

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

GOTTLER TELLS ABOUT THE FIGHT AT LOUISVILLE.

Scranton Had Strong Opposition for the Honor of Entertaining the Next Convention of the American Federation of Labor—Bulletins That Have Been Issued by Superintendent Rine—Four Narrow Gauge Locomotives Turned Out by the Cliff Works.

George H. Gother, the Scranton delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, which was held last week in Louisville, Ky., is feeling considerably elated over the fact that this city will be the scene of the 1901 convention, and, indeed, it was largely due to his efforts that the honor was granted us.

Mr. Gother was seen yesterday by a Tribune man, and expressed himself as follows about the feeling of the convention towards this city: "The general sentiment of the convention was entirely in favor of this city, as the place of the next convention. We were far from unopposed, as Milwaukee, Washington, D. C., Columbus, O., Atlanta, Richmond, Niagara and Toronto were all in the field, but after the coming gathering, Wilkes-Barre, too, put in a claim, but the Luzernites were never considered as at all dangerous in the race.

The Hon. Daniel G. Reese was their delegate. From the beginning of the convention, President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers' association, was with us, and had he not proved the powerful friend he did, I doubt if Scranton would have come out on top.

The miners, who had the largest delegation present, were, of course, solid for us, and delegates containing glowing eulogies of their city, and setting forth its advantages. We won out though, 2,200 votes to 1,200, the miners alone controlling 1,600.

This convention will bring to Scranton next December, about three hundred men, who will represent about three million working people. This is the second attempt we have made to secure the convention for the city. Delegate C. W. Baxter making a strong try for it last year."

Superintendent's Bulletins.

Superintendent Rine, of the Lackawanna, has posted the following bulletins that today three signals will be put into service in the Cuyuga yard. The west-bound signal is located near the water tank, and the east-bound home signal is located at the west end of the fill, west of Cuyuga yard, and the distant signal at the point of curve about 1,200 feet west of the home signal.

Railroaders are instructed to see the new automatic block and interlocking signal rules, effective Dec. 16, governing these signals. Yesterday two signals were put into service at Susquehanna bridge at Pittston. They are located at the fouling point at each end of the gauntlet track. East-bound trains approaching within one-quarter mile of the east-bound signal will set the west-bound signal, and hold it red until the train has passed off the gauntlet. West-bound trains will set the east-bound signal on passing the west-bound signal and hold it set until the train has passed off the gauntlet. This will give the east-bound trains the right of way. Engineers should keep clear of track circuit when possible, so as not to stop opposing trains.

At the Cliff Works.

Four narrow gauge locomotives have been turned out of the Dickson Manufacturing company's locomotive shops, on Cliff street, and shipped to Pittsburg. They are the first completed of the big order of twenty-three recently lodged with the company by a Smoky City concern. Another of the freight engines being built for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad company was yesterday turned out and the last of the order will follow tomorrow. The last order given by the Delaware and Hudson consisted of ten engines and very rapid work has been done on them by the Dickson company.

Gompers Still Leads.

The re-election of Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor is only another proof of the hold that this veteran guiding spirit of the Federation has upon the members of the organization. Many wild rumors were afloat prior to the meeting of the Secretary and Treasurer P. J. McGuire, of the Carpenters; President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, and others, would be in the field for the presidency, but when the time for election came, Mitchell, the only formidable candidate, declared that he would not run, and the end of the convention again found Gompers in the president's chair.

Today's D., L. & W. Board.

Today's D., L. and W. board is as follows:

WILD CATS EAST, Thursday, Dec. 20. 8 a. m.—M. Finerty. 10:30 p. m.—J. Bush. 11:30 p. m.—D. Wallace.

WILD CATS EAST, Friday, Dec. 21. 12:50 a. m.—J. Gentry. 3 a. m.—H. J. Larkin. 5 a. m.—E. Kavanaugh. 6 a. m.—O. Kearney. 8 a. m.—E. M. Halbert. 9 a. m.—H. Bennett. 10 a. m.—A. B. Rowe, with McDougal's men. 11:30 a. m.—T. Natanson. 1 p. m.—F. D. Secor. 2 p. m.—F. Halbert. 2:45 p. m.—J. Wall. 4:15 p. m.—F. Stevens.

WILD CATS SUMMITS. 3 a. m., east—E. McAllister. 5 a. m., west—G. Tronzoletti. 6 a. m., west—F. H. Nichols. 12 noon, west—J. Carrigan. 1 p. m., east—J. Gentry. 2 p. m., east—H. Gilligan. 7 a. m., west from Cuyuga—McLane. 1 p. m., west from Cuyuga—Giblin. 2 p. m., east from Aug—E. Duffy.

FULLER. 10 a. m.—F. E. Secor. PUSHERS. 8 a. m.—Houser. 11:30 a. m.—Moran. 7 p. m.—Murphy. 9 p. m.—J. H. Masters. PASSENGER ENGINES. 7 a. m.—Gaffney. 7 a. m.—Singer. 5:30 p. m.—Stanton. 7 p. m.—Hagerton. WILD CATS WEST. 4 a. m.—J. O'Hara. 5 a. m.—G. T. Staples. 6 a. m.—F. Mullins. 8 a. m.—G. W. Smith. 9 a. m.—H. Smith. 10 a. m.—Dunn. 11 a. m.—G. W. Burr. 12 o'clock noon—C. Kingsley. 7 p. m.—T. Merritt. 8 p. m.—W. Kirby, with A. G. Hammit's men. 9 p. m.—J. Gahagan. 10 p. m.—J. Barber. 5 p. m.—Haggerty. 6 p. m.—J. H. McCann.

