

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

CARPENTERS' STRIKE IS NOT AT AN END.

That is the Statement Made by Business Agent Lutz, Who Takes Issue with Mr. Laudig—Central Labor Union is to Make an Effort to Bring the Silk Strike to an End. Present Status of the Anthracite Coal Trade—The Board for Today. Other Offices Moved.

Although Secretary H. F. Laudig, of the Builders' Exchange, Saturday gave out a statement to the effect that the long-standing difficulties between the exchange and journeymen carpenters had been adjusted, and accompanied this with the papers of settlement, signed by "the Journeymen Carpenters' Conference committee," Business Agent P. S. Lutz, of the striking carpenters, yesterday emphatically stated to a Tribune man that the strike is not settled.

He declared that the agreement published by Laudig was made with members of what was formerly known as the "Good Mechanics" club, consisting entirely of ex-members of the Carpenters' union who returned to work. The scale decided upon, he stated, was not onerous to the carpenters at large, as it provides for a nine-hour day, with daily wages ranging from \$2.25 up. The union has demanded an eight-hour day, with a minimum rate of thirty cents an hour. Mr. Lutz, continuing, said:

"While we have reached no agreement with the Builders' exchange, we have signed contracts with numerous individual builders during the past week, making terms with no less than five large contractors and builders, which makes a total of about thirty-five individual settlements. We have received guarantees of an eight-hour day and our other demands have also been almost entirely granted. We have slightly modified our original grievances and by meeting the builders half-way, gained our point."

Anthracite Coal Trade. The Engineering and Mining Journal says this about the anthracite coal trade:

With fears of a strike dispelled and water weather not far distant, the anthracite coal trade shows a natural decline in buying, though business is reported to be better than for some time past. The season of the year. Trade will improve with the opening of late navigation. Supplies on the docks at the head of Lake Superior have vanished; never in recent years have the docks been swept so clean. The ice on the lakes is thick, however, and navigation is not expected to open before May 1. At Chicago trade has been quiet. All rail coal enough to be had to supply all needs. Along the lower lakes buying fell off with the news of no strike this spring. Trade at seaboard points is fair. Retail buying has been stimulated by raw, windy weather.

There has been more than the usual amount of Wall street talk about anthracite roads this week. It has been asserted that the Lehigh Valley was to be added to the Reading and that the Vandalia were to take over Delaware and Hudson. Doubtless Mr. J. P. Morgan has not been averse to any talk that would keep up a bull market, but as a matter of fact, Mr. Morgan has had a large interest in Lehigh Valley two years and there is nothing to show that he intends to make the property with Reading. The Vandalia, looking to one half up to the Hudson stock and the road line connections with the New York Central, but there is nothing to show that Vanderbilt interests in the road are any larger than they have been. On a market almost dead of both talk seems to be.

The roads have announced their spring prices. The announcement is a novel one in that it contains the winter schedule, but shows a discount of 20 cents per ton for coal bought in April, 40 cents for that bought in May, 20 cents for June, 20 cents for July and 10 cents for August, with the full winter schedule again on Sept. 1. This scheme of a single rate of special grades and discounts has never been tried before, at least not on just the present plan. It seems eminently fair and honest, for the man who buys in April or May has a substantial discount offered him, and the present close control of the various roads is assurance that July prices will not be lower than April prices, as has too often been the case. Consumers may not take full advantage of the discounts this year, waiting to see how prices will be maintained. If upheld, however, the new plan should do much to distribute buying over the year more evenly than has been the case, thus creating steadier business for the companies and more regular employment for the men in the mines.

Owing to the fall in demand most of the collieries are now working 2 1/2 times.

