

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

MT. PLEASANT COLLIERY HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN.

Will Remain in That Condition for an Indefinite Period Owing to a Strike the Men Ordered—Miners at the Oxford Dissatisfied with the Rate of Wages Paid Them—The D. L. & W. Board for Today—An Innovation at the Shops of Lackawanna Company.

Work has been suspended at the Mt. Pleasant colliery of the Elk Hill Coal and Iron company for an indefinite period, and while overtures have been made for an adjustment of the differences the end is not yet in sight.

The trouble arose a few days ago over the discharge of a man named Miller, who was dismissed for neglect of duty in running one of the elevators at the shaft.

The employees took up the boy's cause, quit work and applied to Superintendent Bryden for his reinstatement. This was refused, and in consequence a strike was ordered by the Mt. Pleasant local.

The miners also claim that they are not being paid the yardage promised for cutting rock in the Clark vein.

The trouble relating to young Miller's discharge dates back before the strike in September. He had been working outside for \$1.10 a day and when the men returned to work he was promoted to a position paying \$1.25 a day under the old schedule.

When Miller received his earnings he was only paid at the rate of \$1.10 a day. A complaint was made to the boss, who informed Miller that \$1.10 was all the job ever paid, and if he did not like it he could go to the office and get his time.

The matter was reported to the grievance committee and when they failed to effect a settlement the strike was ordered.

Will Keep Away from Mines.

At a meeting of the Oxford local union held Saturday evening, the union decided to remain away from the mines until the existing differences between the men and the operators has been satisfactorily adjusted.

Ever since the People's Coal company began operating the colliery, there has been a difference of opinion between the employees and the operators regarding the scale of wages to be paid for the mining of coal in the Rider vein.

The company claims they are paying the same scale of wages as paid by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company. The same scale does not apply to every shaft, on account of the difficulties encountered in mining coal in the different veins.

The Oxford men demand the same rate as is paid by the Lackawanna company, the highest being \$1.08 per car. They claim that but 98 cents is paid them.

Representatives of the company and a committee of the men visited several shafts on Saturday for the purpose of ascertaining the rates received by the men. Comparisons of the different workings, and another conference will be held, at which an amicable adjustment is expected.

Innovation at the Shops.

Another innovation at the Lackawanna car shops is the recent introduction of a new glass plating and enbossing plant, which has been installed in the old pattern rooms.

Here all of the glass used for windows, doors, etc., will be plated and enbossed by an expert, Edward O. Reinwald, who was with the Pullman company in Chicago for twelve years prior to coming here recently.

The plant has been equipped at an expense of \$1,000 and is supplied with tank tanks, where the glass is foiled and designed. It is the only plant of its kind in Scranton, and the work is only done in the larger cities.

Hydrofluoric acid is used in immersing the glass, and either the gold or silver tints are produced. There is also a steam table and room for drying the glass after being plated.

A number of noticeable improvements have also been made in the paint shops, where the work for the entire service is done under the personal supervision of Master Painter E. E. Miller.

A large number of Pullman and passenger coaches are now on the floor being re-lettered and painted and show the superior work accomplished. The panels for Superintendent Clarke's private car are also being painted under the direction of Mr. Miller.

The new paint shop being erected near the machine shops is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

All the locomotives will be painted in the new shop after being turned out of the machine shops.

The comet, No. 98, formerly used as a private car by ex-Superintendent A. C. Salisbury, is now in the shop undergoing repairs. A new cab is being built over the boiler and the little flyer will be repainted and lettered before being turned out for use.

A number of freight and passenger locomotives are undergoing repairs in the machine shops and will soon be ready for service.

The interior of this shop is being treated to a coat of white wash and other changes are being made which will be noted later.

Carpenters' Installation.

Local union No. 563, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, installed its officers Friday night at Carpenters' hall, Wyoming avenue.

The new officers are: President, E. C. Patterson; vice president, Nelson Gordon; recording secretary, John Lavery; financial secretary, J. D. Keiper; treasurer, E. E. Knapp; conductor, George Shaw; warden, John Farrell.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by Past President John Jacobs. A smoker followed.

Board for Today.

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

- WILD CATS, EAST. 8 a. m.—T. Naumann. 10:30 p. m.—O. Randolph. 11:30 p. m.—J. O'Hara. Monday, January 7. 12:30 a. m.—J. Hennigan. 2 a. m.—P. McDonnell, J. E. Master's men. 4 a. m.—H. Blighing. 6 a. m.—A. F. Mullen. 8 a. m.—John Swartz. 10 a. m.—W. R. Caster. 10 a. m.—Thomas P. Cavanaugh's men. 11:30 a. m.—P. Gilligan.

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