

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

EFFECT OF THE COMBINATION ON THE COAL TRADE.

Superintendent Mitchell Has Resigned His Office with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company—The Board for Today—Local Delegates of the United Mine Workers Start for the Indianapolis Convention. Freight Rates from Pittsburg to the Seaboard to Be Cut on Feb. 1.

The newly chosen directorate of the Lehigh Valley shows that road openly under Morgan control. Evidently Morgan and Vanderbilt interests have very little more to do to control the situation absolutely. It is, on the whole, well that such control is now in sight. What between open dishonesty, gross incompetency, and visionary accounts to defy the common laws of supply and demand, the anthracite coal trade has been most woefully mismanaged. Great sums have been invested with pitifully small returns. So far as profits are concerned the history of the industry of the trade cannot well be worse than the past.

The report of a meeting of the various coal road presidents recently seems to have had some basis of fact, particularly the statement that the independent operators are to receive from the railroads 65 per cent. of the tide water selling price on oak, stove and chestnut, 50 per cent. on pea and 40 per cent. on buckwheat. This is an advance of 5 per cent. on prepared sizes, 10 per cent. on pea and 8 per cent. on buckwheat. At the same meeting the matter of maintaining prices for some months ahead was discussed, but it is not likely that the structure price was definitely settled. That matter will be decided till after April 1, when the mining rate has been settled.

In the west hard coal continues in demand. Supplies at Duluth are reported getting very low. Evidently the miners in Lake Superior territory will have to do without or pay for all-rail shipments. In Chicago territory business is fairly active, good enough to take up whatever is coming in by rail. At inland points coal and along the seaboard, buying fluctuates with the weather; at present it has fallen off, but a cold wave will strengthen it. Taken all together, however, the demand is good enough to keep the mines running at full capacity with no slackening of effort in sight yet. Stove and chestnut sizes are very scarce and continue to command a premium at many points of 25 cents per ton or more for prompt delivery. The steam sizes, pea and buckwheat, are likely to be scarce all well into the spring and are selling at full circular figures.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Board for Today.

- Today's D. L. & W. Board is as follows:
- Sunday, Jan. 20.
 - 8 p. m.—F. McDonnell, Warf's men.
 - 10 p. m.—E. H. Hallett.
 - 11 p. m.—F. Hallett.
- Monday, Jan. 21.
- WILD CAPS, EAST.
 - 12:30 a. m.—T. J. Thompson.
 - 2 a. m.—J. Costello.
 - 4 a. m.—J. Burkhart.
 - 6 a. m.—A. J. McDonnell.
 - 8 a. m.—R. Bennett.
 - 10:30 a. m.—O. W. Fitzgerald.
 - 11:30 a. m.—M. Longuey.
 - 1 p. m.—A. H. Rowe, Randolph's men.
 - 3 p. m.—H. B. Bostwick, Randolph's men.
 - 5:45 p. m.—P. Gilligan.
 - 8:45 p. m.—J. A. Busch.

SUMMITS, ETC.

- 7 a. m. west—W. H. Nichols.
- 7 a. m. west—E. F. Frisvold.
- 1 p. m. west—J. Carrigan.
- 8 a. m. east—H. Gilligan.
- 6 p. m. east—H. Masters with E. McAllister's men.
- 7 p. m. west from Cayuga—Lamb.
- 7 p. m. west from Cayuga—Gibby.
- 7 p. m. east from Nap Aug-Duffy.

PULLER.

- 10 a. m.—F. E. Secor.
- PUSHERS.**
- 8 a. m.—Houser.
 - 11:45 a. m.—Moran.
 - 7 p. m.—Murphy.
 - 9 p. m.—Lamping.

PASSENGER ENGINEERS.

- 7 a. m.—Gaffney.
- 8 a. m.—Finger.
- 7 p. m.—Magovern.
- 8:30 p. m.—Stanton.

WILD CAPS, WEST.

- 4 a. m.—G. Burt.
- 6 a. m.—Kerham.
- 8 a. m.—M. G. O'Hara's men.
- 8 a. m.—Haggerty.
- 8 a. m.—W. A. Bartholomew.
- 1 p. m.—John Gabagan.
- 3 p. m.—J. H. McCann.
- 4 p. m.—J. E. Matzke.

NOTICE.

Conductor George Rafferty and brakeman J. V. Peck will report at superintendent's office at 10:30 a. m., Monday, Jan. 21, on arrival of train No. 26.

Brakeman John Wedover on with T. Nauman will go out next trip.

Resignation of Mitchell.

Alexander Mitchell has resigned his position as superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Lehigh Valley to take effect February 1. John T. Keith, superintendent of the Hazleton and Mahanoy division, has been selected to succeed him.

Mr. Mitchell does not intend to sever all his relations with the company but cannot say just what his duties will be. Since the railroad accident last August, in which he was so severely injured, he feels the need of protected rest.

