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AWAIT RESULTS.

Let the Coal Commission Decide—Don't Judge Without Knowing Conditions. Since the coal strike began many persons with no special knowledge of the coal mining business have assumed to decide off-hand the questions in dispute between the operators and miners which a commission appointed by the President has undertaken to solve, and which will require more painstaking investigation than any other set of men not actually engaged in the coal business have given or are likely ever to give to the subject.

For an outsider to attempt to decide whether the operators' claim that the present wages and hours of labor of the coal miners are just and fair is an impertinence, just as it is for such a person to say with positiveness that the miners demand for twenty per cent. increase in wages and an eight-hour day is unjust and unfair. These are questions that those not engaged in coal mining have not the necessary knowledge to decide and therefore have no right to assume to pass judgment on.

The question, however, whether any labor organization shall be permitted to prevent any man from working because he does not belong to the union, goes to the very foundation principles of our government. Such a claim is of the very essence of the most odious and intolerable tyranny at which public sentiment instantly revolts. The constitution guarantees to every man peace, safety and happiness, and this guarantee is violated whenever any man, no matter how humble he may be, is prevented by violence or threats of violence from accepting any honorable employment for the support of himself and his family. To this extent the contention of mine operators is right and will be sustained by the whole power of the State and Nation so long as our government is worthy the support of freemen. When that right cannot be maintained we are sunk to the condition of despotism and anarchy.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

Grand Master Aaron Jones Presides—National Legislation Demanded.

The National Grange opened its sessions in Lansing, Michigan, Thursday of last week, and continued in session through this week. Grand Master Aaron Jones presided. Twenty-six states are represented by delegates.

The following recommendations in the line of national legislation were made: The extension of free rural mail delivery so as to place it on a par with the delivery in cities; postal savings banks; election of United States Senators by the people; a constitutional amendment giving Congress power to regulate and control trusts and other combinations; enlargement of the powers of Inter-State Commerce Commission; regulation of the use of shoddy; pure food laws; provision for the extension of markets for products equally with manufactured articles; enactment of an anti-trust law clearly defining what acts on the part of any corporation would be detrimental to public welfare; speedy construction of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States; speedy construction of a ship canal connecting the Mississippi River with the great lakes and the latter with the Atlantic Ocean.

From the Sugar Valley Journal.

John Bower was quite ill with colic of the hips last week. Monday evening Dr. Bickell reported him much improved.

A crippled hand disables Adam Stably so that he cannot work. Two fingers are smashed, having gotten in contact with a planer on Barber's saw mill.

Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, who in 1871 practiced his profession at Nittany Hall, later at Flemington and Lock Haven, leaving the latter place in 1887, died in Wilmington, Delaware, a few days ago.

October 30 a sneak-thief stole Mrs. Kline Heckman's purse containing \$17, while she was attending a birthday party at the Logan House. She had placed it in one of the kitchen cupboards.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Lulu Conser, daughter of undertaker C. W. Conser, to Harry Herr, proprietor of the N. Y. Clothing Store. The marriage ceremony will take place at the bride's home Thanksgiving evening. Guests to the number of fifty are being invited.

Big game, especially bears, are said to be plenty out in the vicinity of Daniel Mark's boarding camp on Kulp's lumber job. The woodsmen feed and treat them as pets. They are not afraid to come up close to the camp either. A few days ago one of the denizens of the forest had the spunk to sneak up to one of the prop choppers and "pinch his heel." The excited woodsman returned the compliment by chopping one of its ears off with his sharp axe.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Drayman McClenahan Narrowly Escapes Being Buried Alive.

Wm. McClenahan, the drayman, last week narrowly escaped death by being buried alive in a gravel pit above town. As is his custom Will endeavored to take advantage of opportunities to lessen labor and shorten the time it takes to do a piece of work. With this end in view he backed the rear end of his wagon into the gravel pit, the top of which was only a few feet higher than the wagon box, and gently tapped the convex ceiling of the pit with a pick. Each stroke brought a reasonable return of earth and gravel. In this manner the rear portion of the wagon box was filled and then shoveled to the front end. The wagon was about half filled, when for some reason the workman had occasion to pass around the rear end of the wagon, and no sooner had he emerged from the cavern than on his very heels tons of earth dropped, completely covering almost the heavy load on the rear of the wagon box caused the front end to rise high enough to strike the bank and, of course, empty its contents on the wick. Had the drayman been a minute later in leaving the pit he would have been crushed to death under the heavy pressure of earth. His position on the wagon was no less perilous, for had he been there when the cave-in occurred there would have been a crunching of bones and a dead, dead, dead, William McClenahan.

