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NEW POLITICAL PARTY FORMED

The Junior Order American Mechanics and Other Societies Unite.

PROGRESSIVE AMERICAN PARTY

Is the Title of the New Organization. The New Club Favors Protection Tariff and a Prohibition Immigration Law for Twenty-five Years Demands National Control of Railroads, and Fiat Money—Is Opposed to Government Coinage.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 8.—The Junior Order United American Mechanics and other similar organizations of Allegheny county, have taken a long contemplated step, that of forming a new political party.

Last night about 150 delegates met. They represented the Junior Order United American Mechanics, a patriotic Sons of America, Loyal Orange League, Sons of St. George and Daughters of Liberty. An executive committee of ten was appointed and another secret meeting will be held next Monday evening.

At last night's meeting a platform containing sixteen planks was prepared and will be placed before the other lodges of the state for adoption. A convention will soon be called to nominate county and state tickets. The organization is named "The Progressive American Party." No attack is made on the Catholic church which, however, but the stand is taken that the present school system shall not be interfered with in any way.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF FAVORED. Protective tariff is favored, and a prohibitive immigration law demanded for a period of twenty-five years. Fiat money and even issue of currency by national banks is opposed to the end that the United States government alone shall have the sole power to issue all coin and paper money. National control of railroads is demanded and the recommendation made that all union veterans injured in the war shall receive pensions of at least \$8 per month.

The combined patriotic orders claim a membership of 150,000 in Allegheny county and 300,000 in the state, and propose to inaugurate a vigorous campaign. Talk of candidates for governor is being indulged in and friends of W. T. Kerr, state councillor, Junior Order United American Mechanics, have mentioned his name for the place. Should the plans of projectors of the new party, secret as yet, materialize, several broads on the vote of the old parties will be made.

DAY'S WORK STOPS ON MAY.

Ten Paragraph of the Tariff Agricultural Schedule Disposed Of.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—About ten paragraphs in the agricultural schedule of the tariff bill were disposed of today after a large amount of talk, mostly of a personal and political character. The day's work stopped at the hay paragraph. Before the bill was taken up the House resolution as to discontinuing the government's claim upon the Stanford estate in California, was after a brief discussion, laid on the table.

Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was renewed in the house today with one particularly interesting feature, Mr. Wendock (Dem., Mich.) replied to the arraignment of the Indian bureau made yesterday by his colleague, Mr. Winston, and Mr. Aldrich (Rep., Ill.) supported the provision of the bill for removing the Indian warehouses from New York to Chicago.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

George Madison Killed by a Jersey Central Train Near Pittston.

PITTSBURY, June 8.—George Madison, an Italian aged 22 years, was run down and instantly killed by the Jersey Central mail train this afternoon due here at 4 p. m. He was walking along the tracks at a point this side of where the Delaware and Hudson tracks cross the Valley road near Smithville, when a north bound train drove in sight.

Madison, in order to avoid it, stepped to the south bound track. He did not observe the train coming in the opposite direction, for he no sooner had gotten fairly on the track than the train struck him. The train was running fifty miles an hour and tossed him several feet high in the air.

The train was stopped and the train hands went back to where the prostrate dead body lay. The body was placed aboard the train and brought to this place, where it was taken in charge by Undertakers Burns & O'Neil.

On Madison's person was found a silver watch, which had stopped at 3.46. The dead man formerly resided in Peckville and recently came here to work.

THEY REFUSE TO TESTIFY.

Modesty of Newspaper Men Blocks Sugar Investigation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—The certification by Vice-President Stevenson to the district attorney as to the refusal of the two newspaper men, Shriver and Edwards, to testify to certain questions before the senate investigation committee was given to the grand jury today.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, was the only witness called. At the conclusion of his testimony adjournment was taken until Monday. It is not probable that an indictment will be made out before the end of next week.

In fact, well informed officials under

THE WINNERS AT BELMONT.

Three Favorites and a Well Played Field Voted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 8.—Three favorites and a well played field against the favorite won today at Belmont. In the unfinished race from yesterday Brother Jim won in two heats. There were sixteen starts in the 2.24 race and J. M. D. took the race in five heats. In the 2.27 pacing race, the favorite, Kate by Woodbridge, Jr., won in two heats. The 2.19 race was won easily by Amboy. Summaries:

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WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Business and Financial Situation According to R. G. Dun & Co.'s Report.

NEW YORK, June 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: The outlook for business seems a little better on the whole, though the improvement is not great. More credit is impossible to distinguish between mere replacement of orders cancelled for want of fuel or other causes and the new business for which works are anxiously looking. That cancellations have been heavy is certain, and it is not entirely clear that orders of equal magnitude have gone to other works that are able to fill them.