Men at Oxford Quit.

The employees of the Oxford colliery, operated by the People's Coal company, quit work yesterday, owing to a disagreement relative to the scale of wages paid, and in consequence operations have been suspended. The men and boys were paid on Monday as they claim the ten per cent. increase on the scale paid prior to the strike was not paid them as promised, hence their refusal to work.

A meeting was held in St. David's hall yesterday afternoon and a committee appointed to wait on the operators with a view of adjusting the trouble, and they will confer with them today and report back to a meeting of the employees this evening.

A strike has not been ordered, the men having simply quit until they know definitely where they are at. In all probability the difficulty will be amicably adjusted.

This and That.

Chief Draftsman J. A. Mellon, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, returned yesterday from Schenectady, N. Y.

Six hundred street cars have been ordered from the Pressed Steel Car company, of Pittsburg, by the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Pacific Railroad company.

The Delaware and Hudson Railroad company completed its December pays, when the men at the Plymouth collieries received their wages Tuesday and Wednesday.

President W. H. Truesdale has notified Lackawanna trainmen that all annual term employees' quarterly seventy-five-ride tickets and passes, which expire by limitation Dec. 31, 1900, will not be honored for transportation after that date.

At a meeting of the Scranton Clerks' association Wednesday night, the following officers were elected for the year: President, Myles J. K. Levy, (re-elected); first vice president, William Lewis; second vice president, Frank Viner; recording secretary, Charles Linton; financial secretary, William Robinson; treasurer, Joseph Custard, (re-elected); guide, Frank Reilly; trustees, Charles Leven, William Collins and E. Dasey.

THEATRICAL.

Attractions This Week.

Academy of Music. LAST THREE DAYS—"Siberia."

The Gaiety. LAST THREE DAYS—Victoria Burlesques.

"Siberia" at the Academy.

The banner attraction so far this season at the Academy of Music is "Siberia," Hartley Campbell's celebrated melo-drama, which was produced last evening. The house was well filled and judging from the continuous applause the patrons must have enjoyed it immensely. The piece is staged in a magnificent manner, the scenic and electrical effects are superb and the costumes worn were absolutely correct and in keeping with those worn by the people of Russia during the time that the action of the play is supposed to have taken place. Unlike a great many Russian dramas of today, the plot of "Siberia" is consistent. There is but little dialogue and plenty of action, the story is told in beautiful language, the comedy is clean and wholesome, and the people engaged to portray the different roles are actors and actresses of ability and taste. Miss Eugenia Bessner as Sara was excellent and merited much applause. She is an actress of sterling worth and beauty. James Horne, as Nikolai Naigoff, a student, in love with Sara, was all that could possibly be expected. In fact the whole company deserved individual mention. The piece "Siberia" will be produced afternoons and evenings the balance of the week.

Victoria Burlesques.

At the Gaiety yesterday afternoon the Victoria Burlesques began a three days' engagement. The performance opens with a clever burlesque on society entitled "The Victoria Reception," in which all the members of the company appear. This is followed by the olio in which there are a number of good features. Aggie B. Holden, a semi-comic, sang several songs most pleasingly and enjoyed the great juggling act. A sketch was introduced by John H. Reid and Rita Gilbert and Curtis and Sidman, dialect comedians, did an entertaining turn. Gladis St. John and Ida Nicolai sang in a very unimpaired way. The performance concludes with "A Queen of Bohemia," in which a number of good singing and dancing numbers are introduced by the members of the company. The performance will be repeated this and tomorrow afternoons and evenings.

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Big Vaudeville Company.

J. T. Doyle, business manager for the Burke & Chase Vaudeville company, which has been playing the large western cities since the opening of the season in September, is in the city, making arrangements for the performances to be given at the Lyceum next week. This combination, which is the largest and best of the Burke and Chase companies, is expected for New York to fill an engagement of three weeks, and Manager Duffy feels that he has been fortunate in securing it as an extra attraction for holiday week.

"The Rounders" Christmas.

The last visit of the season to Scranton of a New York Casino organization will occur when "The Rounders," will take possession of the Lyceum stage for Christmas matinee and night. Thomas G. Sealrooke, who has been seen here many times as a star, notably with the "Isle of Champagne," appears in the stellar role. Of Mr. Sealrooke it is scarcely unnecessary to speak, as his individual success has always been absolute. As Maginias Pasha, an Irish Turk, he is said to be seen at his best. His entrance song, "The Only One Hundred Girls in the World for Me," has a delicious waltz refrain, easily remembered, and consequently has been whistled into popularity wherever the lyric

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has been heard. In fact the entire musical score provided by Ludwig Englander, is of a bright, tuneful and exceedingly catchy nature. While Mr. Sealrooke is the principal entertainer of this newest Casino conds., on the supporting company is one of the strongest comic organizations this season traveling. Nellie Lynch, Bertha Walzing, Jeanette Lovrie and Crissie Carlie representing its vocal loveliness, and William Mandeville, Jake Bernard, Herbert Cripps and William T. Teris sustaining the main masculine excellence. The company numbers 65 people.

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