

LIVE NEWS OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD

MANY ORDERS FOR RAILS BEING PLACED.

Make Up of the D. L. & W. Board for Today—William F. Somers of Kingston Has Been Transferred to Kingsland, N. J., Where Will Be Chief Engine Dispatcher—Trainmasters of the Lehigh Valley Road Have Formed an Organization. Other Industrial Matters.

Dispatches from Chicago state that the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company has placed an order for 20,000 tons of rails, the order amounting to \$1,000,000, says, yesterday's New York Commercial Bulletin. It was reported on good authority yesterday in this city that the contract had gone to the Illinois Steel company and not the Carnegie company. No information could be obtained at the office of the latter concern. President Gray, of the Federal Steel company, which controls the Illinois Steel company, stated, however, that the company had received an order from the Chicago and Northwestern. As to the size of the order, President Gray said he was not prepared at the moment to speak. He stated, however, that within the past week the Federal Steel company had virtually closed contracts for 80,000 tons of rails for railroads in this country, while in addition it was negotiating for a foreign contract amounting to 30,000 tons.

Representatives of the leading rail companies report a perceptible improvement in the demand for rails, as the above figures would indicate. The local representative of one large company when questioned said: "Up to last week buyers had been holding off and apparently felt that they could safely do so indefinitely. During the past week, however, there has been a disposition to buy rails for delivery in the latter half of 1900. The demand comes principally from western roads, though there are a number of foreign inquiries in the market at present. The large buyers, of course, placed their orders before the last advance in prices was made. Current orders run from 1,000 to 20,000 tons, and all are placed at full prices. The railroads can probably better afford to pay \$35 now than they could \$25 when rails were selling at that price, owing to the great improvement which has since taken place in the transportation business.

"It seems to be admitted by buyers that firm prices are bound to rule during the whole of this year, at least. Contracts for one and a half years are being pretty well placed, and as these are the principal factors in the manufacture of steel it follows that finished materials should continue to demand firm prices. In fact, there is a disposition among sellers to reserve a part of their capacity for the latter part of the year rather than fill up completely at current prices."

Similar views were expressed by Judge Gary. "Of the orders to which I have just referred," said he, "all but 10,000 tons are for delivery after June 1. The demand is improving, both for rails and for structural material. We do not manufacture the latter extensively. We recently had a request for a large tonnage of structural steel, but we had to refuse it.

"As to the general outlook, I see no reason why the iron and steel trade should not enjoy a large season of prosperity. Pig iron is hard to get, even at present high prices, while coke is fairly to be obtained at any price. "I think it will be a number of years before pig iron gets down even to \$15 per ton. The organization of the large iron and steel companies has radically changed the ore situation. Ore was formerly produced by a large number of interests and sold very close to cost, while now the ownership has been, to a great extent, concentrated in the hands of large interests, who not only mine ore, but use large quantities in the manufacture of finished iron and steel. It is, of course, poor policy for these companies to cut the price of ore below a fair profit-making point. On the contrary, it is to their interest to keep the price up to a fair figure, and it is entirely just what they should do."

Among other recent orders for rails is reported one for 5,000 tons by the Central Railroad of New Jersey to the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company.

Make Up of the D. L. & W. Board. The following is the make-up for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today:

