NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

PRESIDENT MORTON, OF FIREMEN, IN CITY.

Industrious Efforts Are Being Made to Secure Passage of Legislation Licensing Stationary Firemen. Improvements Being Made on Main Line of New York, Ontario and Western Railroad—Orders Issued by Superintendent Dods, of Central Railroad of New Jersey.

National President J. W. Morton, of the International Association of Stationary Firemen, returned to the city yesterday from Wilkes-Barre, where he has been conferring with the Luzerne association's members. President Morton arrived in the city Wednesday and has spent considerable time since then in visiting the lodges in this region.

He came on from Chicago in order to attend the state convention, which was held last Sunday at Plymouth and he may stay in the city for a few more days. The principal action taken by the convention consisted in endorsement of the action of the association's delegates to Harrisburg, who are endeavoring to secure the passage of an act licensing stationary firemen.

About seventy-five delegates from all parts of the state attended the convention, which was presided over by President C. W. Baxter, of this city. The two delegates at Harrisburg have appeared before the judiciary committee, to whom the bill was referred in the house, and have presented strong arguments for the passage of the measure. Representative P. A. Philbin presented it.

Once the bill is out of the committee's hands a body of six more delegates will leave the city to reinforce the men at the capital. It is likely that President Morton and state President Baxter will be in this delegation and beaver-like energy will be used in pushing the measure through. It is recognized by all the stationary firemen of Pennsylvania as having a vital bearing on the protection of them, and no stone will be left unturned to secure legislation guaranteeing it.

Improvements on O. & W.

The New York, Ontario and Western railroad authorities are planning extensive improvements on their main line and work will be started within a few days by the company's section hands on important grading jobs. For the past year the company has been industriously engaged in making improvements of this sort on all of its lines, and Burke Brothers, the local contractors, have done not a little such work for the Ontario and Western.

The extensive changes now being arranged for will be made on the road from Middletown to Norwich. The company officials are aiming at doing away with all the steep grades and sharp curves in as nearly a complete manner as possible. The chief point of the reconstruction doings will be at Wintertown, where it is expected that work will be started any day. In order to do away with the grading there it has been found necessary to lay about three miles of new track. This will necessitate cutting through a hitherto untouched portion of land there. Several miles of new track will also have to be laid at Fallsburg.

The task will prove a long and arduous one, but when completed will have produced a splendid improvement in the main line facilities for travel.

Jersey Central Matters.

Assistant Superintendent William C. Dods, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has issued a bulletin to Central trainmen announcing new rules to be observed at the Penn Haven Junction.

The new orders were effective at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Henceforth all east-bound trains will run through the middle track at Penn Haven Junction, and use the west-bound track and crossover switches at the Junction station. All east-bound trains must approach the west end middle track, Penn Haven Junction, and the west-bound trains must approach the crossover switches at the Penn Haven Junction station, all trains being under control and prepared to stop.

Air Brake Instructions.

A bulletin to Central Railroad of New Jersey trainmen announces that the air brake instruction car will be stationed at the Ashley yard until further notice. It will be open for instructions, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning and 1 to 4 in the afternoon. Thursdays examinations will be conducted and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays the car will be closed.

Next week the enginemen will receive their instructions in the morning and the trainmen in the afternoon, the following week vice versa, each succeeding week the men alternating in the hours.

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

The make-up of today's D., L. and W. board is as follows:

FRIDAY, MARCH 15.

Wild Cats, East—8 p. m., W. LaBarr; 11 p. m., O. Kearney.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16.

Wild Cats, East—12.30 a. m., M. J. Brannigan; 3 a. m., P. Cavanaugh; 5 a. m., Mills, with Bissing's men; 8.30 a. m., W. D. Wartel; 10 a. m., C. W. Dunn; 11 a. m., Thompson; 1 p. m., M. Flaherty; 4.45 p. m., J. Mosier; 5 p. m., D. Wallace; 6 p. m., J. Gerrity.

