

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

CONFICTING STORIES ABOUT BLACKSMITHS.

Superintendent Delaney Says Some of Them Want to Go Back to Work. Chairman Campbell Declares That Only a Few Contractors Have Expressed a Desire to Resume—Makes up the D. L. & W. Board—Reports Current with Reference to the Ontario and Western.

There were numerous reports current yesterday to the effect that the striking blacksmiths at the cliff street works had decided to resume work. Chairman Campbell, of the metal trades council denied that there was any foundation to this rumor, save the fact that a few contractors who desired to begin work and were willing to grant the men under them their demands, provided the company did likewise. The remaining blacksmiths had signified their feeling on the matter to the company.

Superintendent Delaney, however, made a different statement to a Tribune man:

"A committee of the striking blacksmiths (in our shop)," said he, "called upon me this afternoon and declared they represented a number of the men who wished to go back to work. I told them that if they were sufficient in number I would be satisfied to start up work on Monday. They claimed to represent about thirty men, and we will therefore open the blacksmith shop Monday."

"Were the members of the committee contractors or merely ordinary blacksmiths?" was asked Mr. Delaney, and he promptly replied that they were blacksmiths, some employed on contract work and others on regular day jobs.

"The terms upon which they will resume work," he continued, "are exactly the same as those which they received before they went out. They will have identically the same hours and pay."

The Federal Labor union met yesterday morning and gave authority to its delegates in the metal trades council to vote for a settlement of the strike immediately upon a full compliance with the original demands. The blacksmiths took like action Thursday afternoon. There were no other developments during the day. The ear builders met, but transacted no business of importance. Master Builder Campbell is now in New York.

D. L. & W. Board for Today.

The following is the make-up of the D. L. & W. board for today:

Scranton, June 8, 1901.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7.

Wild Cat, Vice-Chairman, W. A. Bartholomew, 9 a.m.; W. T. Latour,

SATURDAY, JUNE 8.

Wild Cat, Pres., 12:30 a.m.; F. Van Winkle, 1 p.m.; P. C. Cunningham, 8 a.m.; G. Thomas, 10 a.m.; M. Hafford, 1 p.m.; O. Kearney, 1 p.m.; T. Fitzpatrick, 4 p.m.; W. H. Bishop;

Summits, Vice-Chairman, 6 a.m.; Pres., J. Henning, 8 a.m.; west, W. H. Bartholomew, with G. Friendfeller's name;

P. C. Cunningham, 1 p.m.; E. Scam;

Padres, 8 a.m.; G. Thomas, 10 a.m.; S. Deneen, 11:30 a.m.; Marion, 1 p.m.; Murphy, 4 p.m.; Lamping, 6 p.m.; A. W. Walker;

Passenger Engineers, 1 p.m.; Gaffey, 2 p.m.;

Wild Cat, West, 5 p.m.; F. H. McNamee, 10 a.m.; J. Gaffey, 1 p.m.; F. Dohmen, 10 a.m.; J. Gaffey, 2 p.m.; A. P. Kershaw, 3 p.m.; E. J. Dohmen, 1 p.m.; J. Basye, 8 a.m.; G. Clegg, 7 p.m.; J. Blackett,

NOTICE.

Blacksmith William Gallagher will go on with R. Golden next year.

Blacksmith Wardell will go with F. Hafford next year.

Blacksmith A. Sullivan will call at train master's office.

This and That.

The Lackawanna Railroad company is having a double two-story train house erected at Nay Aug for the use of some of its section hands.

The Lackawanna company has new train signals of the Semaphore pattern at Foster, Kingley, Coalton, Alfred, New Milford and Haverhill.

A large foot bridge is at work leading retarding walls across the Delaware Water Gap to prevent the dirt from sliding down the mountain side on the railroad tracks.

The awnings over the Lackawanna railroad station platform are being repaired. New posts are being inserted, and preparations are being made for putting the awnings and buildings.

Work will soon be commenced on the foundations for a steel structure to support the wooden trestle at the Woodward colliery. The steel work will come from the high bridge at Paterson, N. J.