Providence.

"The Land of Manatee."

Three beautiful booklets descriptive of an interesting and delightful region on the West Coast of Florida, below the frost line. For copies, free, call on agents of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, or address C. B. Ryan, General Passenger Agent, Portsmouth, Va.

LOCALS.

The honey bees were as busy last week as though it were June.

The Cummings Brothers, of near Linden Hall, unloaded a new engine at the station Wednesday.

D. K. Geiss, of this place, for several days last week visited his son, D. Wagner Geiss, in Bellefonte.

Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk and Mrs. W. P. Shoop were in Bellefonte for several days, the guests of friends.

The boy who reads will feel sorrow over the death of George Alfred Henty. He had produced more than 70 books for juveniles.

One of the results of the mixup in the last election in Columbia county is a board composed of three Democratic county commissioners.

Wm. Bitner, of Tusseyville, was at the station Saturday to meet Mrs. Bitner, who returned from a visit to friends in Union county.

A Christmas exercise will be given in the Lutheran church, Saturday evening, December 20, in which the participants for the greater part will be children.

W. J. Mitterling Tuesday morning shipped another car load of milk cows. Butter is worth twenty-five cents per pound, which makes the cow a favorite animal on the farm.

The Creamery plant of D. R. Wilson, formerly of Howard, and a partner, of Philadelphia, located at Lewisburg, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The firm was not in any way connected with the Howard Creamery Corporation.

The third Quarterly Conference of the M. E. church will be held at Spring Mills this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. J. E. Bell, of Altoona, will preach at Sprucetown M. E. church in the evening at 7:00 o'clock, and administer communion.

E. G. Phillips, of Bellwood, representing A. R. Giboney, manufacturer of woolen goods, made a tour through Penns Valley beginning of this week. He is a young man of pleasant address, and one who should make "the road" a success. He also carries a kodak with him with which to take all striking views.

Jacob Rhone, of Allegheny; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mason, and Mrs. Alice Hickson, of Granville, Iowa, are guests of Hon. and Mrs. L. Rhone, in this place. Mr. Rhone is a brother and the ladies sisters of Hon. L. Rhone, and are east to comfort their sister, Mrs. Wm. Dale, of Pleasant Gap, who has been seriously ill for some time.

Dr. and Mrs. George Lee, of this place, last week entertained Rev. J. E. Berkheimer, of Weldbank, Warren county, who is serving a Free Methodist congregation at that point, and Mrs. Stephen Meyer, of Millheim, the former a cousin and the latter a sister of Mrs. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. William Goodhart of Penns Cave, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Vira, Mifflin county, also enjoyed the hospitality of Dr. Lee.

FROM ILLINOIS.

Two Crops of Apples and Strawberries Harvested This Season.

J. M. Stiffler, of Freeport, Illinois, takes occasion to inform the Reporter readers of conditions in his state. Mr. Stiffler is well known in this valley, having spent his boyhood along Sinking Creek. He says:

"We are having ideal autumn weather with plenty of rain thrown in. Sunday the 9th the temperature registered close to 70° while the days following to date are very summer like. On the 7th inst. we had our first real killing frost. We had some light local frosts very early in the season, which damaged corn in some localities, but in most localities tender plants have stood, unharmed by cold, up to recent date. The observer will notice fields of second crop oats and barley, three feet high, almost ready for a second harvest, in all directions around Freeport, while nearly all fruit-men are now picking and marketing a second crop of strawberries, for which they receive the modest sum of 75 cents per quart.

"The writer had several apple trees which bore two crops this season. The trees referred to are of the yellow transparent variety. Some of these second crop measured 2½ inches in diameter and were perfect in respect to flavor.

"Our corn crop is pretty well harvested. The yield and quality is not as good as was expected earlier in the season. The cool, wet weather in August checked the growth to the extent that a very small per cent. of it can be classed as good, or fully developed. Much of it being soft, shrunken, or not filled at the tip; considerable, too, was blown down and damaged by the rains. Potatoes yielded well. There was some complaint of rot in places. They sold at 40 and 45 cents per bushel, by the load. Nearly everything in the living line is to be had at reasonable figures except pork and fuel. We might eliminate pork, but we can hardly think of staying the blasts of winter with the plea that coal is too high in price to buy and scarce besides. Many, no doubt, will resurrect the old chunk stove and go back to original principles and toast their shins by the glow of wood fires. We all know that Nature is precise in evening up matters,—that extremes of opposite character follow one another. Reasoning thus, we can expect a warm winter to follow this cool summer.