Mr. Mitchell has been connected with the Lehigh Valley division superintendent for thirty years with but two years' interruption during the McLeod railway regime, when he was succeeded by O. O. Esser. At that time he served as superintendent of the motive power. Previous to coming to the Lehigh he was master mechanic of the Delano locomotive shops for several years.

Superintendent Keith's successor on the Hazleton and Mahanoy division will probably be Trainmaster Gilroy, of that division.

Delegates to Indianapolis.

The following delegates to the United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis, left Saturday afternoon over the Delaware and Hudson, for Wilkes-Barre, where connection was made with the Pennsylvania:

- John Owens, Thomas Toole, Robert Donovan, P. F. O'Hara, P. W. Ferguson, Stephen McDonald, John J. McAndrews, M. H. Burns, Martin T. Leary, W. J. Morgan, Joseph T. Hinkley, E. N. Courtright, W. H. Morgan, T. D. Hayes, W. J. Thomas, Henry Collins, of Carbonade, and Stephen Reap, of Oliphant.

Freight Rates Reduced.

The railroads, it is understood, have at last agreed on a reduction in iron

and steel freights from Pittsburg both east and west. The cut will be from 15 to 20 per cent., and will be made on pig iron and billets by a direct reduction, and on finished iron and steel chiefly by a lowering of the classification. It is understood that there was a good deal of opposition to the reduction, some companies considering it a bad policy to make concessions as long as the steel men maintain a high price for rails.

The reduction has been due, very probably, in large part to the proposed action of some large companies in establishing new plants on Lake Erie, where shipments both east and west can be made by water. In some quarters the projected action was characterized as a "bluff," but it seems to have been a successful one. The new rates, which will take effect Feb. 1, are on domestic business, and do not affect the special rates heretofore given on steel and iron for export.

This and That.

George W. Price has been appointed yard master at Clark's Summit, vice Joseph Mathewson, transferred to Scranton.

C. H. Sullivan, station agent on the Lackawanna at Slatknot, has also resigned, and is succeeded by H. P. Zimmerman, of Carlisle.

The contract for the construction of the new pipe mill in Keyser Valley has been awarded to Mulhern & Judge, and work will be commenced as soon as possible. The excavating is being done under the direction of Contractor Muldoon.

Chief Train Dispatcher George H. Stock, of the Utica division of the Lackawanna railroad, has resigned and has been succeeded by H. S. Booth, who was one of Stock's assistants. The latter was chief dispatcher in this city prior to the advent of E. M. Rine, who is now division superintendent.

The iron trade prospects are generally good, though buyers are still holding off on contracts for the second half of the year. Mills have generally their full capacity taken up for the first quarter of the year and many for the second quarter also. There has been a good business in structural material and in plates the demand is very large. Some large orders for rails have been placed also, the railroad having apparently made up their minds to close at present prices.

CITY CLERK AND THE CONTROLLER

Former Wants Councils to Decide Whether or Not Latter Should Obey the Ordinance.

The question as to whether the councils of this city favor Controller Howell or City Clerk Lavelle is about to be put to the test. The test will be the vote on an ordinance introduced in the select council last Thursday night by Councilman D. W. Vaughan.

As is well known, the last paragraph of the general appropriation ordinance for this year directs the city controller "to transfer any and all balances of appropriations, subject to be merged and not otherwise provided in this ordinance, to General Incidentals and Judgments account, year 1900."

The ordinance introduced by Mr. Vaughan provides that "whenever the city controller has willfully disregarded the provisions of the last paragraph of the appropriation ordinance, it is hereby ordained that the said last paragraph is repealed."

City Clerk Lavelle contends that Controller Howell has not transferred the unexpended balances from last year's appropriation, as directed by councils, and is desirous of having the matter settled before he is called upon to draw warrants under ordinances now pending in councils appropriating for this year.

He himself drew up the ordinance, because he wants councils to say whether or not the controller shall be given power to transfer these balances. Councilman Vaughan says that while he introduced the ordinance, he will vote against its passage, because he believes the city controller to be wrong in the position which Clerk Lavelle says that official has taken.

Deputy Controller Hartley, when seen by a Tribune man, said that if he were introduced to the council to do anything being done in the controller's office that had not been done by the present controller's predecessors, he would not say, however, whether or not the balances mentioned had been transferred or not.

NEXT SEASON AT LAKE LODGE.

Booking of Excursions for 1901 at That Popular Resort Has Already Commenced.

STURGES NOW A DEFENDANT

THE CITY'S CASE AGAINST HIM TO BE TRIED THIS WEEK.

He Led a Number of North Washington Avenue Property Owners in a Fight Against the Payment of Paving Assessments Alleging the Work Was Not Done According to Contract and the City Is Now Trying to Collect—Lackawanna Township Democratic Primaries.

