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OPPOSING A WAGE OUT.

Clearfield Miners Not Inclined to Accept a 10-cent Reduction.

Trouble is brewing among the soft coal miners of the Clearfield region. The principal shippers from that region over the Beech Creek Railroad have just addressed a letter to their employees stating that their coal has to compete with that shipped from the Punxsatawney fields to the West, and that since lower wages are paid it is urged that the men agree to a reduction to the same basis. The letter further states that if wages are lowered more coal will be mined and more employment given to laborers.

The Clearfield miners will strenuously resist any reduction to the wages paid the Punxsatawney miners, which are 10 cents less a ton. It is reported that an effort will be made by the miners to induce their Punxsatawney brethern to demand an increas of 10 cents rather than themselves submit to a reduction. If the reduction ultimately prevails, it is likely to effect operators in the other soft coal regions, especially that at Cumberland, Ind. For months past Clearfield and Centre county miners have been working under an agreement signed by the operators to pay 50 cents a gross ton as long as the Maryland region operators pay the same.

STARVATION WAGES.

The miners from Ben's Creek, Portage, Lilly and Gallitzin are on a strike against a reduction in wages. Scott & Co's miners, at South Fork, alone, have accepted, and are at work.

The leaders claim that the average wages now are 90 cents a day, and $1 20 is something extraordinary. Many miners are to poverty stricken to go elsewhere.

A conference with the operators will be held at Lilly on the 24th inst., at which representatives of 12,000 miners and cokers will attend.

MORE PROTECTIONISM.

During the presidential camaign P. K. Dederick, an Albany manufacturer of hay presses, etc., endeavored to bulldoze his employee to vote for unjust taxatton and went so far as to send them pay envelopes on which was printed the significant interrogation: "Shall American wages or English wages be paid to our workingmen?"

But a few months have passed since the election, and the same bulldozing monopolist has informed the men of his employ that their wages will be reduced 25 per cent.

The country is full of P. K. Dedericks just now. Their interest in the welfare of the "poor workingman" isn't as warm as it was previous to November 6. When the next campaign comes around, however they may be again expected to shed tears for the wage worker. It's a way they have.

At the special election in Massachusetts, Prohibition was defeated by almost 40,000 majority. It was a wet day for the Temperance people.

WASTE AND THEFT.

SENATOR RUTAN MAKES CHARGES THAT NEED INVESTIGATION.

He Declares His Ability to Show That at Least $250,000 is Misappropriated Annually.

A bomb has been fired into the Republican camp by State Senator John S. Rutan, of Allegheny. He charges waste, theft and extravagance by the present State Administration and certain other officials at Harrisburg. The Senator has chosen to make himself heard through the columns of the Pittsburgh *Dispatch*, and he prefaces his charge by saying that he can show that at least $250,000 of the State's funds are wasted or stolen every year. The Senator is particularly severe on Librarian of the Senate Captain Delaney, of whom he says:

I had collected a mass of testimony to be presented to a Senate investigation committee when I was stricken down I found that Delaney, in 1879, had secured the passage of a clever bill by which he knew who got the contract to supply the House, Senate and department with stationery. Every member is allowed by law $50 for stationery, when, in reality, the man in charge never furnished them with more than from $5 to $10 worth.

Last summer the interior of the Senate was refitted. Delaney furnished the curtains that are supposed to be made of costly material; at least a handsom price was paid for them. On examination I soon learned that the material in place is of inferior quality.

ATTACKING THE GOVERNOR.

The Senator has a rod in pickle for the Governor. He says if sickness had not interfered he would have asked for an investigation of the loss of the Revenue bill two years ago. "I am positive the Governor was responsible for the failure of the bill," he says. "The fact that he discharged his own clerk, who should attended to it, six months after the occurrence indicates that there was something wrong there. It is strange that such an important bill as that should lie on the Governor's table for ten days before it was discovered."

QUEER ABOUT VETOES AND THE REVENUE BILL

Concerning the Governor's veto two years ago of appropriations to charitable institutions, he says:

The secret of the Governor's activity in cutting down the legitimate appropriations to charitable institutions in the State is his great anxiety to pay more of the State debt than Pattison did. The law requires that $250,000 is to be paid on the debt every year; but Beaver has already paid $1,200,000 while the hospitals, etc., have had to suffer. I must say that Governor Pattison was an honest man, and he gave the people a clean administration. He and his private secretary did all the work in his office while Governor Beaver has six clerks attend to it for him.