The following assignments have been made to fill the vacancies in passenger trainmen recently advertised by the Lackawanna. On trains Nos. 80 and 82, George Jenkins and Walter Yeoman, on 88 and 89, Henry Conner, on 90, 91, 92 and 93, J. B. McKinney.

A committee of the machinists at the Quincy steel works of the Carnegie Steel company conferred Thursday with the master machinist of the plant, Thomas Bryan, in regard to an increase of wages. Mr. Bryan said the master would be laid before the management of the plant.

A Milwaukee dispatch says: "The conference between manufacturers and the Amalgamated association over the iron scale will be held on June 18. No decision has been made as to the location of the conference, but it is certain that it will not be held in Milwaukee. Some more central city probably will be selected."

The Midland Railway company, of England, since the latter half of 1899 has been using forty American locomotives. Samuel W. Johnson, superintendent of the locomotive department of the company, says in the Daily Mail that the results of six months comparative tests made with standard Midland good engines under the same conditions showed the extra working cost of the American locomotive over the British to be from twenty to twenty-five per cent. in fuel, fifty per cent. in oil and sixty per cent. in repairs. "It must be said that the American engines worked the trains satisfactorily." Mr. Johnson says, "but their inferiority in the three points named is incontestable."

Among the reports which accompany the advance in Ontario and Western is one which asserts Vanderbilt control of the property, though just how that became a warrant for new enthusiasm on the long side of Ontario and Western is not explained.

BIDS WERE VERY HIGH

NEW SCHOOLS MAY COST MORE THAN EXPECTED.

The Building Committee of the Board of Control Decided Not to Recommend the Awarding of Any Contracts Last Night—President Gibbons Charged the Architects with Disobeying the Board's Instructions So That They Might Draw Bigger Commissions.

Another criticism of the stock's movement attributes most of the strength to the excellent outlook of the anthracite coal trade, and a third seems to attach most importance to the purpose of the road shortly to construct some new branches, one of them being along part of the line of the abandoned Lehigh and Hudson canal, ownership of which has been acquired from S. D. Caykendall of the Ulster and Delaware railroad.—Philadelphia Stockholder.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Several of the fire companies are desirous of having the city purchase the rubber coats, hats and boots which have served the company members in the past and it is very probable that Director of Public Safety Wormser will purchase a sufficient number to equip the bunk and call men of the department in case he finds that he will have sufficient funds to pay for them. Several of the men have already requested that they be supplied with them intimating that if they were not supplied they would resign their places.

An inventory of the furniture in each of the houses which the companies desire to have in the possession of Director Wormser, who has spent the past few days in going over it with Chief Engineer Ziegler. He will announce today or Monday just what it has been decided to purchase.

The bids for the three new schools which are to be erected in the First, Sixth and Twenty-first wards, were opened last night by the building committee of the board of control, and proved to be so high that the whole matter was laid over until next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when the committee will meet again.

The bids for the eight-room building in the Sixth ward, to be known as No. 29, were as follows: Woelker & Bielman, \$25,125; E. S. Williams, \$25,075; Matthias Stipp, \$24,987; John Colligan, \$24,832; M. J. Ruddy, \$24,877; S. Sykes & Sons, \$25,015; P. F. Colpin, \$23,480; Muthern & Judge, \$29,750. The bids for the great hall, which are to be erected in the First, Sixth and Twenty-first wards, were as follows: Woelker & Bielman, \$25,125; Matthias Stipp, \$24,987; John Colligan, \$24,832; M. J. Ruddy, \$24,877; S. Sykes & Sons, \$25,015; P. F. Colpin, \$23,480; Muthern & Judge, \$29,750. The bids for the great hall, which are to be erected in the First, Sixth and Twenty-first wards, were as follows: Woelker & Bielman, \$25,125; Matthias Stipp, \$24,987; John Colligan, \$24,832; M. J. Ruddy, \$24,877; S. Sykes & Sons, \$25,015; P. F. Colpin, \$23,480; Muthern & Judge, \$29,750. 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