- WILD CATS, SOUTH. 1 a. m.—C. Van Fleet. 1 a. m.—J. O'Hara. 3 a. m.—L. Bar, with James Gahagan's men. 3 a. m.—J. Gerrity. 4 a. m.—P. Sings. 6 a. m.—W. D. Warfel. 6 a. m.—E. M. Hallett. 8 a. m.—F. Stevens, with C. Bartholomew's men. 9 a. m.—O. Case, with H. T. Fellows' men. 9 a. m.—F. D. Secor. 10 a. m.—J. Burkhart. 11 a. m.—J. Sings. 11 a. m.—S. Finerty. 1 p. m.—T. Fitzpatrick. 1 p. m.—J. Bush. 3 p. m.—J. Devine. 3 p. m.—J. Brock. 4:45 p. m.—P. Cavanaugh, with A. Gerrity's men. 4:45 p. m.—E. Duffy, with G. Wallace's men. SUMMITS. 6:30 a. m.—north—G. Frounfecker. 8 a. m.—south—H. Histing, with H. Bush's men. 10:30 a. m.—south—McLane, with Warwick's men. 6 p. m.—south—M. Madigan. PULLERS. 10 a. m.—Peckins. FINISHERS. 9 a. m.—south—Houser. 11:30 a. m.—south—M. Moran. 1 p. m.—south—M. Murphy. 10:30 p. m.—south—C. Cawley. PASSENGER ENGINES. 1 a. m.—Widener. 4:30 p. m.—McGovern. WILD CATS, NORTH. 1 a. m.—2 engines—T. Doudican. 1 a. m.—2 engines—G. Hill. 11:30 a. m.—2 engines—John Gahagan. 1 p. m.—2 engines—J. E. Masters. 4:30 p. m.—2 engines—S. Carmody. 6 p. m.—2 engines—O. Randolph.

Transferred to New Jersey. William F. Somers, who has been chief clerk and engine dispatcher at the D. L. & W. shops and round house at Kingston, has been transferred to Kingsland, N. J., where he will hold a similar position in the company's shops. Kingsland is about eight miles from Hoboken and the shops there are much larger than those at Kingston, and consequently Mr. Somers' duties will be more laborious. He will leave today to begin his new duties and will be succeeded at Kingston by N. H. Whitmore, of Binghamton.

Mr. Somers has been employed by the D. L. & W. company for nearly seventeen years as clerk in the shop offices at Buffalo, N. Y., and Kingston, and for about ten years of that time he has occupied his present position. Mr. Somers has charge of assigning the engine crews in addition to his duties as chief clerk of the shop work. He is considered one of the best men in his line of work on the entire system. Mr. Somers is well known on the West Side and his many friends will regret to learn of his departure.—Wilkes-Barre Record.

Trainmasters Organize. The trainmasters of the Lehigh Valley railroad met in Superintendent Sprigg's office at Easton yesterday, and formed a permanent organization to discuss matters pertaining to the running of trains. The trainmasters present were: W. G. Bierd, of the Buffalo division; C. L. Bardo, of the Wyoming division; H. R. Cross and Leonard Goodwin, of the Albany division; G. J. Gildroy, of the coal branches; Andrew Ross, of the Pennsylvania and New York division; J. A. Droege, of the Easton and Amboy division, and G. M. Harleman, of the Lehigh and Easton and Amboy divisions.

The subjects to be discussed by the trainmasters will be furnished by the officials of the road. The meetings will be held monthly at the various division headquarters.

This and That.

Division Superintendent A. C. Salisbury, of the Lackawanna road, has returned from a trip to the south. The new underwear factory at Avoca began operations Thursday. It employs about one hundred hands. A special train bearing the officials of the Central road passed over the road yesterday afternoon and stopped at the principal stations along the line. All conductors on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Washington, Stroudsburg and Port Morris have been notified by Trainmaster F. P. Hamilton that in future when orders are received to set out empty box cars for the loading of ice between Scranton and Stroudsburg they must not set out any cars of less capacity than 40,000 pounds.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey has arranged for a short line to Atlantic City from New York via Lakewood which will prove a great convenience to the patrons of the road. Through express trains with vestibule coaches and Pullman parlor cars have been equipped, and arrangements have also been perfected with the New York Transfer company in New York and Brooklyn, and the Union Transfer company in Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Baltimore and Washington, by which parties can send their baggage in advance, if necessary, from any locality in one city to any locality in the other city.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