Summits, Etc.—6 a. m., A. Widner, with James Carrig's men; 8 a. m., West, George Frounfelker; 9 a. m., west, Nichols; 6 p. m., east, J. Brannigan; 7 p. m., east from New Aug. Edward McAllister; 7 p. m., west from Cayuga, McLane; 7 p. m., west from Cayuga, Ginley.

Puller—10 a. m., F. E. Secor.

Pushers—8 a. m., Houser; 10 a. m., S. Finnerty; 11.30 a. m., Moran; 7 p. m., Murphy; 9 p. m., Lamping; 10 p. m., G. Thomas.

Passenger Engines—7 a. m., Gaffney; 7 p. m., Singer; 5.30 p. m., Stanton; 7 p. m., McGovern.

Wild Cats, West—4 a. m., T. Fitzpatrick; 5 a. m., John Gahagan; 7 a. m., A. Ketchum; 9 a. m., M. Golden, with E. M. Hallett's men; 11 a. m., John Baxter; 1 p. m., O. Randolph; 2 p. m., Kingsley; 3 p. m., D. Haggerty; 4 p. m., J. H. McCann; 5 p. m., B. Castner; 6 p. m., F. L. Rogers.

NOTICE.

Barkeeper Joseph Mathews, on with H. Robins, reports for duty.

The Carpenters' Strike.

The conference which was to have been held Thursday night between the Builders' Exchange and the executive committee of the carpenters who have been on strike the last twenty-two months, was postponed until yesterday noon, when a brief session was held in the Builders' Exchange.

Business Agent O. S. Lutz, of the Carpenters' union, yesterday stated that the results of the meeting were of a satisfactory nature, but could not be yet announced.

The proposition of the builders will be considered at a meeting of the union.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Henry P. Dreyer, of Scranton, who left this country last fall to continue his vocal studies in Italy, under Vannecini, is meeting with much success, having recently been chosen as the most competent out of fifty advanced pupils, to sing before the king. Before leaving Scranton Mr. Dreyer studied voice culture and singing for two years under Mr. Alfred Wooler, the tenor of Elm Park church, this city.

The following programme will be rendered by Bauer's Thirteenth Regiment band at the Lyceum theater, on Thursday evening, April 11:

March—"Electric City" ..... C. E. Knowels
(Dedicated to Bauer's band.)
Overture—"Poet and Peasant" ..... Suppe
Vocal solo—"Die Passrio" ..... Gounod
Mr. Frank Eaton.
Selection—"The Amber" ..... Herbert
Cornet solo—"Whirlwind Polka" ..... Levy
Mr. Thomas Miles.
Intermission ten minutes.
Overture—"Maximilian Robespierre" ..... Lincoff
(Descriptive.)
A Congo Terpsichorean Event ..... Voelker
Vocal solo—"Toreadore Song" (from Carmen) ..... Bizet
Mr. Frank Eaton.
Intermezzo—"Pas Des Fleurs" (from Malla) ..... Delibe.
Grand American Fantasie ..... Herbert

At tomorrow's services in the Second Presbyterian church the following musical selections will be rendered:

MORNING.

Organ—Prelude ..... Capocci
Anthem—"Jubilate Deo" ..... Shelley
Offertory solo—"The Man of Sorrows" ..... Adams
Mr. Gippel.
Organ—Postlude ..... Gounod

EVENING.

Organ—Prelude ..... Guilmant
Choir—Response, "Let Thy Mercy" ..... Haydn
Quartette—"Praise Ninth to Me Ye Weary" ..... Conway
Misses Black and Garagan.
Messrs. Gippel and Morgan.
Offertory—Solo, "Rock of Ages" ..... Farmer
Miss Garagan.
Organ—Postlude ..... Mendelssohn
Mr. J. M. Chance, organist and director.

At Mr. Chance's studio the following programme was rendered last Wednesday afternoon by his pupil, Miss Mabel Rennie:

PIANO.

