

THE GIGANTIC UNION

Of all the Various Temperance Organizations in Western Pennsylvania.

The Plans for a Constitutional Amendment Campaign.

To Be Submitted Next Monday.

The Report Which a Committee of Ministers Has Drawn Up.

All the State Asked to Co-operate.

There are troubled times ahead for the liquor interests.

Next Monday afternoon the project will be formally introduced at a meeting of the Evangelical Ministerial Association.

A committee consisting of Rev. I. N. Hays, D. D., Rev. J. W. Spruell, Rev. T. J. McCord, Rev. James Collins, and Rev. T. J. Devine was appointed two months ago to devise some method of conducting the campaign for prohibition amendment.

This committee finally agreed upon a report this week. It was completed yesterday by Rev. Dr. Hays, the Chairman, and will be submitted to the Association on Monday.

The DISPATCH sent to Dr. Hays' residence yesterday, and the committee are enabled to print the report of the committee in advance of the meeting. It gives full details of the plan, and is as follows:

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee appointed by the Evangelical Ministerial Association of this city for the purpose of considering, and, if possible, devising some feasible plan by which all the temperance forces within the Commonwealth can be united and organized for the purpose of presenting a petition to the Legislature for the purpose of amending the Constitution of this State so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors.

First—That seven representative men be chosen at a public meeting, called for that purpose, who shall be regarded as the representatives of the temperance forces of the Commonwealth.

Second—That a general society, political, organization operating in Western Pennsylvania having as its object the promotion of the cause of temperance, be organized, and that a question shall be invited to appoint two male representatives from each county to be empowered to act, and to be a channel of communication between it and the association they represent.

Third—That this committee should constitute a public meeting, called for that purpose, to discuss the question of the proposed amendment, and to invite all citizens within the Commonwealth, and all persons of good character, to be present, and to be a channel of communication between it and the association they represent.

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MUST GET A MILLION.

A High Director of the Charities Gas Co. Tells Great Secrets.

Explaining a Coming Mortgage.

Only \$100,000 of That Extra \$1,000,000 in Stock Was Marketed.

The Other \$900,000 in the Treasury.

The Charities Valley Natural Gas Company has issued a legal notice for a meeting of the stockholders of the company to be held in this city March 6.

The object of the gathering is to consider a proposition to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds to pay off the indebtedness of the company.

In view of the heretofore supposed practical consolidation of the Charities Company with the Philadelphia Company, the notice of the meeting caused surprise among some people who heard of the call.

The fact of the Philadelphia Company mortgaging its plant for \$2,500,000 a few weeks ago heightened the effect of this feeling.

For the purpose of ascertaining just what the Charities Company meant by issuing bonds when they had consolidated with the Philadelphia Company, a prominent Charities director and a gentleman who is in a position to know the facts in the case, was interviewed by a DISPATCH reporter last evening. He said:

INSIDE FACTS ABOUT IT.

The meaning of the proposition is that the Charities Valley Natural Gas Company consolidated with the Philadelphia Company. This is not true.

We have not consolidated with the Philadelphia Company. This is just as much of a separate company to-day as it ever was.

We only leased our lines to that company and are paid as much per annum as for them.

For giving the Philadelphia Company our gas and allowing them the use of our lines, we receive 20 per cent of the net revenue of both companies. The Philadelphia Company does not control our organization, and the only thing they have to do with the Charities Company is the use of our lines.

Their receipts each month, and after deducting 70 per cent, give us the remainder.

Now to get at the reason for the issue of the \$1,000,000 in bonds. About the latter part of November, 1887, the Charities Company completed a new line from the Murrysville field to the Lawrenceville district. This line is the largest in the world, and consists of one 30-inch and one 36-inch main.

This cost us between \$700,000 and \$800,000, including the rights of way, etc. At that time we issued \$1,000,000 worth of extra stock to pay for this work.

It was impossible to get a fair price for the stock at the time, owing to the condition of the market, and we sold but \$100,000 worth.

We were left with \$900,000 of stock on hand, and we had to hold it in the treasury. We will hold this stock.

THE EASIEST WAY OUT.

To pay off the floating debt, for the new lines and other expenses, we now propose to issue \$1,000,000 worth of bonds.

These bonds we expect to pay off out of the revenue received for the rental of our lines from the Philadelphia Company. As this revenue will amount to about \$1,000,000 per annum, we can easily pay off the bonds.

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FIRST DECISIVE STEP.

Tom Barry Tells What He Thinks About K. of L. Officials.

Powderly and Hayes Scored.

Machinists at Wharton McKnight's Foundry Strike for a Holiday.

JOSEPH MAIZE GIVES INSIDE FIGURES.

Thomas B. Barry, the expelled member of the General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor, will be in town on Saturday, and will address the workmen in the interest of his new order, the Brotherhood of United Labor.

Mr. Barry has prepared a reply to the charges preferred against him, and in an article which, if printed, would occupy over two pages of THE DISPATCH, tells what he thinks about the doings of the officials at national headquarters.

This has been sent here for the purpose of sending the members of the order on what he intends to do. A copy was received by a reporter for this paper yesterday. It is headed "Tom Barry's reply to the charges of Powderly and his colleagues. These truthful statements are written for the benefit of those who have the good sense to read them, and to the good senseless set of despots that ever deceived humanity."

The following somewhat spicy statements, which have not yet been published, are taken from Mr. Barry's circular:

I would not at the instigation of attorneys of millioinaires betray the interests of the people and Hayes in the Southwest strike. It was not Arthur or the Brotherhood of Engineers that defeated our people there, it was the cowardice and treachery of Terence V. Powderly and John Hayes.

Mr. Powderly has been raised on the pedestal of a god, but I ask in the name of all that is true and just, whether it is not a disgrace to the name of a man who has done as much for the people as I have done for the people.

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