Among the cases of note scheduled for trial on this week's common pleas list is that of the City of Scranton against E. B. Sturges and other North Washington avenue property holders for the recovery of the cost of the asphalt pavement laid in front of their properties.

The defendants, headed by Mr. Sturges, made claim at the time of the laying of the pave that it was not being done according to contract, and later they failed to keep the pave in proper repair. Demand was made upon the city to enforce the provisions of the contract relating to repairs, to suit the ideas of the defendants, but councils failed to comply with the demand to the full satisfaction of the property holders and they refused to pay their assessments.

There are four trespass suits against the trolley company set down for trial. The plaintiffs are Mary Galpin, Mary Dwyer, Jennie John and A. Barnes. The city is co-defendant in the first two of these suits, which grow out of the grading of Railroad avenue. Other suits against the city have as plaintiffs Dominick Healey and C. H. Sears.

As the superior court will be occupying the third court room for the first two or three days of the week, only two rooms will be available for common pleas. Judges Archibald and Edwards will preside, the former in the main court room, and the latter in No. 2.

Count Has Been Made.

Judge Edwards on Saturday discharged the rules for a mandamus secured by Patrick J. Higgins to compel the election board of the South district of Lackawanna township to make a count and return of the ballots cast at the Democratic primaries, Friday, January 19.

Higgins was one of the candidates for supervisor. He represented what was locally called the anti-Coyne ticket. The election board of the South district was composed of John J. Coyne, Thomas T. Coyne and Patrick O'Neil. Higgins' complaint was that the board refused to count the ballots, emptied away the ballot box and left it in the custody of "Squire O'Neil, who was Higgins' opponent for the nomination for supervisor."

The respondents, through Attorney Joseph O'Brien and Mr. J. Martin, made answer to the effect that they could not count the ballots at the booth, owing to the disturbance caused by Higgins' friends, and for safe keeping they delivered the sealed box to the justice of the peace. They could not count the vote the next day, they say, as the board had to appear in court in connection with the Taylor annexation proceedings, January 14, and count was made, after due notice was served on all the candidates. Higgins did not put the majority of the votes, they say, and there was nothing about the count that was in any way irregular.

The certificates of nomination which they filed with the county commissioners follow:

- Supervisors, P. J. Lowry and P. Muldoon; other directors for three years, J. Joyce and Thomas Duffy; treasurer, J. G. Jennings; assessor, James Nalin; township clerk, J. J. Lynch; auditor, P. McDermott.

South district—Register of voters, J. J. Jennings; Judge of election, Michael King; inspector of election, Thomas Farrell.

South district—Register of voters, Peter Walsh; Judge of election, John J. Coyne; inspector of election, P. F. O'Neil.

Judge Edwards directed that the costs be divided equally between the parties. It is probable that exceptions to the nominations will be filed today.

To Force Alderman to Act.

William Chappell, treasurer of the Electric City Land and Improvement company, secured a rule, Saturday, for a writ of alternative mandamus to compel Alderman Millett, of the Sixth ward, to issue and deliver to him a transcript of appeal in the case of George W. Beale against the Electric City Land and Improvement company. The rule was made returnable January 26, at 9 a. m.

Mr. Chappell alleges that on divers occasions he tendered payment of costs and demanded a transcript, but the alderman persistently refused to give it to him.

Auditor Makes Final Report.

The final report of Attorney Charles E. Daniels, the auditor of the report of the assignee of the Citizens' and Minors' Savings Bank and Trust company, was filed Saturday, and given conditional confirmation.

The report shows that on November 19, 1900, there remained in the hands of the assignee \$10,918.73, and that there is still due to the creditors \$12,668.42.

Mrs. Giebenhaar Wants Divorce.

Mrs. Bertha Giebenhaar applied for divorce Saturday from her alleged runaway husband, Frederick Giebenhaar. Attorney Charles Balentine represented the petition.

The Giebenhaars were married February 16, 1889, and the alleged desertion took place in the spring of 1899.

DRAMA OF CITY LIFE.

One Curious Little Scene Casually Noted by a Passer-by.

From the New York Sun.

Not far from where George Washington is said to have pledged the health of his staff over a glass as he was about to leave New York at the close of the Revolution three men were at work unwinding a coil of cable. A fourth man on the sidewalk looked on and then said to his friend:

"There's Bill now, as sure as I'm a foot high, and I've been lookin' for him for two days."

Then the speaker made a rush for Bill, and they nearly embraced.

"Great Jehosaphat, Joe, wherever did you come from?" asked Bill.

The work on the cable stopped for a minute. Bill took a letter out of his pocket and handed it to Joe. While

Joe read, Bill kept Joe's pipe lighted. There was a hurried talk with the foreman and then Bill knuckled off and went with Joe. As they passed on through the crowd Joe was heard to say:

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80 PIECES Broadcloths and Venetians in all the leading colors; 54 inches wide; prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Former prices ranged from \$1.75 to \$2.75.

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