It is somewhat encouraging that the decrease in payments through clearing houses has been 24 per cent. for the first week of June, 27 at New York and 19 elsewhere. The decrease in comparison with 1893 is about 30 per cent. Railroad tonnage is larger than a year ago in live stock and moderate in cereals, but considerably smaller in coal and iron products and in other manufactured goods west-bound. Earnings of railroads indicate that competition for the country traffic results in low rates. These returns scarcely warrant advances in stocks, but the trust stocks have risen \$1.25 per \$100 and railroad stocks 53 cents. Railway re-organization make slow progress, but nevertheless offer hopes to holders of securities. It is also reasonable that an enormous traffic, which the prolonged strike has interrupted, will busy the railroads when the interruption ceases.

With only 2,937 coke ovens working and 14,586 idle, with the Cambria discharging half its force, and seven out of nine of the Carnegie furnaces at Bessemer out of blast, the production and manufacture of iron and steel are smaller than at any other time for years. While it is believed that demand after the strike terminates, the demand for products is at present much below general expectations even at the east. Exports of goods have continued, \$6,150,000 having gone this week and the treasury gold reserve is now reduced to \$20,000,000. The banks here continue to receive from the interior about as much money as they lose by gold exports, though the crop moving season is close at hand. Customs receipts are again 36 per cent. less than a year ago and internal revenue 23 per cent. less for the week. Exports of domestic produce have been exceeding last year's a little. The returns of failures are still encouraging, 216 in the United States for the week, against 322 last year and 30 in Canada, against 27 last year.

LIVE FOREIGN TOPICS.

Hawaii has hoisted her flag upon the barren known as Necker Island.

Prince Schmedest, a sturdy German, has been about for over two years, during which time he walked all the way from Calcutta to his birthplace, in Prussia.

General John Houston, the American who is charged with causing the death of a striking miner in London, was examined in police court yesterday and held for trial.

The hostility of persons in high life to Sig. Crispien is proving a great obstacle in the way of his becoming prime minister. It is feared that the prime minister may be forced into private life.

It is stated that Prince Esterhazy, acting for the Austrian government, has arranged to buy the Colt Matchbox at the close of the season, for the Austrian imperial stud.

The London board of trade returns show a decrease of imports for the month of May of \$2,700,000 and of exports of \$1,400,000, compared with the corresponding month of last year.

Napoleon Colajanni, an Italian socialist deputy, states that 30,000 unemployed miners of Sicily, are about to march through the country, destroying the crops, believing that if they starve others should starve with them.

If the chamber of deputies, yesterday, M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs, made a written appeal concerning the Anglo-Belgian agreement, and stated that French troops had been sent to the Congo territory claimed by France.

The squadron of President Polkoto, of Brazil, has sailed from Montevideo for Rio de Janeiro. Advice from Rio Grande do Sul says that General Saravia, with 3,000 insurgent troops, has arrived at Cruzalta, and is ready to begin an active campaign.

The dowager duchess of Sutherland, whose troubles with her stepson have been given wide publicity, has come to terms and been allowed \$500,000 and an annuity of \$25,000. In this way the pending suit to break the late Duke's will has been settled out of court.

The young duke of Marlborough, who a year ago succeeded to the title, is reported to be about to marry a handsome and wealthy American, Miss Louisa Darcy, the daughter of Knox Darcy, who is a large owner in the Mount Morgan mine. The young duke is chiefly celebrated through being the stepson of the second duchess of Devonshire, formerly Mrs. Hamersley, of New York.

THE SEASON OF LABOR UNREST

Pittsburg Railroad Coal Operators Decide to Attend Columbus Convention.

MINORITY BOLTS THE CONVENTION

The Conference Liable to Furnish an Amicable Solution of the Problem—Armed Men Seek to Dislodge Miners at St. Mary's—Strikers at Manowan Allowed to Remain in Company House—Parade of Workmen at Punxsutawney.

PITTSBURGH, June 8.—By a vote of 63 to 53 the railroad coal operators this morning decided to attend the Columbus convention tomorrow.

The operators met at 10 o'clock and were in session until 1 o'clock. Mr. Alexander Patterson, one of the oldest operators in the district presided. There was a large representation. Immediately upon the call to order reporters were excluded. W. P. Darmit and F. L. Robbins were the leading spirits and the discussion between the two was sharp. The committee of ten reported their failure to agree as to the proposition to attend the Columbus convention and were discharged. Mr. Operator Boyle offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to attend the Columbus convention as the authorized representatives of the railroad operators of the Pittsburg district with full and unlimited power to take such action as should in their judgment be to the best interest of the operators in the Pittsburg district. Mr. Darmit offered a substitute which was tabled. A secret ballot was taken with the above result. A committee of four operators was then appointed to attend the Columbus conference tomorrow.

