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THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Joint Session of Salisbury and Meyersdale Business Men.

A Big Procession Marches to Niverton to Confer With Employers and Employees.

Last week Hon. S. A. Kendall, of Meyersdale, addressed a gathering of the representative business men of that town and vicinity on the importance of aiding the striking miners of this region in their struggle for just wages. It was decided to appoint a committee of Meyersdale business men to confer with business men of Salisbury, the object being to show that both towns will suffer great business depression if the strike is not soon settled on a basis which will enable the miners to earn a comfortable living. Another object was to take steps to keep out the undesirable foreign element that is being imported into this region to take the places of our own native people, also to protest against the presence of the sheriff and a lot of armed deputies here in a peaceable community where there is no need of them, and, in short, to aid the strikers in every honorable way to bring about a just and amicable settlement of their grievances.

The Meyersdale committee consisted of F. B. Black, W. P. Coulehan, J. S. Graves, M. A. Rutter, W. H. Floto, S. C. Hartley, E. D. Leonard, C. W. Truxal, J. H. Pfahler and W. A. Shoemaker. These gentlemen arrived here last Thursday afternoon and immediately met the Salisbury business men in Hay's opera house.

The meeting was called to order and the object stated by J. H. Pfahler. Immediately following, Esquire Levi Lichter was chosen as chairman and Daniel Thomas as secretary.

Mr. Lichter spoke briefly on the situation, as did also the Meyersdale committee and others. All agreed that the miners were striking in a just cause, and they were complimented on their peaceful and orderly conduct manifested ever since the strike is on.

We would like to report some of the speeches in full that were made, but space is too limited. Suffice it to say, however, that all were to the point and strictly in order.

The presence of the sheriff and deputies was fiercely denounced as a high-handed outrage upon a peaceful community, and as Mr. Lichter put it—savors too much of the days of King George, when armed men were sent among our forefathers, the early colonists. Our forefathers resented armed forces in times of peace, and we, the citizens of the Elk Lick coal region are a unit in resenting the same at this time. Away with them, away with them!

Mr. F. B. Black and the editor of THE STAR were chosen as a committee to go to Somerset and inquire into the necessity of the sheriff being here, which duty has been discharged, and our report is as follows: The committee satisfied itself that the sheriff is not needed at the mines, so long as things continue as they have, and that at no time was his presence necessary, although he may have thought so, and he is largely his own judge in the matter, according to opinions rendered by able lawyers. We were also assured that he could not have been compelled to guard the Merchants Coal Company's property upon such flimsy evidence as was furnished by the said company to show that their property or their lives were in danger.

Whether the sheriff has been at the said mines since last week, we do not know. When we saw him last on Saturday he was in Somerset, and he said he was heartily sick of guarding the mines and did not want to remain unless the law compelled him to do so. Some of the slimy deputies, we are informed have since been discharged.

On Monday there was another large mass meeting in Salisbury, and several hundred people marched to Niverton in a body to confer with W. K. Niver & Co.'s officials and their employes. The Superintendent hearing of the approach of the crowd, enclosed the company's grounds by stretching several thousand yards of muslin around the place. The procession, however, assembled on land owned by Samuel Baker, near the works, and there was no trouble. The Niverton miners were seen later in the day by some of the strikers, and the next day nearly or quite all of them quit work, and so far as we are able to learn are still out and refuse to work at the 20-cent rate.

The strikers and some of the operators have since been holding conferences, we are informed, and as we go to press (Wednesday evening) there are rumors of an advance about to be offered, although no one seems to be

able to give any definite information, and as our forms must now close, we can give no further information in this issue upon the situation.

Much other important matter, which we had intended to write up in detail for this issue, must also be deferred until next week, owing to our preparations to move our printing plant and the great hustle we are having to get all job orders filled and out of the way.

SINCE THE RESURRECTION.

Special Information for Readers of "The Star."

This issue completes the first volume of THE STAR since it resumed publication, in January, 1898, and we believe a few words concerning the paper and its policy are in order at this time.

Most of our readers are aware that THE STAR was first established in 1891 and suspended publication in 1894, and also that it was re-established in January, 1898, under very adverse circumstances.

When it resumed publication there were those who said that the paper would not live six months, but the editor and publisher has shown them how little foundation there was for their gloomy predictions.