The meeting of the literary society, held yesterday at the close of the session, was one of the most interesting held yet this year. The semi-annual election of officers took place, during which there was considerable excitement occasioned by the nominating and the balloting. The nomination of president took place first, the nominees being Messrs. Hooven, Sanderson, Grant, Edgar and Lidstone. The nomination of vice president, secretary and treasurer also took place. Messrs. McKee, Gates, Elias, Pitcher and Weber were appointed tellers. The ballots having been passed and collected, the result was anxiously awaited by the students. After a little delay the result was read and the following were elected to the respective offices: Mr. Hooven, president; Mr. Kabatachnick, vice president; Miss Whalan, secretary; Miss Fish, treasurer. After the names of those who were elected were read off there was considerable discussion as to whether the election should be by majority or plurality. It was decided that the candidates should be elected by plurality. Professor Hughes was unanimously elected director of the society. After the election of officers the literary part of the programme was proceeded with. The debate, "Resolved, That custom should sanction the proposal of marriage by women," was ably handled by the debaters on both sides. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. The solo rendered by Mr. Burns was well received by all those present. From seventy to eighty names were handed in for membership.

The lecture, which will be given either in the first or second week of next month, by Professor Wells, on liquefied air, will undoubtedly be very interesting as well as very instructive. It is the intention of Professor Wells to make his subject more interesting than other lectures by securing some of the air and making several actual experiments before the audience, thus bringing more forcibly to the minds of those present what this substance can perform. The design for the class pin, which had been selected by the senior class and arrived, and at a meeting of the class it seemed to be the opinion of all that this pin should be the one purchased. As a whole the pin presents a very unique appearance, being made up of a diamond, torch and wreath with the letters "S. H. S." all finished in Roman gold.

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close of school, was out of place, and as a substitute, the hand bell had to be resorted to. This rather ancient means of calling school created considerable amusement among the students.

Russell Shurtliff, a member of the sophomore Latin and scientific class, who has been detained at home for the past week on account of illness, has returned to school.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

The following nominees for officers in the grand commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights of Malta, for the election at the next convocation in February, 1900, have accepted and will be balloted for: Grand commander, John Cairns, No. 1; Jonathan Liebenerberger, No. 7; Daniel Baker, No. 22; grand generalissimo, E. S. Formwald, No. 91; grand captain general, N. G. Crosby, No. 10; Rev. George W. Welsh, No. 230; grand prelate, Rev. J. G. Boughter, No. 206; grand recorder, Geo. H. Pierce, No. 21; grand treasurer, Chas. W. Bessler, No. 112; grand senior warden, William Wareham, No. 86; James W. Jackson, No. 77; James W. Bell, No. 6; Horace J. Connelly, No. 29; grand junior warden, Fred Arnold, No. 89; Wilmer Crow, No. 113; L. W. Lane, No. 218; grand warden, George F. Brooks, No. 21; David F. Lewis, No. 22; Evan R. Jones, No. 211; Lorenzo M. Dubois, No. 25; Arthur Heister, No. 104; grand sentinel, David W. Johns, No. 177; John S. Snyder, No. 170; George Harvey, No. 5; grand trustee, 1900-1901, Frank L. Fatzinger, No. 90.

A special convocation of the grand commandery of Pennsylvania will be held at Wilkes-Barre, on January 30, in the council chamber of John Knox commandery, No. 12, No. 16 North Main street, for the purpose of conferring the past commander's degree upon those entitled to receive the same, and who are members of the following twenty-five commanderies: Nos. 6, 7, 12, 14, 18, 23, 25, 28, 29, 31, 135, 177, 212, 221, 222, 223, 240, 241, 242, 243, 253 and 259. A very large attendance is confidently expected, and a number of grand officers have promised to be present.

Supreme Commander John W. Hicks, grand commander Walter W. Savage and the degree staff of the grand commandery of Massachusetts have three commands awaiting institution. Colonial commandery, No. 28, will be instituted at Northampton on January 26; Mount Tekoa commandery, No. 272, at Westfield, on January 29; Massoit commandery, No. 273, at Holyoke, on January 31. These three commanderies will be added to the roster of Massachusetts within six days.

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