The impression prevails that the action of today will mark a crisis in the coal strike and that the Columbus conference will arrive at an amicable adjustment of the strike is not among the possibilities.

TROUBLE AT ST. MARY'S.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 8.—The following dispatch from Ridgway, Elk county, tonight shows the situation in that region: "Assistant Superintendent Joe Bailey, of the N. W. M. & Ex. Co. says 315 men, seventy-five arm-d, have just left Ridgway mine for St. Mary's to dislodge the miners who work at Hall, Kaul & Co.'s property. They are very angry, bearing that miners who are incarcerated in jail here are being badly used. Revenge is one of the objects in going to St. Mary's. There is more fear of serious trouble than at any time since the strike started. More deputies are being subpoenaed."

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., June 8.—The miners occupying company houses at Horace and Anita were today served with five days' notice of eviction. Last night a parade comprising 250 boys was made along the guard line established at Horace and Anita.

At Cuth Creek and Glen Campbell, near this place, the few men who returned to work on Tuesday quit today, and at the latter place a company house was burned to the ground last night. It is reported here that the guards who left here yesterday were sent to Cuth Creek.

RIDGWAY, Pa., June 8.—Three hundred strikers left Centerville about 5 o'clock this afternoon and are marching to St. Mary's, where Hall & Kaul have about thirty farmers digging coal. The strikers are well armed and were headed by a band. A special train will leave here at 7.30 to take deputies to the scene. There are a few Italians and Hungarians among the strikers who went to St. Mary's, and it is feared they will offer resistance to the deputies.

Affairs at Shawmut are somewhat quieter and some of the deputies now there will be taken to St. Mary's.

EVICTIONS POSTPONED.

MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa., June 8.—There was no trouble at the works of Youghiogheny Gas Coal company at Manowan this morning, but the exciting events of last night have had the effect of bringing the operators to the position of doing everything in their power to gain the good will of the strikers. Through lack of sleep, the deputies were in a sad plight this morning. It was not known until this morning that the number of deputies guarding the works is less than sixty, but they have all seen service and if an attack were made would offer a stiff fight.

This morning the managers of the mine notified the strikers that they might stay in the company's houses if they would not strike this morning. This was done to prevent a riot which would surely occur should an eviction be attempted. No coal is being brought out of the mine this morning, though eleven men went down the slope.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 8.—Pana is again threatened with an invasion, this time by miners of the Springfield district. All day long they have been coming in and congregating on the railroad tracks on the Baltimore and Ohio southwestern on the southern edge of Springfield. It is impossible to get from the miners any specific knowledge of their intentions.

QUILT AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., June 8.—The long strike in Cripple Creek is ended and the settlement has been effected without bloodshed. At 10 o'clock this morning such a commination seemed among the most improbable things that were liable to happen. About 9 o'clock the deputies began leaving camp in squads of a hundred or more, ostensibly for the purpose of scouting, but really to make a concerted attack upon the militia on Bull Hill.

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No action was taken upon the report, which will be enlarged upon by further reports on different subjects now being investigated by the committee. The figures submitted on real estate show that \$1,204,282,321 of the total assessed value of real estate in the state (\$2,308,916,207) or 52.16 per cent., is in cities; \$275,919,024, or 11.95 per cent., is in boroughs; \$25,713,900, or 39.89 per cent., is in townships.

Of the total actual value of real estate in the state, namely \$2,697,647,900, there are \$1,874,616,242, or 50.70 per cent. in cities; \$488,323,943, or 18.05 per cent. in boroughs, or \$1,340,507,724, or 38.25 per cent. in townships.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the regret of the conference in the death of Joseph D. Potts and A. L. Taggart. The committee on principles of taxation was authorized to draft a new tax bill to be submitted to the conference at a meeting early in December for its consideration. This committee will be enlarged to twelve members.

SNUB FOR BRECKINRIDGE.

Management of the Deficiency Bill to Be Taken Out of His Hands.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Representative Breckinridge, of Kentucky, has been informed that in the opinion of his colleagues on the appropriations committee the attempt on his part to take charge of the general deficiency bill in the house would endanger the measure and that it is their desire, therefore, that its management should be placed in other hands.

This comes of the objection, which is quite general among the members of the house, to recognize his leadership in anything.

COLORED BRUTE HANGED.

Lawrence Spiller, the Staunton, Va., Blacksmith, Expires His Crime.

STAUNTON, Va., June 8.—Lawrence Spiller, convicted of the murder of Lottie Rowe, on April 23, in the suburbs of Staunton, was hanged at 8.35 o'clock this morning. The drop was only four feet, but death was instantaneous, the neck being broken.

Spiller made a confession which was published immediately after the hanging. He was a blacksmith and a man of tremendous strength.

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