The April prices for free-delivery white coal are: 10 lb. New York Harbor ports are: Broom, \$2.20; egg, \$2.25; stove and nut, \$1.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 8. Wild Cats East—8 p. m., F. Haller. MONDAY, APRIL 9. Wild Cats East—12:30 p. m., E. Rogers; 5 p. m., E. M. Haller; 9 p. m., O. Case; 1 p. m., W. L. Gardner; 4:30 p. m., D. Wallace; 8 p. m., W. P. Warrick; 9 p. m., J. B. Hale. P. M. SUNDAY, APRIL 8. Wild Cats West—9 a. m., T. J. Thompson; 11 a. m., J. H. Masters; 1 p. m., W. W. Lutz; 3 p. m., F. W. Wall; 5 p. m., H. McGowan; 7 p. m., Haggerty; 9 p. m., Mills with M. Carmody's men.

NOTICE. Conductor W. D. Warfield and crew, Conductor T. Fitzpatrick, H. H. H. J. Farkis, A. E. Mullin and brakemen Joseph J. Cullen, James Healey, Joseph Haggerty and John Gallagher will report at superintendents office 9 a. m., Monday, April 8.

Brakeman P. Corcoran reports for duty with Deudman. Brakeman George Coffman reports for duty with T. McCarthy.

Department Transferred. Those connected with the mechanical engineering department of the Pennsylvania Coal company received notice Saturday that their services could be dispensed with in the future, their work being transferred to New York city.

Those affected by the change are Chief Engineer William Forsyth, C. S. Farrar and Ernest Close.

Attempt to Mediate. At a meeting of the Central Labor union held yesterday afternoon in Economy hall, a number of representatives of the striking silk mill girls were present and pleaded their cause in such effective terms that the union decided to attempt to secure a conference with Superintendent W. H. Davis, of the Sauguet mill with a view to settling the strike.

Superintendent Davis was selected as being the representative of the largest and most representative mill, and President Jones appointed the following committee to wait upon him: George H. Gother, secretary of the

union, John H. Devine, of the Clerk; O. S. Lutz, of the Carpenters; Humphrey Campbell, of the Machinists, and W. A. Stanton. This committee will first confer with the strikers' executive committee and discuss the situation with them.

There were no other new developments in the strike either Saturday or yesterday.

New Baggage Check System.

During the past week a new baggage check system was installed at all points on the Lackawanna railroad, doing away with the use of all checks with brass duplicates. In place of the latter numbered card checks are now employed. These can only be used but once, as after the baggage is delivered the checks are cancelled.

This system has been adopted by the general passenger association of railroads, and is already in general use on nearly all of the leading railroads in the United States. It is a vast improvement on the old system, and precludes the possibility of any baggage being claimed by others than the legitimate holders of duplicate checks.

This and That.

The Scranton, or No. 1, district of the United Mine Workers, being twice as large as either one of the other districts in the anthracite field, a movement has been started for its division and the formation of a new district, which would make four in the hard coal region.

A well attended meeting of the Central Labor union was held yesterday afternoon at Economy hall, and an amount of important business transacted. Action was taken regarding the silk strike situation, as told in another column, and various other questions came up for discussion. A communication received from W. E. Gilhool, was referred to the Wagon Workers. It contained the statement that Mr. Gilhool was willing to unionize his shops, and received favorable comment from the labor union as a body.

This morning will mark the opening of the quarterly convention of District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, at Olyphant. Fully three hundred delegates are expected to attend, and business of vital importance will be transacted. The session will be called to order in Father Mathew hall at 10 o'clock by President T. D. Nichols, of Nanticoke. Much interest is felt in the whole district, for the convention will make of the matter of dividing the district, which has been much discussed. The general opinion is that a division will take place.

HAS SECURED THE PLANT

Spring Brook Water Company Gets Distributing Facilities of Pennsylvania Coal Company.

Within a few days a deal will be consummated by which the Spring Brook Water Supply company will purchase the water system at Pittston formerly owned by the Pennsylvania Coal company, but now the property of the Erie Railroad company.

The system is not a large one, and was used entirely for furnishing water to the company's collieries, and also a few of the dwelling houses of its employees. Negotiations have been under way for some time, they recently being conducted between General Manager W. A. May, of the Erie, and Hon. L. A. Watres, of the water company. The Spring Brook reservoirs have supplied the collieries with water since last summer's drought, the drought which caused the water famine in Dunmore and resulted in the Dunmore Gas and Water company being eventually absorbed by the Scranton company.

