are entitled to sympathy but it is questionable if they deserve all the sympathy they have been getting. They have had the public feeling on their side in their attempt to secure the concession of two dollars for ten hour's labor. Their demand was just, and so generally was its justice recognized by the people of the city that the sympathy for the strikers was almost unanimous. Nearly everybody wanted the strike to succeed.

So favorable a sentiment was due them as working people struggling for a reasonable means of living but was not a large majority of them to a considerable extent responsible for the condition of things that forced them to strike? It is within bounds to say that fifteen out of every twenty of these Philadelphia strikers helped to place the street railway system of that city in the hands of a monopoly that has used its power for their oppression as well as for the practice of extortion upon the general community. So far as they have aided in doing this, so far as that extent they are not entitled to sympathy when they find themselves the victims of this heartless corporation.

As politics run in Philadelphia it is safe to say that fifteen out of twenty of those strikers voted for the Republican councilmen who have sold themselves to the street railway companies and given them such rights and privileges that they can do pretty much as they please, not only with their own men, but with the people of the city generally. The great majority of these same strikers also voted for Republican Legislators who passed the bill by which the street lines were consolidated under the control of the Union traction company that is grinding down the wages of its workmen and has increased the car fare paid by the people; they also voted for the Governor who signed this bill, and no doubt were among the rejoicers over the big majority that Philadelphia gave him.

Such being the fact with most of these strikers, are they entitled to sympathy for an evil which was brought upon them by their own prejudiced political conduct? Can those of them who voted for the jobbing councilmen, the corrupt Legislators, and the unfaithful Governor, by whom this traction monopoly was called into existence, be justified in disturbing the peace, interrupting business and causing the destruction of property by their strike against the oppression of a corporation which they helped to create by their votes? It resolves itself into a question of political responsibility. When men use their suffrage with such effect they should be willing to put up with the consequences. The probability is that their party prejudice and attachment would lead them to do the same thing over again.

The Senate and House at Washington are not doing much these days. They are afraid to do anything lest they should thereby offend the public. What sensitive creatures Republicans are, to be sure.

The Iniquity of a Wool Tariff.

The worst feature of the DINGLEY tariff bill is its attempt to re-impose a duty on wool and to reverse, in that respect, the policy of the WILSON measure that reduces the cost of the people's clothing. If there is anything that particularly makes the Democratic tariff a public blessing it is its provision for cheaper and better clothing, by removing the tariff tax from imported wool. If all else that may be done in this Democratic administration should be removed, and free wool alone retained, it would remain a monument of Democratic beneficence.

What then can be the object of this DINGLEY restoration of the wool tax? Some favored interest must be demanding it, for it is not in line with the people's interest. That it is not for the benefit of the manufacturer is emphatically declared by Mr. JOHN R. KENDRICK, a Philadelphia carpet manufacturer, who is strongly against the DINGLEY tariff, and in an interview in the Washington Post says:

"We make now under free wools some \$10,000,000 worth of carpets a year, and import but \$1,000,000 worth. Does such an industry need 'compensating duties?' Could a wall of fire as against carpets made abroad compensate this colossal and beneficent industry for a deprivation of its raw material?" We are leading the world in carpet, and produce every fabric fit to be walked on, saving only the hand-work of half starved Orientals.

The Dingley bill as to carpets can only result in much higher prices to American consumers, and this will follow the moment his bill becomes a law. It is for the consumer, solely, that I am talking, and Senators who want to see people enjoy carpeted floors should knife this bill and see to it that third-class wools (unknown to our soil) are not blattered with a tax having neither reason nor justice back of its infliction.

Mr. KENDRICK speaks of the benefit of free wool merely in connection with the carpet industry, but there is no manufacture of woolen goods that is not benefited by having a tax taken off the material that is required in its operation. But, above all, free wool is a benefit to the people by reducing the cost of their clothing.