"Our markets are glutted with fruits of all kinds. Apples are very plentiful. Fairly good winter varieties can be had for 50 cents per bushel. Poultry and eggs are high. Dressed chickens bring 15 cts. per pound. Eggs 27 cts. per doz. Turkeys are roosting so high that only those with congested purses will be able to enjoy the luxury of the Thanksgiving bird.

"Vacation is the fad in our community at present. Quite a number in the city have contracted small-pox in a mild form. Our board of health has the disease pretty well under control at present. All school children had to be vaccinated.

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LOCALS.

Don't fail to hear Miss Grace Reznor Barber at the Presbyterian church Saturday evening. Come early and secure a good seat.

General Chaffee just returned from command in the Philippines says it may take a hundred years to make the Filipinos a peaceful, civilized nation.

Three boys are known to have taken the cemetery gate from its fastenings. The cemetery trustees ask the Reporter to say that unless the gate is promptly returned, the unexpected may happen. The proposition is fair.

James Stahl, west of town, was taken violently ill Friday night, having had a hemorrhage of the stomach. His condition at present is much improved, although greatly weakened from the attack.

A rare treat is offered to the readers by the Presbyterian Y. P. S. C. E. in the recital of Miss Barber. She has never appeared in Centre Hall before but she comes well recommended. The admission fee is small so that every one can come and bring the children.

The editor of the Reporter and his family are indebted to Station Master W. F. Bradford for a choice roast of venison cut from the fine deer killed by Mr. Bradford while on a recent hunting expedition in the Seven Mountains. It is worth a deer's life to come within gunshot of Bradford, who kills just for the "fun of it."

Miss Grace Kreamer, of Conneaut, Ohio, was the guest of W. H. Meyer over Sunday. Miss Kreamer is the daughter of W. H. Kreamer, who some years ago was station agent at Coburn and at present holds a similar position in the Ohio town mentioned. The young lady this week is stopping with Station Agent George R. Stover and other friends at Coburn.

MR. GILLILAND CANNED.

"The Regulars" Remember their Old Comrade—No Need of a Rabbit's Foot.

J. M. Gilliland, of New Bloomfield, on last Tuesday evening was the recipient of a present very highly prized by him. In recognition of Mr. Gilliland being the oldest member of the hunting club, known as the Regulars; in age as well as in actual experience, the club presented him with a cane made by one of its members, the worlds renowned fiddle builder, Rev. W. W. Rhodes, of Idaville, Pa. The cane is made of two hundred and thirty-two pieces of wood. Some of the wood comes from South Africa and Brazil. The main part of the stem is white oak, cut from the camp ground, where the club has camped for a number of years, the head being made from a laurel root, procured at the spring that furnished the water for camp use. The head of the cane represents the head of an animal so indispensable to deer hunting in former years—the dog. The cane is a marvel of beauty and workmanship. Rev. Rhoads spent parts of five years in making the cane, some of the work being done in camp on wet days and in the evenings. The cane in coaching Mr. Gilliland in his declining years, will bring many recollections to him not mentioned in his history of the club he wrote a few years ago, which if printed and put up in book form would fill volumes; volumes that would cure the worst case of dyspepsia by reading them. "They would make you laugh, they would make you cry, they would sweep the cobwebs from the sky.

Creed Revision Winning.

Information has been received in Pittsburg that one hundred and ten of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian church have voted in favor of the revision of the creed.

This is almost one-half of the total number of Presbyteries. It will require but fifty more to put the plan through.

LOCALS.

The question: are you done husking corn?

Thanksgiving supper in Grange Arcadia from 6 to 10 o'clock—chicken, waffles, oysters, ice cream, cake.

E. M. Huyett, of Bellefonte, was in town Monday, looking after the building operations on his farm west of town.

Claude K. Stahl, was home from State College over Sunday on account of the serious illness of his father, James Stahl.

J. C. Dale will make sale of his farm stock and implements Saturday, December 6. Mr. Dale expects to rent the farm on the shares hereafter.

Wm. H. Runkle, proprietor of the Motter House, York, was in town on business the beginning of this week. He was on the hunt of hay and feed.

