

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

WORK ON THE NEW STEEL PLANT AT BUFFALO.

A Number of the Buildings Have Already Been Completed—The Office Building Cost \$100,000—Connecting Railroad Finished—Present Condition of the Anthracite Coal Trade—Make-up of the D. L. & W. Board for Today—Odds and Ends of Items of Interest.

The Buffalo News has the following reference to the new plant of the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company at Buffalo:

"The work of building the Stone Point steel plant is progressing so rapidly that only those who have occasion to watch it from day to day have any adequate idea of what is being accomplished at this great industrial suburb of Buffalo. Five of the largest buildings, to be used for machine and carpenter shops, etc., have already been completed by Gratian & Jennings.

"The \$100,000 office building, for which Charles Berrick is the contractor, is well advanced toward completion. The brick work of the same building is done and the masons are now busy putting the roof on.

"The engine house has been completed and two of the engines have been set and are now in running order. Two of the immense steam boilers, each of which is 100 feet and upwards in height, are already in place.

"One of the largest pieces of construction work, the building of the intake pier, is now in progress. Great quantities of concrete for this work, which will cost about \$100,000, have already been opened for the pier. On Tuesday the contractors will begin laying the concrete bottom, which will be six feet thick and will take six months to lay.

"Then will begin the work of laying the intake conduit, which will extend 650 feet out into the lake. This intake will have a concrete bottom six feet thick and walls seven feet thick. This work is designed to endure for a century. The interior diameter will be twelve feet. All this must be done in about six months. The purpose of the intake is solely to supply water for the plant.

"The South Buffalo railroad, which connects the works with the Lake shore railroad is completed as far as the works, so that it can be utilized for bringing up supplies. There still remains the work of connecting the road with the Buffalo Creek road and the Lackawanna.

"All of the contractors who are informed regarding the work, agree in referring to C. C. Conklin, the resident engineer of the steel company, as a wonder in the way of planning work and getting it through in a minimum space of time.

**Lackawanna Orders.** Lackawanna passenger conductors are requested to send at once to Acting Superintendent of Car Service M. B. Casey duplicates of their wheel reports for trains starting at midnight December 31, 1900, and including December 31, 1901, starting at midnight February 1, 1901.

During the past week several trains have failed to stop and test air in accordance with circular No. 31. The discipline of this is to give notice that hereafter such offences will be punished by dismissal from the Lackawanna service, by order of the general superintendent.

Lackawanna passenger conductors: P. E. B. agent at Broad street station, Philadelphia, issued tickets Form 3559 R. Nos. 1467-64-65, reading over to Mr. Pocono from Manunka Chunk to Mt. Pocono and return, and limited in error to date of issue, February 6. The correct limit should have been thirty days from date of issue. Please inform these tickets within such correct limit when they are presented for return passage.

J. B. Talbot has been appointed night yardmaster at Kingston, vice D. A. Gordon, transferred.

WE CAN HAVE SIX MEMBERS

PLAN TO REAPPORTION THE COUNTY.

Partial Agreement Arrived at as to the Places That Will Comprise Each of the Six Districts—There Will Be Three in the City and Three Outside of It—New Division Puts Representative James and Reynolds in the Same Legislative District.

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It is proposed to give the city three distinct districts, and the rest of the county three. The following are the divisions, together with the last legislative and presidential votes and the population:

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ARMORY NEARING COMPLETION

Great Size of New Structure Beginning to Be Appreciated. The new Thirtieth regiment armory at Adams avenue and Myrtle street is now rapidly nearing completion, and while it is not expected that it will be finished by April 1, which is the time called for in the contract, it is nevertheless believed that it will be ready for occupancy by the middle of that month and that the regiment will be housed there by May 1.

The front part of the building, of that portion which will be used for offices, company rooms, recreation parlors, etc., is now entirely finished, with the exception of the inside woodwork and the plastering. The front elevation presents a remarkably ornate and beautiful appearance.

The work of constructing the enormous drill hall in the rear of the main building is about half completed. All but three of the great steel trusses, which support the roof, have been placed in position and this part of the work is nearly finished. The work of roofing over the trusses has been fairly started and is being rapidly pushed by a large force of workmen.

To see the plans of the new building or to hear the talk of the great size of the drill hall was not to realize at all its tremendous area. This cannot be realized without taking a look at it now that it is being roofed over. It will not only be the largest single room in the city, but one of the largest in the entire state. Two regiments will be able to drill upon it at the same time, should occasion demand.

A hall of magnificent proportions could be given in it and it will undoubtedly prove a great factor in drawing large conventions to Scranton for there are but few cities which can offer an auditorium of such size for the accommodation of large gatherings. The drill hall will be nearly three times the size of the drill hall of the present armory.

Mention of Men of the Hour.

Bishop Charles H. Fowler, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who is to preside at the coming session of the Wyoming conference, which begins April 16 at West Pittston, is a man of intense personality, deep perception, marvelous oratorical ability. He is a scholar untroubled by none, a Christian gentleman, kindly sympathetic, always helpful and ever alert for the best interests of the church and of her ministers. As a presiding officer he has no superior. His knowledge of conference business, his grasp of situations and mastery of intricate ecclesiastical problems, with moral strength and power to enforce correct decisions, makes him at once a model bishop and an ideal president.

He is a Canadian by birth, but in all that counts for true Americanism he is an American of Americans. Born in Burford, Canada, in 1837, he today bears his years as a man in the prime and vigor of active life. Educated for the bar, he possessed high legal attainments with theological knowledge, and when admitted into the Rock River conference in 1861 he sprang rapidly to the front, occupying for the full pastoral terms the strong pulpits of Jefferson street and Clark street churches and the large Centenary church of Chicago was built by him when only five years a member of the conference.

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