In the celebrated LEBAUDY scandal, that has set all Paris talking, there was a woman. A scandal without a woman would hardly be deemed a scandal now-a-days, but, would you believe it, the woman in this case appears to have been the only party to it who had any honor and while so-called reputable journalists were levying blackmail at the young millionaire this woman strove to protect him in every way possible. There was no "fake" about the honorable way in which she acted either.

New York May Win.

A Strong Bid Made for the Democratic National Convention—Other Cities are Hopeful.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The situation thirty-six hours before the national committee of the Democratic party meets to select a place of meeting is enveloped with uncertainties, although the contest has narrowed down to St. Louis, Chicago and New York, with the question of free silver as a potent factor in the fight. The western men—those from the trans-Mississippi country especially—are bitterly opposed to New York, and some of the number assert that they would not dare return home should they vote to locate the convention on Manhattan Island.

St. Louis would suit many of these gentlemen, although Mr. Thomas, of Colorado, says that he would be equally satisfied with Cincinnati. Others will gladly go to Chicago.

So far not more than a dozen members of the national committee are in the city, including the delegate from the District of Columbia and those in Congress. It is the scarcity of their number, which makes all predictions with reference to the convention futile. If New York does not secure the convention she will make a better showing than she has at any previous committee meeting for years. There are many who believe that success will this time crown her efforts, and this belief seems to rest on a fairly substantial basis so far as present appearances go.

St. Louis is also likely to be well regarded by the members of the committee and the city has more than a fighting chance. Some of the best posted politicians at the Arlington today expressed the belief that the fight will narrow down to New York and St. Louis, but this, after all, is mere guess work in which the wish is largely father to the thought.

The Red Cross Will Not Force Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Miss Clara Barton, president of the American National Red Cross society, after consideration of the emanations from the Turkish government, through its legation here, said to a representative of the United Press this evening that the Red Cross is aggressive in the matter, and intended to act, in spite of authority or co-operation, is entirely incorrect, and that any statements conveying that meaning, in the slightest degree, is not official and has not been made nor suggested even in spirit by any officer or member of the Red Cross.

A Prominent Dunkard Dead.

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 14.—Elder William Howe, one of the most prominent ministers of the Dunkard brethren in Central Pennsylvania, died at his home in Maitland, last night, aged over 70 years.

What Was Done at Argument Court Last Week.

The following is a digest of the cases disposed of at argument court, held in this place, last week by judges Barker, of Cambria county, and Love, School Dist. of Taylor township vs. Vinton Beckwith, Andrew Weaver and Thomas Merryman. Settled.

Appeal of H. Y. Slitzer from amount of triennial assessment. Appeal dismissed at cost of county. Appeal dismissed, Geo. Cowher. Disputed as to whom should receive the \$20 reward for detecting the horse thief at Unionville. Awarded to Policeman Keller, of Lock Haven.

Petition to vacate a road in Bogge township, near the Advent church. Confirmed absolutely.

Sanford Newman vs. Thomas Merryman, dispute about the payment of costs. Plaintiffs to pay costs of appeal from justice.

Com. vs. Burdine Butler. Appeal from the judgment before a justice Appeal dismissed.

Daniel Baney vs. Geo. Sheasley. Rule on defendant for a new trial. Discharged.

S. R. Pringle vs. Cowher. Rule on defendant for a new trial. Discharged. J. A. Lukens vs. Cowher. Rule on plaintiff for a new trial. Discharged.

Petition for a new road from Hublersburg to R. R. Station. Rule on petition to show cause why reports should not be referred back to reviewers. Discharged and review confirmed.

J. R. McClellan's ex. vs. Melinda Fye. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Discharged.

F. F. Coudrick vs. John W. Ward. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Discharged.

Centre Hall Implement Works vs. John Snavely. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why a credit of \$62.56 should not be entered. Discharged.

Geo. Rhymestone vs. J. H. Reitsnyder. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Rule absolute.

C. H. Murray, Esq., appointed to hear and determine upon exceptions filed to account of assignees, in estate of W. Meyer.

