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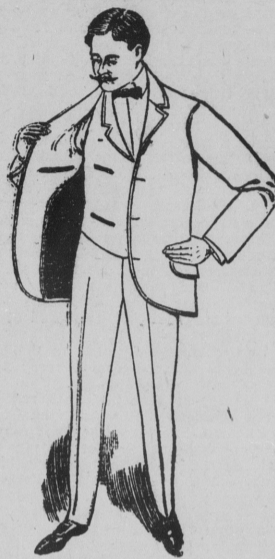


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THE MINING SITUATION.

A Fair and Impartial Size-up of the Situation as it Appears to The Star.

The Meyersdale Republican last week contained a lengthy article on the mining situation in this region, and while we deplore the conditions that brought forth the Republican's remarks, we nevertheless believe that that journal has given a pretty accurate size-up of conditions as they really are, which are in no wise as we would like to see them.

We believe that the scale of wages for which the miners are contending is justly due to them, but from our point of view we can see no possible chance of the men winning the strike. In fact we believe the strike is lost. We may be mistaken in our opinion, and we really hope that we are mistaken; but to us it looks like hoping against hope.

For the conditions that exist in mining circles today neither the miners nor the operators are solely responsible. Both sides are more or less to blame. The miners have from time to time acted very unwisely and very unreasonably toward the operators, and the operators have at various times ignored and snubbed the miners' organization when we believe they would have had much to gain and nothing to lose by holding friendly conferences with the representatives of the organization. The fact is, both sides should be more discreet. The United Mine Workers should hold some of their understrappers better in check, seeing to it that their local officers do not let their enthusiasm run away with their brains. Some of them are very windy and domineering, threatening boycott on the slightest provocation to all who may have an honest difference of opinion with them, thus bringing their organization into bad repute with the general public. Too often men of bad standing in the communities where they live are permitted to hold office in the unions—men who are neither honest, truthful nor sober, but who have long been noted as deadbeats and for unfairness, both in their dealings with fellow workmen and others. Do you know of any such in this region? We do, gentle reader, and so do you. Such men are a curse and a stigma to anything they connect themselves with, and they usually go contrary to the principles of their organization and the wise policies mapped out and followed by their national board of officers.

We have often heard unprincipled ignoramus in the organization, men striving for office therein, but not having brains enough to fill office, curse and abuse such men as the late Daniel Young, and all because Mr. Young had brains, fairness and executive ability, while his tradegoes had none.

The strike in this region has been badly managed, and the proper efforts toward a settlement have not been made. The organization has not been represented by the right kind of local leaders, except, perhaps, in a few cases. There has been too much of the bulldozing and intimidating spirit shown. "I'm for the organization, right or wrong," has been the policy of too many of its members.

Some of them have even had the impudence to call on THE STAR from time to time and tell us just what we must print and what we dare not print, insinuating that boycott and loss of patronage would result to THE STAR in case it ignored the demands and commands of those who made them. We have become tired of such intimidation, and the time has come when we no longer consider forbearance a virtue.

We have been minding our own business and have not been meddling into the strike one way or another, and we do not propose to do so. But we believe in free speech, and as this is a free country, we propose to express our honest opinions whenever we please. THE STAR is not a class paper, never was and never will be. No class has any right to attempt to dictate its policy. It is published for all classes in general, but for no class in particular. We are here to publish the news as we find it, and to express our sentiments on the various subjects as we understand them. We do not expect all people to see everything as we see it, and all we ask of others are the things we are willing to accord to them—the right of free speech, free thought, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Of course, we will be cursed and abused by some of the unreasonable and ignorant for some of the honest and sincere sentiment expressed in this article, but that does not matter a particle to us. Those who are so intolerant and narrow as to feel offended at what we have said, can, if they are subscribers of ours, call at the office, square up and quit if they so desire.