Concerto in D minor ..... Mendelssohn
First and second movements.
Orchestral accompaniment by Mr. Chance on second piano.
(a) Nocturne in B major ..... Chopin
(b) Sinfonia in E major ..... Bach
(c) Impromptu, No. 2 ..... Schubert
(d) Polka Noble ..... Jewell
(e) Valse Arabesque ..... Leschetizky
Sonata in C sharp minor ..... Beethoven
Adagio. Allegretto. Presto Agitato.

Miss Anna Salmon sang the solo, "There Is a Beautiful Land on High," very effectively at the afternoon session of the Women's Missionary convention, held in Trinity Lutheran church on Thursday afternoon.

The following excellent programme was rendered at the missionary meeting held in Trinity Lutheran church on Thursday evening:

Organ—Prelude ..... Lemmens
Solo—"Babylon" ..... Watson
Miss Garagan.
Trio—"Father, Lead Me" (from "Belshazzar,")
Misses Black, Garagan, Mr. Gippel.
Duet—"O Clap Your Hands" ..... Smith
Misses Black and Garagan.
Organ—Postlude ..... Silas
Mr. J. M. Chance.

Mr. Henry Wolfsohn announces that he arranged with Mme. Schumann-Heink, the popular contralto of the Metropolitan Opera company, to remain in this country until the latter part of June, for a number of miscellaneous concerts and the larger musical festivals. Mme. Schumann-Heink is also to be the principal soloist at the coming Saengerfest, which is to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., during the middle of June. During her extended stay in this country, Mr. Wolfsohn will have sole control of Mme. Schumann-Heink's business.

Ernst von Dohnanyi, the Hungarian pianist, who has been winning much success as a composer of late, is now busy on a symphony, which he expects to finish by July next. It is to be heard at one of the most concerts to be given by the Boston Symphony orchestra next season. Dohnanyi will return to Europe on April 2, after a most prosperous and successful season here. Since his arrival here in November last, Dohnanyi has played fifty-seven concerts.

The many friends of Prof. George B. Carter, formerly organist of Elm Park church, will be glad to learn that he will give an organ recital at the Green Ridge Methodist church on Thursday evening, March 21, assisted by Mr. Alfred Wooler, tenor of Elm Park, who will probably sing for the first time his new Easter solo, "Rise Glorious Conqueror!"

Miss Eugenia Mantelli, who was for several years connected with the Maurice Grau Opera company as its leading contralto and who, for the past season, has been singing at the Royal Opera at Lisbon, is to return here next month to fill a number of concert engagements arranged for her by Mr. Henry Wolfsohn.

The congregation of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church had a real musical treat last Sunday evening in Mr. Pilling's rendition of the solo "Vessel by the Tempest."

Prof. W. P. Schilling's new musical service is moving with deserved success. Testimonials of the highest order are constantly coming in.

The phenomenal success of Alfred Wooler's sacred song, "Heaven Is Not Far Away," has caused the publishers to issue it for alto or baritone.

Mr. Alfred Wooler's new Easter solo, "Rise, Glorious Conqueror!" is out and is pronounced by competent critics to be of the very highest order and should make him famous.

Preparations are being made for a grand concert to be given by Mrs. Caroline Wolff Worden in Guernsey hall, on March 28. She will be assisted by Prof. John T. Watkins, bass; Mr. Alfred Wooler, tenor; Prof. Vandeberkes, violinist, and Charles Dorrance, pianist. The programme will be of a high class. Mrs. Worden will appear in four numbers, two solos, duet with Mr. Wooler and trio with Prof. Watkins and Mr. Wooler. This promises to be one of the best concerts of the season. A large number of tickets have already been sold.