The old Pennsylvania Coal company built a very complete water system at Pittston, but their reservoirs were unable to stand last summer's drought and the Spring Brook company has controlled the system ever since. The deal is already practically closed. The consideration is not known, but one of the interested parties yesterday remarked that the price was so small as to be unworthy repetition. In connection with the matter the same person gave out the following statement:

It is rumored that the Spring Brook Water Supply company has purchased the Pennsylvania coal company water system at Pittston. The water system of the coal company referred to comprises but a few miles of pipe and has been used exclusively for furnishing water to the exception that it also supplied a few of their tenements occupied by its employees. The Pennsylvania Coal company was short of water during the late severe drought, and the Spring Brook Water Supply company, with its large new reservoir on Spring Brook, holding about two billion (2,000,000,000) gallons will be able through this purchase to secure to the Pennsylvania Coal company an abundant supply of water.

DONATIONS FOR MARCH.

Are Acknowledged by Directors of Florence Mission.

The directors of Florence Mission gratefully acknowledge the following donations in March:

Medical service, Dr. Anna Clark, Dr. G. E. Dean, Dr. J. E. Decker's; meat from Mrs. Diel, Messrs. Marberger, Carr, Werner, South Side store, Aylesworth's; cake from Young Ladies' Christian band of the Second Presbyterian church; cakes from Women's exchange; medicines, D. J. Thomas; annual reports, \$33.00, Gibson Brothers; fumigating after scarlatina, Scranton Bedding company; bread and cake, Zedler and Lindner; lumber, Scranton Wood Working company; curtains, Miss Sisson; whole piece unbleached sheeting, P. B. Finley; clothing, Mrs. Dr. Burns; wrapper and cash, 50 cents, Mrs. Benedict; literature, Miss Buck; cash, \$4.50, Miss Evans; milk daily, Scranton Dairy company; milk daily and tea cream once a month, Lackawanna Dairy company.

An Easter offering is earnestly solicited.

Cheap Rates to California.

Parties desiring to make trip to California, Arizona or New Mexico, either for business or pleasure, can do so now at almost half price.

Every Tuesday, until April 30th, inclusive, tickets marked "Colonist" may be purchased via Southern Railway for \$44.00 from Washington, \$45.50 from Philadelphia, and correspondingly low prices from other points.

The Southern Railway and Southern Pacific company operate through excursion sleepers from Washington, leaving Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, the Tuesday sleeper being available for "Colonist" tickets. The berth rate in these sleepers is only \$7.00, two people being allowed to occupy one berth if desired. Personal conductors and Pullman porters go through with each sleeper. There are other new, convenient and economical features connected with these excursions which may be ascertained from Charles L. Hopkins, District Passenger Agent, Southern Railway, 228 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

MENTION OF MEN OF HOUR

COMMON COUNCIL HAS TWO LAWYERS AS MEMBERS.

O. B. Partridge Succeeded H. E. Paine in the Regular Body from the Ninth Ward—W. F. Jones' Work as an Advertising Man and Window Dresser—Lieutenant P. A. Murphy Has Been Transferred from This City—The Delinquent Tax Collector.

The common council now numbers among its members two lawyers. The first to take his seat was H. S. Alworth, of the Second ward, and when council re-organized last Monday the second, Attorney O. B. Partridge, was sworn in as the regular common councilman from the Ninth ward. Mr. Partridge has practiced law in the courts of Lackawanna county for a number of years with honor to himself, and is associated with Senator J. C. Vaughan. He was nominated by the Republicans of the ward at the same time that H. E. Paine was chosen as a candidate. At the primaries Mr. Paine had a considerable lead over Mr. Partridge and so confident was he that he would pull more votes than the latter that he placed himself in the hands of his friends and made no active canvass.