When Governor Beaver found out that I was hunting up contracts he signed to have $25,000 spent on the Executive Mansion, making a veritable palace out of it, before the money was appropriated for the purpose, he referred to it in his message to head me off, and explained that he had done it thoughtlessly; yet other bills of more importance were vetoed without mercy.

Another evil I would like to see corrected is this thing of spending money to keep up a standing army in the state. Beaver and Hastings are soldier, and there is nothing that tickles their vanity so much as to ride at the head of the Pennsylvania troops at inaugurations and centennials. This state was founded by William Penn, a peaceful man, and we ought to be ashamed of the boast that we have a fine standing army in the state of Pennsylvania alone. Governor Beaver, in two years, has already spent $500,000 on the militia, against $124,000 expended by Governor Pattison. If there is a blowout in any part of the state and a request to have the troops turn out is sent to the governor, the order is issued at once, and the expense is not considered.

It is the correction of such abuses and the extravagant waste of the people's money that I am anxious about.

He reduced the appropriation for the Allegheny Home for Colored Children $2,500; cut off $25,000 for the Allegheny hospital, and, in a similar manner, shaved down the money that should have gone to support insane asylums, hospitals schools, etc., throughout the state. At the same time he gave the State Agricultural College, near Bellefonte [his own school] $112,000. An expert educator told me that boys could be educated in Germany or at Edinburg for less money than the state pays to this school.

USELESS CLERKS ON THE PAY-ROLLS.

The Senator also makes the point that there are too many useless clerks and other attachees being carried on the payrolls of the department. He continues.

But it is surprising how many employees there are about the senate and house, drawing salaries for doing nothing. I find they are particular friends of Senators and members, and in one instance I was sueprised to find that one influential representative, who, I thought was an honest man, had secured his son one of these perfunctory positions, and he was drrwing his pay right along, as large as life, and rendering no work in return for it.

READY FOR A FIGHT.

At the opening of the session I had mapped out my work, and I intended to name a committee, composed of men like Wherry, of Cumberland, Ross, of Bucks county, and some other honest people, to investigate the evils which I have pointed out. I have lived in hopes of becoming well enough to proscecute the work but sickness interfered. These things have been weighing on my mind all winter, and I am anxious to have the Senators and people know them. If I were only well, I would like to be in Harrisburg long enough to have the loss of the Revenue bill investigated; but when I spoke to some of my colleagues about it they said: "Better leave it pass;" but I have no intention. I want these men from the Governor down, investigated. What I have said I am ready to prove at any time before a committee.

LICENSE IN PITTSBURG.

Applicants Refused by the Hundreds by the Court.

The action of Judge White, of the county license court, in making a wholesale reduction in the number of license compared with last year, has caused the liveliest kind of kicking in the entire city of Pittsburg. Many of the leading wholesale and retail houses were knocked out by the court, and one of the largest ale brewers in the country was refused. The wholesalers are most indignant, and are discussing what steps to take. Some want to move to Ohio. The whole number of wholesale and retail license granted in Allegheny county (including Pittsburg) is 254 about one fourth the number granted in 1887 and about one half the number granted last year.

Spring Mills.

SCHOOLS.—Prof. Hosterman has opened a select school and has a large number of students, with several more to come. Miss Ella Mersinger opened a select school for the little folks, which is well patronized.

James N. Runkle, a student of Franklin & Marshall College has returned home for a few months.

The Reformed Sabbath School held an Easter service on last Sabbath evening.

DECORATION.—Memorial Day will be celebrated by the Golden Eagles and the G. A. R. boys of this place. Rev. Hicks a Grand Army man will orate at this place.

FENCE CO.—On Monday of last week the Gregg Fence Co., was organized, and W. H. Bloom was elected President and G. B. Crawford, Secretary and Treasurer. The stock holders are W. H. Bloom, Daniel Runkle, Samuel Ertle, A. G. Burrell, W. A. Krise, G. B. Crawford, Samuel Harter, E. P. Shook, C. J. Finkle and George Krape. They have bought of J. A. Grove, of Indiana, the right to use and sell in Gregg township, his patent stationary and also his patent portable fence. They propose to sell farm rights to such persons as wish to use either of said fences.

Millwrights are busy putting the rolls in our grist mill. Mr. Allison proposes retaining all his burs so as to be able to accommodate those who prefer bur flour as well as those who like roller flour.

PROPS.—Mr. Huyett is cutting the prop timber on the land of W. A. Krise and also on that of Mr. Buffington, both tracts lying on the south side of Brush Mountain.

To Test Petroleum Gas.

The Pennsylvania Paper and Pulp Mill of Lock Haven has decided to test the crude petroleum gas for generating heat under the boilers of their mammoth establishment. Tanks containing the oil have been received and a thorough test will be made of its practicability and economy over coal. It is claimed that it can be manufactured at a comparatively small expense and is superior to natural gas.