The sale of tickets for the pianoforte recital of Carl Faelten, the eminent Boston pianist, has already begun. This recital, which will be one of the best ever given in this city, will occur on Tuesday, April 9 (Easter week), in St. Luke's Parish house, under the auspices of the Scranton Conservatory of Music. For many years Mr. Faelten, who is by birth a German, has been one of the leading pianists of America. He was for a number of years director of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, the largest institution of the kind in this country, and is now director of the Faelten Pianoforte school, Boston, which numbers hundreds of students. Mr. Faelten will play the following splendid programme:

Chaconne ..... Handel
Sonata Opus 53 ..... Beethoven
Allegro con brio.
Adagio.
Rondo Allegretto-Presto.
Minuet, Opus 78 ..... Franz Schubert
Impromptu, Opus 90, No. 2 ..... Franz Schubert
Mazurka, Opus 5, No. 1 ..... Chopin
Nocturne, Opus 15, No. 2 ..... Chopin
Scherzo, Opus 31 ..... Chopin
Prelude, Opus 22, No. 4 ..... Rubinstein
Barcarolle, Opus 45 ..... Rubinstein
Etude de Concert, Opus 23, No. 2 ..... Rubinstein

There will be a concert given by the students of the Scranton Conservatory of Music in St. Luke's Parish house on the evening of March 28. Tickets will soon be in the hands of students for free distribution. In order to establish a scholarship fund for needy students a limited number of seats will be reserved at ten cents each.

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KNIGHTS OF MALTA.

The members of Malta and all other fraternal societies in Pennsylvania are deeply interested in what is known as the "Henderson Bill," or House Bill No. 389, which is now before the legislature. It places all fraternal beneficiary societies or orders under the insurance commissioner, who can send deputies at his pleasure to inspect the books of any society, and every time such an inspection is made the society must pay $100, and if they have a reserve fund the fee is $200. The bill has been reported from the committee, but by a determined effort on the part of a few it has been referred back. The passage of this bill would jeopardize the existence of every fraternal society in the state. It would prove of incalculable advantage to every old line insurance company, but would involve a serious loss to every one of the hundreds of thousands of members of fraterna beneficial societies. On March 8, the secret societies represented in Harrisburg had a public meeting in the court house, and protested vigorously against the passage of such an iniquitous measure. Companions of the Order of Malta have sent in letters and petitions to the legislators representing their districts, and have asked that the bill be defeated, on the ground that it is a death-blow aimed at fraternity. As two-thirds of the men of Pennsylvania are personally interested in fraternities, it is probable that any legislator who voted for this bill would drive a nail in his political coffin. It is reported that this bill was presented to the legislature of New Jersey, and was overwhelmingly defeated. The paid lobby at Harrisburg must be met at once by the combined protests of every order in the state.

Imperial commandery, No. 225, at Chester, Pa., delights in giving jewels and bouquets while the companions are living to enjoy them. They gave a handsome watch charm on March 5 to their recorder, Sir. E. H. Murray, in recognition of his tireless devotion and work in behalf of the order. On March 5, during a convocation, a gold watch charm was presented to Past Commander W. H. B. Maxwell, who proposed twelve applications during the last term. A beautiful past commander's jewel was also presented to Sir Frank J. Symonds, the retiring sir knight commander.

Plymouth commandery, No. 241, at Plymouth, Pa., will receive a class by special dispensation on March 22. The degree staff of John Knox commandery, No. 12, at Wilkes-Barre, will assist in the ceremonies, which will be in charge of Grand Senior Warden Sir John J. Beisel, past grand commander.

King Richard commandery, No. 147, at Harrisburg, Pa., on Feb. 18, conferred the Red Cross and Sepulchre degree upon three knights princes, all of whom won 100 per cent. in the preliminary examination. This is a particularly fine record. The command is preparing to admit a class in the near future.

Meridian Sun commandery, No. 99, at Lancaster, has engaged Mannheimer hall for April 5, when the Red Cross and Sepulchre degree will be given in more elaborate form than on former occasions. The rehearsals of the choir and orchestra promise musical features of high excellence.

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