

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

CONDITION OF THE ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

What a Trade Journal Says of the Recent Convention of the United Mine Workers—The D. L. & W. Board for Today—Work on the Shops at Dunmore is Approaching Completion—Machinery is Being Installed—Notes from Various Sources.

The current number of the Engineering and Mining Journals says of the present anthracite conditions:

"The anthracite trade has had the stimulus of stormy weather during the week, with a resultant rush of orders. The cold wave, however, did not last long enough to have much effect; so that, while trade is far from dull, certain sizes—egg and broken, are now in abundant supply and are accumulating. The demand for stove and nut continues active, and though consumers show no desire to pay premiums for spot coal, the demand for these two sizes is greater than the supply. The steam sizes are still short, but the demand for them is likely to be affected by the prevailing prices for soft coal."

"If, as press dispatches from the anthracite region state, the officials of the United Mine Workers contemplate holding a convention in March, which will formulate demands for a further increase in wages, lower prices for supplies and some radical changes in mining methods, the outlook for a general strike is much better than the conciliatory words of John Mitchell and the other leaders of the union newspapers would indicate. There is nothing in present conditions to justify higher wages."

Back from Indianapolis. Secretary-Treasurer John T. Dempsey, of District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, and District Organizer Robert N. Courtwright returned home Saturday night from Indianapolis, where they attended the national convention of mine workers. Secretary Dempsey, in yesterday speaking with a Tribune man about the great gathering of miners, said:

"The convention revealed a surprising increase in the strength and power of the organization. All the reports showed a marvelous growth in membership and most favorable existing conditions. At the close of the convention a very large number of the delegates went to Columbus, O., where the soft coal operators and miners are adjusting their differences. President Nichols is one of the local anthracite leaders who is among those at Columbus."

The general sentiment at Indianapolis was that the conference would last for some days yet, but a favorable final adjustment is expected. It is likely that the national board will call a joint meeting of the anthracite workers and operators in March to fix a permanent scale. The one decision upon which brought the strike to a close, expires April 1."

At the Indianapolis convention anthracite men from these districts played an active part and a number of them received important committee assignments. T. D. Nichols was chairman of the committee on resolutions; John T. Dempsey, a member of the committee on officers' reports; Henry Collins, of the scale committee; John Fahy, of the appeals and grievances committee; James J. James, of the transportation, and Miles Dougherty, of the credentials committee. Thomas McGarry was one of the leaders.

Disatisfied with Pay Day. The employees of the Nay Aug colliery and washery, in Dunmore, quit work Saturday morning, as the result of being refused a first installment of the semi-monthly pay. The mine is operated by the Nay Aug Coal company, and employs about two hundred hands.

During the week notices were posted announcing that the semi-monthly pay would go into effect Saturday, February 3, when the men would be paid for the first half of January, and for the last half of February 23.

The Nay Aug officials claim that this arrangement appeared perfectly satisfactory to the men, and the first indication of any dissatisfaction was manifested Saturday morning, when the miners demanded that they be immediately paid. This was refused, and the men then quit work. An early and amicable settlement is being looked forward to by the company.

Meeting of Labor Union. At a meeting of the Central Labor union, held yesterday afternoon in Carpenter's hall, a large number of delegates were present from the striking silk mill employees. The union pledged support to the strikers. A large amount of other business was transacted.

The Plumbers' union asked for aid in settling a grievance with a North Scranton merchant, and a committee was appointed to assist in bringing to a close the difficulties between the stonecutters and Carpenter's. The North Scranton clerks reported two cases of violation of the early closing demand, and several cases were reported by the carpenters of non-union work on various new structures. An open meeting of the central city barbers will be held Tuesday night and an organization effected.

A. Ketcham; 4 p. m., J. J. O'Hara; 5 p. m., John Baxter. Notice—Conductor J. Gerrity and crew will run the train for Toiyahana, leaving Scranton 4:30 a. m., Monday, the 4th. Brakeman Wilford Treacher will go out with A. G. Hammit next trip. Brakeman William Lewis will go out with Conductor George Frountzler next trip. Brakeman Peter Gilligan will go out with Conductor McJannet next trip. Conductor John Baxter and crew will go out at 4 p. m., will call west February 5, in place of the regular men. W. Harvey. Please give us a 200 or 300 class engine on the ice train Monday, February 4, to leave Scranton 4:30 a. m.

After a Long Lease. The following dispatch from Lebanon appeared in Saturday's Philadelphia Inquirer:

"Everything indicates that an important deal in iron cities is about concluded in this city, whereby the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company, of Scranton, will secure a twenty-year lease on the Bird Coleman and North Cornwall furnaces, as well as the Cornwall railroad."

Work on the New Shops. The new shops of the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad company in the yards at Dunmore are rapidly nearing completion and in about two months will be ready for occupancy. The buildings themselves are now practically completed, but the work of transferring and installing the machinery will consume about two months yet.

A gigantic crane which is being erected is among the most arduous features of the work of construction.