Com. vs. Boyd Stonerode. Rule on County Comms. to show cause why petitioner, E. Hugg, should not be relieved from paying any costs. Rule absolute, and verdict imposing one-half the costs on the prosecutor is set aside.

S. D. Gettig, Esq., appointed auditor in assigned estate of W. L. Goodhart.—Ex.

To the Golden Gate.

Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Undoubtedly California offers more genuine attractions to the pleasure-traveling public than any other part of the American continent. The fame of its climate is world wide, and it is sought after by Europeans, who find it more charming than their own southern slopes. To Americans its worth is too well known to necessitate a description of the many advantages to be enjoyed.

Personally-conducted tours via Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia February 12 and March 11, 1896. In addition to the many other points of interest visited on the first tour a stop will be made at New Orleans for the Mardi-Gras festivities, and four weeks will be allowed in California. On the second tour four and one-half weeks will be allowed in California.

An addition to the magnificent train, heretofore used for these tours, is a thorough Pullman compartment car.

The car, which will be the very best that the Pullman company can supply, will contain nine enclosed compartments—two drawing rooms and seven rooms—and will be attached to the special train at Jersey City and run through to San Diego, Cal., on the first tour, and San Francisco on the second.

This will be the first car of its kind to be run on a trans-continental train, and that it will be thoroughly appreciated by participants in the tours is evidenced by the fact that already several of the compartments have been reserved.

Applications for space or itineraries giving full information should be made to tourist agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or room 411, Broad street station, Philadelphia.

Another Tyrone Suicide.

William Stewart, a Prominent Shoe Dealer, Takes His Own Life.

Tyrone was again thrown into a state of excitement Monday afternoon occasioned by the suicide of William Burd Stewart, a leading shoe merchant of that place, who took his life by shooting himself in the forehead. The act was committed in the Elks' parlor and happened between noon and 3 o'clock. Nothing was known of it until several members of that order went to the rooms to make some repairs about 3 o'clock and discovered him in a chair, dead, with the revolver clinched in his right hand. The coroner's jury accounts for the rash act on the ground that he was mentally aberrated, the result of disease or impaired constitution, caused from pulmonary troubles. He was aged 47 years, and had lived in Tyrone for 25 years, most of which time he has carried on the retail shoe business, and has been very successful, amassing considerable property. He was highly esteemed and his tragic end is deplored. Surviving him are one daughter and two sons, and one brother and one sister.

If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the place to have it done.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A panther is reported to have killed a 50lb pig for E. S. Auman, of Centre Mills.

The musical convention at Boalsburg last week netted a good round sum. It was a great success.

Miss Virgie Leathers, of Walker, and Wm. C. Trenkle, of Kane, were married at the Ward house, in Tyrone, on Monday, by Rev. Wilcox.

A new blast furnace is to be located at Panzsutawney. The town gave forty acres of ground and \$12,000 in cash to secure the enterprise.

CENTRE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE, No. 13.—Will meet in the hall of Bald Eagle grange, Milesburg, on Tuesday, Jan. 21st, 1896, at 10 a. m.

Harry Jackson has been deputized by sheriff Condo to take charge of the Coal Exchange hotel, at Philipsburg, until the sale is made on Feb. 1st.

Work on the new Reformed church at Centre Hall has been suspended until the warmer weather of spring-time makes it more comfortable for builders.

In every instance when sale bills have been printed at this office and an advertisement was given in the WATCHMAN the sales have been largely attended and large paying.

A very interesting session of local teacher's institute was held in Unionville, on Friday and Saturday. The district is known as No. 5, and there were twenty-eight teachers present besides Sup't. C. L. Gramley and E. J. Wolf.

The young people of this place are enjoying the fine skating on the Garbrick and Tate ice pond at Coleville. That firm having filled their large ice house have graciously opened the pond to the enjoyment of the public.