We resumed publication on a policy that we thought would win, and our efforts have been successful far beyond our most sanguine expectations. We promised to make THE STAR a better paper than it ever was before, and we believe we have made good our promise. At any rate we have received hundreds of fine compliments of approval from our patrons during the past year, and the best evidence we have that the paper is exceedingly popular is the fact that its circulation and prestige have enjoyed a phenomenal growth throughout the entire year, and these two elements so essential to the success of a newspaper are increasing still more rapidly and substantially as the days go by.

While THE STAR has pursued an aggressive policy and handled some other newspapers and a number of politicians and their methods without gloves, we did so with an eye single to what we believed to be for the public good. That our efforts have been crowned with success, none will dare deny; and while we have dealt fearlessly and outspokenly against corrupt men and their corrupt methods, we have at the same time aimed to be fair and reasonable.

In the outstart the opposition appeared very formidable, and there were some obstacles in our path that seemed almost insurmountable; but when THE STAR got down to business in earnest, the opposition melted away as snow under a torid sun, and the obstacles and barriers in the way were swept away like chaff in the path of a tornado. Resistance to THE STAR's policy proved as weak as bubbles of air, as frail as an egg shell on the rough waves of the sounding sea. And all this goes to show that truth crushed to earth shall rise again, and that push, vim and honesty of purpose are mighty and will prevail.

THE STAR has spoken fearlessly, honestly and earnestly upon the various questions of the day, always hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they would. Some people no doubt have been hit hard by some of the chips, but we can't help that, and we shall keep on hewing and whacking away at everything we consider a hindrance to the public good.

Some who were THE STAR's enemies a year ago, have long since acknowledged their mistaken position and are now among the paper's staunchest friends. This is very gratifying to the editor, of course; but do not think for a moment that we consider THE STAR infallible, for it is not. The editor, as all other people, is liable to err, and often does err, but never intentionally, and we are always glad to make amends for any unintentional error that we may make.

We have worked exceedingly hard during the past year, but every dollar we have earned was an honest dollar. No politician can say that we ever accepted a bribe or sold our editorial columns for a price, although there are some of the Scull ring brand who have tried hard to make dickers with THE STAR in times past. All such boodlers we advised to go about six miles further north, where such deals can easily be made, and where conscience has been known to give way to boodle on more occasions than one.

We have not only worked hard during the past year, but we have been at great expense. We have thrice earned our compensation, and we need every dollar that is due us. We must soon have a new press to handle our rapidly increasing circulation, and that will cost lots of money. Please help us by paying up your subscriptions.

Those of our business men who are not advertising, should advertise in THE STAR. First, because it pays. Second, because THE STAR helps the whole town and ought to be helped in return by every business man in it.

Thanking you, kind friends and patrons, for your valued patronage, we shall endeavor to make our next volume much better than the one just completed.

At the hour of going to press (Wednesday evening) Quay's fate is still in the balance, with strong indications that the "old man" is doomed to defeat. The latest reports up to this hour are to the effect that 112 votes are that he has yet been able to muster. By next week we will likely hear of his election or his defeat, with chances in favor of the latter, unless there is a deadlock.

SENATOR QUAY, of Pennsylvania, has been refused a writ of Certiorari by the Supreme Court in the case against him in which he is charged with being a party to the conspiracy whereby a bank was wrecked. We are highly pleased that the writ was denied. Anybody who would ask for such a writ as a Certiorari ought to be sent to the penitentiary for life on account of the name of the thing.—Wathena (Kan.) Star.

THE Hon. Henry Waterson, of the Louisville Courier Journal, has announced the following as his ticket for the next presidential election:

—For President, George Dewey, of Vermont.

For Vice President, Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia.

Platform, the Stars and Stripes, God bless them."

The platform is about the only one with any semblance of good sense that a Democrat ever suggested.

His royal highness and exalted smoothness, ex-Deputy J. C. McCarthy, of Coal Run, last week scored the Merchants Coal Company and their deputies most unmercifully, through the columns the Meyersdale Commercial. His virulent screed contained some truth as well as some very questionable assertions. The great trouble with "Jerry" lies in the fact that he is too much like the Irishman's flea—nobody knows where to locate him. Sometimes he is a company's man, sometimes a miner's man, and as a general thing he is no man at all, if all reports are true. However, he may have been misrepresented to THE STAR, and we have no desire to be too hard on him.