Andrew Dubbs was in town on business Tuesday in the interest of Messrs. Dubbs and Pecht, who on Friday night will give a phonograph entertainment at Linden Hall.

Jacob Gentzell, who recently purchased the Andrew Zerby property, directly opposite Zerby Station, expects to remodel the dwelling house and make other improvements.

M. B. Duck, of near Spring Mills, will quit the farm in the spring, make sale of his entire farm stock and implements, and become a resident of Spring Mills. See sale register.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Reformed church at 10:00 a. m. Rev. Schuyler will deliver the sermon. These services should be attended more generally, by young and old.

Howard Schnure, of Selingsgrove, caught a salmon in the Juniata river that measured 28½ inches and weighed eight pounds. This is said to be the largest salmon ever caught in the Juniata.

Miss Carrie Lingle, of Cherokee, Iowa, after spending several months with Grandma Lingle and other relatives in and near Centre Hall, will go to Altoona Saturday where she will visit relatives.

Dr. J. F. Alexander Friday night of last week had the misfortune to fall the full length of the cellar steps at his home. He was considerably bruised and shaken up, but after two days' rest in bed he is about again as usual.

Messrs. John F. and D. H. Hagen, of Farmers Mills, Monday began the erection of the large manure shed on the farm of E. M. Huyett, west of Centre Hall. The main barn will also be re-roofed and other minor improvements made.

Jacob Musser, who recently bought the Michael Tibbens farm, near the Murray school house, contemplates building a new dwelling house, remodeling his barn, building a manure shed, and outbuildings, next summer. The Hagens will do the carpenter work.

DEATHS.

SAMUEL W. COWHER.

The sudden death of Samuel W. Cowher took place last week at the home of Robert Thompson, where he was assisting in butchering. He suffered intense pain in the head, and within an hour death came.

CHARLES SHIRK.

The death of Charles Shirk occurred Sunday evening at six o'clock after an illness of about six weeks with typhoid fever. His age was nine years.

Interment took place Wednesday at Sprucetown, Rev. J. F. Shultz officiating.

The deceased was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shirk, of Boalsburg, at whose home the death took place. He was a young man of fine physique, weighing fully two hundred pounds. Last spring he met with an accident while driving a team which resulted in a broken leg. The fracture was nursed, and in time the young man was able to walk about by the use of a cane, and anxiously awaited the time when that wooden support could be cast aside. That fond hope was never realized, for before that time arrived he was stricken with disease which resulted as noted above.

ANNA MARY CATHARINE BREON.

Anna Mary Catharine Breon, widow of Peter Breon, died Saturday morning, after an illness of some weeks, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Floray, in this place. She was born August 25, 1825. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. J. M. Reaick, of the Lutheran church, officiating. The deceased was a member of the cemetery in Centre Hall, by the side of her husband, who was laid to rest in 1897.

The deceased was a Christian woman, and a regular attendant of the church of her choice. She was a daughter of John Ripka, of Gregg township, one of a family of ten children, six of whom survive her. They are: Benjamin, Jacob and William, Mrs. Samuel Musser and Mrs. Daniel Weaver, all of Spring Mills; and George, of Dakota. The dead are Charles and Betsy, Potters Mills; Peter and John, of Pine Grove Mills. The last named was a twin brother of the deceased, and his death occurred on the third instant.

The subject of this sketch was the second wife of Peter Breon, and she was the mother of five children, Howard, the eldest is dead. The living are: Perry, east of Centre Hall; Levina, wife of Wm. Floray; Savilla, wife of R. D. Foreman; Selesta, wife of H. G. Strohmeier, all of Centre Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Breon first lived in Georges Valley, later at Centre Hill, Tusseyville, then on the Coburn farm east of Centre Hall, and after the death of her husband, the deceased divided her time between her children.

LOCALS.

Clay W. Reesman Monday morning went to Du Bois where he will work in a printing office.

George O. Benner, of the Star Store, advertises a number of specialties this week in another column.

The recent rain was very beneficial to the wheat plants. Good ground the growth was turning yellow.

The Evangelical Christians began a series of meetings at Boal's Gap, above Colyer. Rev. Horner is the pastor.

Simon Greninger was smitten low with palsy on Monday. Dr. Wykoff, his physician, has little hope for his recovery.

The advertisement of S. M. Campbell, Millheim, furniture dealer and undertaker, appears in this issue of the Reporter. Mr. Campbell is sparring for trade up this way.