It has been a long time since Henry and his minstrel aggregation has visited Bellefonte. In fact so long that no one will be able to recognize the modest though excellent little show of years ago in the colossal minstrels of today. There are fifty artists in the company and you should not miss seeing them.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Central railroad of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on Monday, the following officers were elected: President, Walter L. Ross; vice president, Charles W. Wilhelm; secretary and treasurer, William J. McHugh; directors, Edward L. Welsh, Charles O. Kruger, C. M. Clement and Robert Valentine.

The Snoe Shoe News is the name of a new four page launch on the journalistic sea in Centre county. H. N. Minigh is the editor and publisher and the paper is issued in the interest of Methodism in that vicinity. It contains information about the church and its work that will make it very acceptable to Methodists and others out there. The editor announces that its appearance will be occasional.

The North American Philadelphia, Dec. 31st says: "Hi-Henry's colossal minstrels" began an engagement last night at the Grand opera house. All minstrels are pretty much alike, but this entertainment presents itself on rather an elaborate scale.

There are a score or more of performers, among whom are featured Mr. Hi Henry, celebrated cornet virtuoso; Mr. Arthur Deming, a comedian of ability and resource; Mr. Frank McNish, an original "silence and fun" man; Joseph Williams, the boy soprano; the Crawford Brothers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, G. W. Rumberger, during the past week:

Roy Flagal and Maggie Cowher, both of Philipsburg. John R. Tate, of Spring township, and Minerva A. Stover, of College township.

John Sharer, of Potter township, and Jennie Wetzel, of Aaronsburg. Mike Bille and Yulo Leso, both of Clarence.

Martin B. Garman and E. Grace Lukenbach, both of Bellefonte.

The West Branch medical society, embracing the physicians of Clinton, Clearfield, Centre, Cameron, Northumberland, Elk, Union and Lycoming counties, met at the Fallon House, Lock Haven, on Tuesday afternoon, and were entertained by the program published in our issue of Jan. 3rd. Among the physicians from this county who were there were Dr. A. Hibler and Dr. Thos. Tobin, Bellefonte; Dr. Andrews, Philipsburg, and Dr. J. Y. Dale, Lenont. The principal instructors at the meeting were doctors F. P. Bser and Judson Deland, of Philadelphia. The latter gave an illustrated lecture on instruments of precision in disturbances or changes of the blood. Dr. Dale was elected treasurer of the society.

County-treasurer John Q. Miles was surprised last Friday night when a whole host of his friends dropped in to surprise him at his comfortable Willow-bank street home. The genial John and the members of his hospitable family are entertainers of great reputation and the surprise party was an enjoyable success, of course.

A WONDERFUL GUN.—Postmaster Andrew Harter, of Coburn, recently presented his son, Dr. G. A. Harter, of Maytown, Lancaster county, with a flint lock rifle that is 116 years old. The gun was once the property of Melcher Schreckengast, of Sugarvalley and with it 167 deer, 76 bear and 1 panther have been killed. We don't vouch for the accuracy of this record but it is reported to be true.

THE GREATEST FREIGHT RECORD OF THE B. E. V. RAILROAD.—During last week 105 more loaded cars were moved eastward over the Bald Eagle valley railroad than during any other week since the building of the road. In all 2668 loaded cars and 70 empties passed eastward over the line, almost double the number of the previous week which had been very near up to the average of traffic for the road.

THIS IS THE BIG SHOW THAT EVERYBODY GOES TO SEE.—The renowned and ever popular Hi Henry's minstrels of 40 popular artists, among whom are Arthur Deming, Frank E. McNish, J. Marcus Doyle, Master Edward Percy, Larry Mack and the marvelous Rexfords, will appear at Gorman's on Monday, June 20, and no amusement attraction for a long time comes better endorsed by press and public. Their programs and bills present features second to none in minstrel annals.