THERE is a great deal of useless fuss being made by some of the newspapers concerning Congressman-elect Roberts, of Utah, who has three wives. On account of his plural marriage, some newspapers claim that he should not be given a seat in Congress. As for THE STAR, it is of the same opinion that one of its western exchanges holds, and that is this: When Mr. Roberts goes to Washington with his three wives, he will find that he does not have any more wives than some other congressmen have, except in name. We do not uphold Mormonism, but we believe that a man who weds three wives and supports them is about as good as the numerous men who wed but one wife and hire a number of concubines, to say nothing of illegitimate children that know not their fathers and are not supported by them.

THE Meyersdale Commercial recently stated that children's funerals in Meyersdale usually cost about \$25, while those of adults cost about \$100. The undertakers of that town deny the Commercial's statement and say that the most of the funerals in that town cost much less than the figures quoted by the said paper. We only wish to add that while the Commercial has a weakness for misrepresenting things, there is no doubt that funerals are far too expensive. But the undertakers and the coffin factories are not entirely to blame for this state of affairs. The trouble lies mainly in the fact that a lot of fool people insist on making a stylish affair of a funeral, and of course their foolish wants must be supplied. Just why a funeral should have a lot of fool style and useless expense about it, is something that we fail to see any sense or reason for. We come into this world without any style, and we can see no occasion for style and useless expense when God calls us into eternity. Twenty dollars ought to be enough to give any grown person a decent burial, but a lot of would-be stylish people have made this well nigh impossible.

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his Piles by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. P. S. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

The Miners' Convention.

Pittsburg Times.

The assembling of the miners' convention in Pittsburg is a noteworthy event and one fraught with much importance to the general welfare. The delegates represent many thousands of workmen, scattered through a number of states and over a large extent of territory, engaged in one of the most important industries of the country. When they and those whom they represent are at work, contented and receiving fair remuneration, they contribute a very important element to the general prosperity of the Nation. When they are out of employment or irregularly employed at low wages the general business of the Nation suffers.

No class of men more deserve the kindly feeling of the people for their welfare than the miners. Their work is hard, their occupation dangerous and their remuneration, never munificent, is often much too scanty. As a class they are good citizens and always ready to patriotically perform their duties to the State and Nation. Without the results of their labor many wheels of industry must cease to turn and idleness and distress overtake a great part of the Nation. Their delegates therefore are most welcome to Pittsburg, the great industrial center of the Nation, and there will be a general wish among its people that their labors may prove harmonious and that the outcome may be to the great benefit of the business in which they are engaged.

MURDER AT FROSTBURG.

Wm. Preston Kills His Wife and Himself.

Frostburg Journal.

In the absence of an officer Wednesday evening about 7 1/2 o'clock Justice D. J. Williams commissioned Alex. Smith to go to the house of Hannah Preston, on south Water street, and arrest William L. Preston, reaching there, Smith found Preston terrorizing his wife, Mollie Preston, and several children. The arrest was made with little trouble, Preston returned with him to the justice's office. Smith left him with the justice to complete some work of his own, when he was told that Preston had escaped. Going again to the Preston house, Smith found that Preston had shot and killed his wife and mortally wounded himself. Two shots from a 32-calibre revolver were found in the back of Mrs. Preston's head, and one slightly in rear of and above the right temple of his own head, resulting in death at 10:20 next morning.

The couple had been married about three months, but had not lived happily, evidently owing to Preston's bad behavior. Sufficient insight into the causes can be found in the postscript of the latest of several letters written to his wife, dated Jan. 9, as follows:

"O, Mollie, I forgive you, for I know that soon you'll die. I will meet you in heaven that is high, for our deaths is gazing in each other's eyes, etc."

A portion of the Lord's Prayer is recited, closing with an appeal for forgiveness—"for Thou knowest all that was done and hearest all that was said, and that living tongues has caused my fate and drove me to my grave."

Before marriage Mrs. Preston was Mary Langely, known, however, as "Mollie Raley," an adopted daughter of the late George Raley. She was about 23 years old and quite a good-looking woman. A babe two years old becomes orphaned by the tragedy.

Preston came here from Barton some time ago and dug coal in New York mine. He was about 28 years old. This is said to have been his second matrimonial venture and that his record as a husband is not good.

A jury of inquest was at once empaneled by Justice D. J. Williams, which, after viewing the body of Mrs. Preston, adjourned until Thursday evening, when a verdict of death at the hands of her husband was given.

Meanwhile, Preston, had died and the jury appended this note:

"It is the sense of the jury, from the evidence given in this case, that William L. Preston came to his death from a pistol-shot wound, self-inflicted."

The two were buried in the same grave yesterday in the old cemetery on the hill.

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