There seems to be no limit to the apple crop. The Evaporator company is shipping daily either in car or local lots. Large quantities have been shipped from all points along the L. and T. R. R.

The Reformed church at Lock Haven is being frescoed. The entire work will be hand work in oil of artistic and pleasing design. Recesses and ceiling will be frescoed on canvas, the most desirable of artistic work.

The postoffice at Falls Creek, Clearfield county, was burglarized Wednesday night of last week, this being the fourth time that it was robbed. The burglars secured \$100.00 in cash, stamps and registered letters, in all about \$300.00.

Hon. W. J. Kepler is entertaining a number of Bellefonte sportsmen at his hunting camp at Scholl's Gap, south of Pine Grove Mills. The Senior Kepler owns a large tract of Mountain land in that section, and has a well equipped camp. The hunters will, no doubt, have a delightful time, and the game a peck of trouble to keep from being bagged.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Foreman & Smith received their first car load of anthracite coal Thursday of last week.

W. W. Bible and daughter, of Bellefonte, were among friends on the south side over Sunday.

Read Garman's new advertisement. They offer special inducement to clean up stock for the holiday trade.

Company B, N. G. P., Friday evening of last week gave a supper in honor of their captain, Sheriff-elect H. S. Taylor. The boys justly honored him.

Mrs. Irvin V. Musser Saturday went to Beaver Falls, Pa., where she will join her husband, Mr. Musser having secured employment at that place with a large bakery.

A quiet but pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Witmer, of Fillmore, last week, when their daughter Elizabeth, became the wife of James Lutz.

Another lot of attachments against employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Altoona is on file, bringing the total up to 1330. The wages now held up represent a fortune.

J. A. Fortney and George Williams, of Boalsburg, were callers one evening last week. They are plasterers by trade and have just completed the new dwelling house of Samuel Durst, of Earlstown.

The Bridge over Penns Creek, below Coburn, to be erected by the Penn Bridge Company, of Pittsburg, will cost a trifle over \$1000. The length of the bridge will be sixty feet and the width fourteen feet.

Charles Stamm, who for the past season has been engaged by James Goodhart on the farm near Centre Hill, Saturday went to Lock Haven, where he will be employed by his brother Ciney Stamm, also a farmer.

The Presbyterian parsonage was painted recently, and presents a fine appearance. The property of this particular church is in the best possible condition, and adds much to the appearance of the community in which it is located.

George Rowe next Spring will move from the Decker farm in Georges Valley to the Meyer farm, owned by Ex-Sheriff Ishler, near Linden Hall. That farm is now occupied by G. W. Gerbrich, who will move to the "small Sparr farm."

E. F. Frain, with McCalmont & Co., Bellefonte, made a business tour through the valley last week in the interest of his employers. Among other things, Mr. Frain was on the search for hay, which, by the way, is commanding a very respectable price at present.

Rev. W. H. Groh, of Carlisle, filled the pulpit in the Reformed church in this place Sunday morning. His former parishioners were delighted to hear him, as was also the younger generation who have become active church workers since Rev. Groh's pastorate.

T. F. Royer and daughter, Miss Rhoda, of Potters Mills, were in town Saturday on business, and called at this office. Mr. Royer had the honor of dividing the five deer killed by the "R. A. M." hunting party of Potters Mills, and states that enough people witnessed the affair to warrant a good sale.

D. E. Bible, of Pottsville, was in the valley for a few days on business. Mr. Bible is associated in a new business venture that is about ready for operation in Pottsville. Reference is made to the S. and B. Knitting Mills in which he is interested. The plant will at first employ about fifty hands, but it is calculated to increase the number of employees by about fifty per cent. within six months.

A three-year-old daughter of Jared and Mary Sowers, of Scotia, was so badly burned last week that she died within a few hours. The child was left alone in the house for a short time, and in some manner her clothing was set on fire. The little one ran from the house into the yard, where the burning clothing was torn from her body by a friend of the family who happened on the scene, but too late to save the child's life.

John Conner and wife, of Radnor, Pa., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keller, east of Centre Hall, for the past week. Mr. Conner is living retired at present after spending an active life as a dealer in cattle and general farming. Many of the Reporter readers will remember Harry Conner, son of Mr. Keller's guests, who made frequent visits to this place when in knee pants. They will also be pleased to note that the young man now occupies a very responsible position in the treasury department of the Pennsylvania railroad company.