FOSTER'S WEATHER PREDICTIONS.—My last bulletin gave the forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 14th to the 18th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 18th, cross the west of Rockies country the close of the 19th, great central valleys 20th and eastern States 23rd. This will bring severe weather, accompanied by a large amount of rain or snow, and followed by one of the coldest waves of the winter. The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 18th, great central valleys by the 20th and the eastern States by the 22nd. The cold wave will cross the west of Rockies country by the 21st, great central valley by the 23rd and the eastern States by the 25th.

GROWING IN PROSPERITY.—The Atlantic City, N. J. Sunday Gazette devoted a front page column, in its issue of the 22nd ult. to a sketch of Harry C. Boney, president of the Atlantic roofing company of that city. Everyone in Bellefonte will remember the gentleman alluded to and many of our readers throughout the county will recall him as having been in business here not so long ago.

The old adage "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country" seems particularly applicable to his case as it has been to that of so many young men who have left Bellefonte to meet with extraordinary success in other fields. The Gazette published a very good picture of him and described the remarkable energy that has raised him from a laborer at roof painting in that city to the presidency of what is now one of the largest and best paying business enterprises at the shore. Anyone who has been to a sea-side resort will realize what an essential thing paint is there and many of the cottages receive new coats every year, but not content with that one branch Mr. Boney added to his business until it included all sorts of roofing materials. "Boney the roofer," as they call him, is a well known man in Atlantic city and it is reported that a number of his real estate speculations have lately turned out decidedly profitable.

We are glad to hear such a report of a former townsman and hope his prosperity will continue.

Port Matilda Pointers.

Mrs. Catharine Johnson, a widow of this place, is very ill and little hope for her recovery is entertained.

From present indications, unless the differences between some of our people are fixed up, our town will be well represented at the next term of court.

The time for the spring election is drawing near and prospective candidates, hereabouts, are beginning to set up their pins for the particular offices to which they aspire.

Mr. Frank Jones, who is employed by the Cambria iron company at Johnstown, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. E. K. Williams, in this place, returning to Johnstown on Monday.

Miss Keziah Denning, of this place, who has been seriously afflicted for quite a long time, has gone to Howard hospital, Philadelphia, for treatment and we are sorry to announce that the latest news reported her quite poorly.

Deputy sheriff Weaver was in our town, last Monday, on official business. He was observed walking along the street with a rope halter in his hand by which he was leading a horse, but as he was traveling by rail he left the animal in charge of another party.

We are still having some severe cold weather, but the absence of snow is a great disappointment. One of our young men remarked the other day that he was ready for snow because he has a brand new spider ready to take his best girl a ride!

Will, you had better put your spider under lock and key or you won't have it when the snow comes.

Last Saturday evening gang of telephone line-men arrived in our village and on Sunday morning two of the men went out to the line that passes through our main thoroughfare and one put on his clippers and went up the pole while the other handed him wire when asked if such work on the Sabbath day was a necessity one of our officers of the law, whose oath of office obligates him to try to keep the Sabbath day from desecration, received the reply that it was none of his "business." Whether it was or not, the officer went home while the workmen gathered up their tools and left for the hotel. Should the same party go over this route again and use such abusive language they might have to regret it. "The word to the wise is sufficient."

Pine Grove Menton.

The venerable Isaac Merryman is convalescing from an attack of grip.

Mrs. Charlotte, wife of J. M. Kepler, is visiting friends in Tyrone and Bellwood this week.

Mrs. Mary McCauley is looking after her business interests at Petersburg and Huntingdon.

Mine host Decker, of the St. Elmo, took in another boarder last Saturday morning. It's a girl.

The oldest veteran of this section, Gabriel Lucas, is convalescing slowly from bronchial troubles, with which he was quite low last week.

Mrs. King, wife of the late Rev. King, with her son Norman, are spending the winter months at their parental home, Jos. Ward's, on Main street.

The clouds of war have about disappeared, but our old Harper's Ferry market is still primed, and we, be to the moonlight hunter who prowls about our shanty.