With Mr. Partridge it was different. He made a vigorous and aggressive fight and Mr. Paine was the most surprised man in the city when after election he discovered that his opponent had polled two more votes than he and was therefore the regular common councilman, leaving him with a law suit ahead of him before he had a chance of taking a seat. Mr. Partridge, by reason of his legal training and sound practical judgment, will undoubtedly make a splendid councilman as soon as he "gets on to the ropes."

The up-to-date and progressive merchant of today recognizes the new newspaper advertising and window dressing as two of the most important factors in carrying on a successful business. The firm of Samter Brothers were among the first in this city to establish a separate department in their business store for this work, placing it under the charge of W. F. Jones, who is undoubtedly one of the best men in the business. We do not hesitate to say that both the window and newspaper advertising done by Mr. Jones for the Samter stores will stand comparison with the work done in the same departments of the leading stores of the United States.

Mr. Jones has had a most interesting career in advertising and window decorating for the retail clothing trade in some of the largest stores in the country. He was born in London, England, Nov. 28, 1869, and is a tailor by trade, having served his apprenticeship with the well known firm of Samuel Brothers, of London. He came to New York to accept a position with Mac-Studer & Co., of Broadway, and since that time has had charge of the publicity departments of such prominent houses as J. M. Guskey's, Pittsburgh, Pa., the Sterling Clothing company, of Chicago, and J. L. Hudson, of Cleveland, Detroit and Buffalo. Mr. Jones is also a vocalist of much ability and is a member of the Penn Avenue Baptist church choir.

Lieutenant P. A. Murphy, of the Seventh cavalry, who succeeded Lieutenant Rollins in charge of the local recruiting station in the United States army, has received transfer orders, and the many friends he gained during his short stay here are grieved by the knowledge that he is soon to leave for other fields. Lieutenant Murphy, like his predecessor, is a fine young man, and graduated from the great military college with the class of '97. He stood well in his class, and his ability as a student of affairs military is evidenced by the fact that after serving out West for a short time, after leaving the academy, he was called back to take charge of a class, as assistant instructor.

While at West Point he also took a lively interest in inter-collegiate athletics, and was particularly fond of base ball. Every man at the academy is naturally fitted for athletics, as to pass the rigorous entrance examinations a man must be well-versed physically perfect, and it is therefore no surprise for any ambitious embryo Miles or Fitzhugh Lee to make the representative teams. Lieutenant Murphy, however, succeeded, and now bears the proud distinction of having played shortstop on West Point's nine. No stronger argument against the glaring accounts of catchiness and unmanliness prevailing at West Point can be found than in the persons of the stalwart representatives of the greatest military institution of its kind in the world who come to this city.

George W. Jenkins, the recently appointed collector of delinquent taxes, has been a resident of the Scranton for many years, and has always taken an active interest in the political affairs of the national, state and city government. He is a close personal friend of Recorder Moir, and it has been said that the appointments of West Side applicants have ever been made by the ex-mayor without the approval of Mr. Jenkins.

At the present time he is the chairman of the First Legislative district committee, and was an important factor in the election of T. Jefferson Reynolds to a seat in the state legislature. He is a druggist by profession, and is a resident of the Fifth ward.

Bezaleel Davies, the new police magistrate for West Scranton, is a resident of the Fifth ward, where he has resided for many years. Prior to his election as an alderman he conducted a grocery store on South Main avenue for fourteen years. He has been active in ward politics, but has never been beyond that sphere.

He practically owes his appointment to his son, Walter Davies, who was one of the secretaries of the county committee for a time, and is really better known in politics than his father. Magistrate Davies has his office on the second floor at 108 South Main avenue, which is a short distance from the police station.

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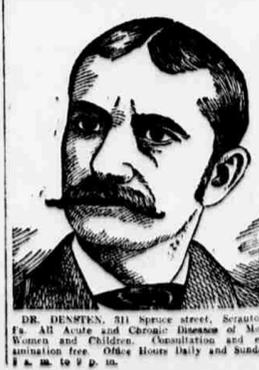
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