"LET US PRAY."

Under this caption the editor of the Chicago *Herald*, in alluding to the President's recent proclamation says: President Harrison asks the people of the United States to fall upon their knees at 9 a. m. April 30 and pray to God. If this is to be a Government in law as well as in practice, there are a number of things that should not be neglected in the nation's orisons.

Let us pray that this government shall not tax one man more unjustly than another.

Let us pray that this government levy no tax that it does not need.

Let us pray that it spend less money in peace than it spent in war.

Let us pray that all men be considered free and equal, and that sons of their fathers wear no haloes about their heads

Let us pray that when men are elected through open and admitted bribery punishment may follow and new elections be held.

Let us pray that means be given the farmer to prosper like the mill owner and means be given the mill-worker to gather a just portion of the rewards of his labor.

Let us pray that small fortunes shall increase and great fortunes shall diminish.

Let us pray that the poor shall not starve, and the unemployed shall not ask for work, finding it not.

Let us pray that men shall be free to come and go, to buy and sell, as it was in days when men were not ranging so rapidly into classes.

Let us pray that the use of machines shall shorten the hours of toil rather than embitter the lot of labor.

Let us pray for continued peace.

President Harrison is a follower of Jesus of Nazareth. Yet can he pray for so many blessings that traverse the McKinley platform?

The National Guardsmen.

A Washington dispatch states, that on recent data, it is estimated that, should there be any occasion for it, there could be gathered in ferty-eight hours at least 75,000 fully equipped soldiers. It is further stated that within a correspondingly short time, for the numbers, at least one million men could be placed in the field, though perhaps not so perfectly equipped. The first hundred thousand would be prepared for immediate operations in the field; for although they would be drawn from the ranks of the people, yet, by previous drilling, life in camp and familiarity with arms, the men would be fully equal to the average of European armies. It is believed tha the Centennial celebration parade in New York will embrace at least 60,000 uniformed militiamen from less than a dozen States, fully officered by a superior class of men—a particular that deserves to be specially noted.

Where to get a Marria e License.

A Huntingdon correspondent wrote to the Harrisburg *Call* as follows: "Can a man of Huntingdon get a marriage license in Huntingdon and come to Harrisburg and marry a Harrisburg girl; or must he get the license in the city and county where the girl lives?"

The license must be procured in the county where the marriage is to take place. The marriage license law provides that "no person within this Commonwealth shall be joined in marriage, until a license shall have been obtained for that purpose, from the clerk of the orphans' court, in the county where the marriage is performed."

Tickets for the Electio..

Secretary Stone will begin sending Constitutional amendment tickets to the commissioners of the various counties this week. Philadelphia will receive over 1,400,000 and Allegheny county, which is next in population, will be 500,000.

Allowance is made in the distribution of tickets for an increase of about ten per cent. of the vote cast at the last presidential election, and prohibitory amendment tickets, are being printed in proportion of three for every voter, requiring about 7,000,000 to supply the entire state.

A Salary

With expenses paid will come handy to anyone who is now out of employment, especially where no previous experience is required to get the position. If you want a position, see advertisement on this page headed, "A chance to make money."

Died at 94.

MRS. Catherine Kreamer, of Milesburg, this county, better known as "Mother Kreamer," died there on Sunday at the great age of 94 years and 16 days. She formerly lived in Millheim.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

HUNGRY REPUBLICANS AFTER THEIR OFFICES.

Colored Men Pushed Aside—The New York Centennial—Inter State Commerce Commission After the Railroads.

The new Republican officials are very prompt in getting sworn in, so as to let their salaries begin. They take their own time about beginning to work. I was forcibly reminded of this when Rrobert P. Porter, editor of the New York *Press* turned up here two days after he was appointed Superintendent of the Census, was sworn in, rushed down caught an afternoon train and returned to his private business in New York city. By the way, Porter is one of the most rabid advocates of a protective tariff, is an Englishman, and is said to have written just as rapidly in favor of free trade until he was bought over by the protectionists. If Mr. Cleveland had appointed an Englishman to as important a position as this all the Republican papers in the country would have been yelping at him and charging him with all sorts of crimes. But then you see it makes a great difference whose ox is gored.

The notorious ex-Congressman Smalls of South Carolina came very near to being the first negro appointed to office by President Harrison, and he may yet be the first. He is an applicant for the position of Collector of customs at Beaufort, South Carolina, and it had been about decided to appoint him when a telegram was received from his State asking that the matter be held up until certain charges against Mr. Smalls could be submitted to the President. If the latter thinks to strengthen his party in the South by appointing such a man as Smalls to office he is sadly misinformed as to the status of public opinion in that section.