Our veteran friend, S. G. Tyson, has established his rifle hall in a quiet neighborhood where he can enjoy the pleasures of a bachelor's life without fear or favor.

The caucus to nominate township officers will be held at the Centre school house, on Saturday, the 23th inst, at one o'clock, p. m. A full turn out of Democrats is requested.

H. F. Myers, proprietor of the Alexandria carriage shops, tarried awhile in our town to greet his old time acquaintances, while on his way to his nephew's funeral at Boalsburg.

Our big agricultural friend, Frank Bowersox, is this week interviewing his Penns valley friends with a view of getting up the delegates who will inaugurate him with the county cash after the next campaign. In this we hope he will succeed.

Mr. Curt Musser, of Altoona, and Mrs. J. H. Ross, of Linden Hall, were summoned to the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Eliza Musser, several days ago. She was seriously ill with a partial paralytic stroke, but a slight improvement in her condition is now reported by her attending physician, Dr. Woods.

J. O. U. A. MORGAN.—The following is a list of officers installed, last Saturday evening, for the ensuing term for Tussy council, No. 515. Counselor, J. C. Ward; vice counselor, F. B. Krebs; recording secretary, W. B. Ward; assistant secretary, J. E. Crommiller; financial secretary, J. L. Murphy; treasurer, J. A. Decker; conductor, J. A. Wright; wardens, Wm. Seigle; inside secretary, J. E. McClanahan; outside secretary, J. T. McClanahan; trustees, C. H. Marts, J. R. Smith, F. B. Krebs; chaplain, Wm. Eekley; representative to state convocation, J. R. Smith; alternate, J. M. Kepler. This organization is in elegant condition, having been organized a little over a year, and has some sixty members with two hundred dollars in the treasury.

As was previously announced Rev. Guyer preached to the organization in the M. E. church last Sunday p. m., and had a packed house.

A SAD DEATH.—On Thursday morning of this week the relatives of John P. Myer received notice of his death.

His illness for several weeks had been a source of alarm to his attending physicians, Drs. Dale and Reeling, and we are again reminded while in the midst of life we are in death, which is doubly sad when it lays its blighting hand on one at such a promising period in life as was John Myer when the bloom faded and the spirit took its flight to Him who gave it. He was a Sophomore at Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, where he was loved and respected by the faculty and his school mates, among whom he was laying a good foundation for a thorough education, being possessed of a clear mind, polished manners and superior talents. He had a magnificent start towards a life in the ministry to which he was aiming. Early in his life he connected himself with the Reformed church, so it can be said he was reared in the faith. This is a comfort to his grief-stricken parents, to know that he was faithful where the Lord had placed him. He died at the home of his parents Wesley and Lizzie Myers, in Boalsburg where he was spending his holiday vacation with the family, when he was blighted with erysipelas, coupled with rheumatism and heart trouble.

Aged 22 years, 9 months and 28 days. Interment was made at 10 o'clock on the 15th inst in the Boalsburg cemetery and was largely attended. Rev. A. A. Black conducted the services, taking for his text, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Rev. Isenberg paid a tribute to the young student who had the confidence and respect of the entire school and faculty. Dr. J. S. Stahl, D. D., Pres. of Franklin and Marshall college, substantiated the remarks already made and added more impressiveness, so that the most doubtful was led to pause and think. The remains rested at the pulpit in the Reform church and bedecked with exquisite floral offerings, part as the gift of his classmates and part by the C. E. society. The organist Prof. Meyers rendered touching music, especially the anthem, "Touching his Praises." After the services the entire audience filed past the remains to drop a tear of sympathy, when the body was taken in charge by his classmates, viz.: C. S. Lemback, G. W. Stine, G. V. Reichen, S. V. Hosterman, J. R. Apodyk, H. R. Korlner, J. H. Keller. We laid the body beneath the clouds of the valley forever, but not dead. Dr. J. S. Stahl pronounced the benediction and the impressive service was over.