This and That. Local No. 85 of the United Brewery Workers, held a largely attended meeting in Guernsey hall yesterday afternoon and passed resolutions of sympathy for the mill girls on strike. An order was issued on Friday last by Sydney Williams, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania Coal company directing the removal of six train crews from Dunmore to Avoca. This will mean the removal of no less than thirty-six families from Dunmore. The bakers and confectioners are the latest class of workmen in this city who have decided to organize. A meeting is to be held next Saturday night at the Grand Central hotel. The craftsmen who are to form the bakers' union comprise bread, pie, cake and pretzel bakers, pastry cooks, candy makers and ice cream makers. Reliable information is at hand that the Pennsylvania railroad will build a branch line through Lebanon county early in the spring. The line will pass through the eastern part of the county, where surveys are now in progress. For some years the Pennsylvania has been seeking an outlet for its Schuylkill Valley division. The plan is to feed the main line from Reading by means of the proposed road through Lebanon, with the other end of the division at or near Steelton.

LOCAL BOWLERS VICTORS

THEY DEFEATED THE CRACK ROSEVILLE TEAM.

Interesting Contest in the Elks' Alleys Saturday Night—Local Team Was a Picked One.

About one hundred spectators crowded the Elk alleys Saturday night and from the newly erected bleachers witnessed the greatest bowling match ever rolled in this city. The rollers were the crack five representatives of the strong Roseville Athletic association, of Roseville, N. J., a member of the New York League, and a team composed of members of each of the five clubs of the Northeastern Pennsylvania League.

The latter were victorious, winning out by a total of six pins, having a total score of 2643 pins to 2637. By downing the fast New Yorkers, the conquering team ably demonstrated its ability and showed that this section of the country is prolific of bowling talent second to none.

The local team was made up of Mitchell, of the Commercial; Bartl, of the Elks; Weigand, of the West End club; of Wilkes-Barre; Hopkins, of the Buckus, and Wardell, of the Bicycle club. Weigand, a tall gentleman from Wilkes-Barre, was the hero of the night. In the first match, his work was rather poor, and it was only by finishing with three strikes that he attained the respectable score of 151. In the second match, however, he bunched five strikes, and loomed up strong at the close with 216. In the last match he put on steam and a total of six strikes, five spares and eight, gave him 239.

His average was 190, while Meyer led the Rosevilles with 182. Pearson's 294 was the visitors' high score. The detailed score follows:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes Pearson, Meyer, Mitchell, Weigand, Bartl, Hopkins, Wardell, and totals for Roseville and Northeastern State League.

The afternoon match with a picked team, playing six men a side. Their score, 1099, was their best work of the day. It follows in full:

Table with columns for names and scores. Includes Diederick, Van Ness, Meyer, Retzlum, and totals for State League and Municipal League.

The New York Shoe Store. Corner Lackawanna and Wyoming Avenues.

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The next match will be played Tuesday evening, between the Commercial and Buckus clubs, at the Elks' alley.

CAPIAS FOR SIMON THOMAS. Municipal League Wants Him to Furnish New Bail.

At the instance of the Municipal League, a capias was on Saturday issued for ex-Select Councilman Simon Thomas, who is under \$5,000 bail on the charge of perjury.

The league attorneys, after investigation, decided that William T. Jenkins, Mr. Thomas' bondsman, didn't possess all the property he was supposed to possess and the accordingly applied for the capias. Mr. Thomas will be brought before the court and compelled to furnish new bail.

Fire Department Matters. Chief F. W. Zieselmann, of the fire department, has been put in a false light, he says, by the recent published statements regarding the creation of deficiencies amounting to over \$5,000 in his department.

He stated yesterday to a Tribune man, and his statement is backed up by Deputy Controller Hartley, that only \$1,400 of this \$5,000 and more was created since he assumed charge of the department. He says that the balance of \$3,600 was contracted by his predecessor, John H. Walker, and that he should in no wise be held responsible for it.

The ex-chief, he says, when he over-drew an appropriation would keep the bill in his office. The bills kept accumulating, and according to Chief Zieselmann they were not sent to the auditing committee until he assumed office. He found stacks of them on file when he took charge, and lost no time in having them approved by the auditing committee and sent to the controller's office, where they are now on file.

The majority of these bills were contracted during the year 1899, and the chief says that they should have been provided for in this year's appropriation ordinance, instead of letting them hang fire until the next fiscal year.

"The deficiencies which have been created since I assumed office," said the chief, "have all been necessary. I have been careful to order nothing of any importance without the consent of council. If a wagon or an engine house needed repairing, I didn't have it done on my own responsibility, but always secured the consent of council. All deficiency bills which have been contracted since my term of office began have been sent to the auditing committee and are now in the possession of the controller. I have kept no bills in my office."

CONNOLLY & WALLACE. SCRANTON'S SHOPPING CENTER.

Notable Reductions. In Prices of Flannel Waists, Dressing Sacques and Men's and Women's Bath Robes. Read on:

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Table showing prices for Flannel Waists and Dressing Sacques. Columns for item names and prices.

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