Representative Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, is a very fortunate man. He says: "I am not over burdened by office-seekers. The people of my State do not seem to be anxious for much. In my district there has not been a single endeavor to remove even a Postmaster."

All the arrangements have been completed for the trip of the President and Cabinet to New York next Monday, to take part in the Centennial Celebration. They leave here at a very early hour, arriving at Elisabeth, N. J. in time to take breakfast with the Governor of New Jersey. They then go to Elisabethport where they take boats which are to take them over exactly the same rout that George Washington went just one hundred years ago.

For years it has been the custom to consider the four years commissions of Federal officials as beginning from the date of their confirmation. Now, to make vacancies, the Republican Congressman are bringing pressure to bear on President Harrison to have an order issued to consider these commissions as dating from the orignal appointment. The President has referred the question to "me too" Miller for an opinion; and the chances are that all those officials appointed by Mr. Cleveland in the Spring and Summer of 1885 will find out that their commissions are considered as having expired, notwithstanding that it was in some cases a year after appointment before the Senate confirmed them. The Republicans want the offices and not having any good excuse for removing the incumbents they hit upon this scheme.

The Inter State Commerce Commission has notified the officers of all the railroads in the middle and Eastern States to appear before the Commission May 3rd "and set forth the persons and classes of persons, if any, to whom each of them has issued free passes or free transportation to persons other than its own officers or employes and the officers and employees of other railroad companies and all the conditions and limitations connected therewith in each instance, and how they do this branch of business.

An Electric Brake.

An important test of an electric brake, which it is confidently asserted will prove superior in every way to the costly airbrake, has been made in Sharon, Pa., in the presence of Lake Shore & Michigan Railroad officials by the inventor, Jacob Harrington. The brake is controlled by a dynamo on the locomotive and is very simple. A mere motion by the operator brings the train to a dead stop instantly. In case a train breaks in sections a separate motor automatically stops the train. The system is made up of a series of magnets on each car. The railroad men predict its success and adoption.

QUAY IS SURPRISED.

"Don't speak to me of office-seekers," said Senator Quay on his way to Washington the other day. "I am tired of seeing them. They run to my house before breakfast, and keep it until midnight. I believe many of them are insane on the question. I had people come to me whom I had never seen or heard of before and never expect to see again. The large number of them were not representative members of the party but rather the scum. There were more office-seekers this time than ever before, for all the men who were put out four years ago wanted their old offices back and then there were dozens of new applicants for each office. Fortunately they were all fairly well supplied with funds and did not try to borrow any money from me. They thought because I was Chairman of the National Committee I could get them anything they asked for."

The New York Centennial—Half Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States will undoubtedly prove the grandest demonstration ever seen in New York. On the morning of April 29th the greatest naval parade, composed of over six hundred vessels, will occur, in the evening the Centennial Ball, and on the 30th the religious and literary exercises in the morning will be followed by the most imposing and extensive military parade ever seen in this country. The banquet will be held in the evening, and on May 1st will occur the great civil and industrial parade. The three days will be filled with a multitude of scenes and incidents of absorbing interest. In order to place the trip within the power of every one the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Pittsburgh to New York on April 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, for trains scheduled to arrive in New York before noon of May 1st, at $13,32. These tickets will be accepted for passage on all trains, except the New York and Chicago Limited Express, and will be valid for return trip until and including May 6th, 1889.

Advancing the Price of Sugar.

Housekeepers may prepae to pay steep prices for sugar this spring. The wholesale figures have been rising for a month past, and the refineries say that they will continue to rise. Within the past month granulated sugar has advanced steadily from 7 cents to 8¼ cents. This rise is attributed to the advancing price of raw sugar, which, in the same period has gone up 1⅛ cents.

They Were Greenies.

The thieves who blew open the safe in Raymond Bros., store at Raymilton, Venango county, on Wednesday night, secured $10 in postage stamps and left $800 in cash and several thousand dollars in notes and bonds behind.

—It is said that the inventor of "Pig in the Clover," is making $100 per day. No doubt Keely the motor man wishes he had attempted something of the sort

Married.

GROVE—LANING—April 18, 1889, at Unionville, Centre county, by Rev. M. B. Laning, Charles E. Grove, of New Britain, Bucks Co., and Miss Elizabeth E. Laning of Unionville, daughter of the officiating clergyman.

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C. M. BOWER,
MARY H. SHIRK,
Executors.