In conclusion we will say this: Too many employers are not particular enough as to the class of men they employ. They employ good, bad and indifferent, and when a lot of mean men are employed among a lot of good men, it is too often that the employer judges the entire lot by the meanness of the mean ones, gets mean and meaner himself and oppresses the good and bad alike. If employers would all do business on the basis of Sir Thomas Lipton, the English millionaire merchant and yachtsman, labor troubles would be reduced to a minimum. But employers as well as employees are not all men of good sense and fairness. In a recent interview Sir Thomas Lipton expressed himself as set forth in the following paragraph, and you, Mr. Coal Operator, should read it and resolve to employ only fair-minded men, and then treat them as such men should be treated, as Sir Thomas does. And you, Mr. Miner, should read it and resolve at all times to act as honorably, fairly and reasonably toward your employer as you would expect him to act towards you if he were in your place and you in his.

"If every healthy young man will temperate, work hard all the time and do unto others as he would be done by, he cannot help succeeding. I owe almost all my success, I think I can truthfully say, to hard work and nothing else. How many employees have I? Well, all in all, I have somewhat over 10,000, and a nicer lot of employees you never saw. I have never had a strike and never expect to have one, for I make it my personal duty to see that my men are all comfortably fixed. We live together in perfect harmony. I am very careful about the kind of men I employ. I make sure that every man in my service is sober and of general good character as well as a good worker. That, I think, is one of the chief aids to success."

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The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has handed down an opinion, saying that a parsonage cannot be considered as an actual place of religious worship; that even though erected on ground appurtenant to a church it is not a part thereof and is consequently taxable property. And that is just what it should be.

The Bryan Democrats, in Congress and out, are still baying at Grover Cleveland, the only Democrat in nearly half a century that has been honored with the confidence of the country. The Bryanites seem to be in mortal terror lest he will run again. There isn't the least danger. Uncle Grover isn't in the Bryan class. He's not a fool.—Connellsville Courier.

The Connellsville Daily News says there is hardly enough of the Scull faction left in the Republican party of Somerset county to make a good, healthy noise. The fact is the Scull faction deserted the Republican party several years ago, but when some of its henchmen and leaders went off, then they bob up with a sneaking smile and want to pose as Republicans again. But the voters are onto them, and at each attempt to break into office they "get it in the neck" a little harder.

GENERAL NELSON A. MILES informally tendered his services to the Democratic party a few evenings ago. He is willing to be the Moses that will lead the hopelessly befogged and helplessly bewildered Democracy to the light of the day and the solid ground of success. The General's plan, as outlined in The Courier some weeks ago, is to capture the Democratic and the Prohibition nominations, and ride into the White House behind the Democratic mule and the Prohibition nannie-goat. It's a double team, to be sure, but we fear it isn't fast enough.—Connellsville Courier.

REAL estate in Garrett borough is liable to be higher than in any other town in Somerset county. They try to put it up with dynamite down there, and as a result of an attempt of that kind Ellsworth Cook, a young man of

that town, has been arrested, it being alleged that he tried to blow up a house and kill a young woman who refused to be his sweetheart. Perhaps he only tried to scare the girl, thinking his dynamite decide to love him if badly enough frightened. After all, though, perhaps Ellsworth merely wanted to show that the editor of the Berlin Gleaner isn't the only crazy Cook in the county. But in any event, the devil in Ellsworth about as much to society as a dynamiter.

Those committeemen over the county who refused to allow the parties to take part in the Republican primaries who had made affidavits that they were members of the Citizens' party, are to be commended. They were but doing their sworn duty, for the rules of the party that they had taken oath to uphold, clearly state that none but Republicans shall participate in the primaries. In Pittsburg, where the movement originated, and where many leading Republicans joined with the Citizens' movement last year, they did not try to take any part in the Republican primary this spring, but in interviews they said they had no right to do so at this time, but that they would keep in line with the Republican party this fall so they could become members of the party once more. It will be remembered that in some cases in that city, many of those going over to the Citizens party were holding positions upon the Republican city committee, and that they resigned those places, declaring that they had no right to them, as they had ceased to be Republicans in the spring, and any old thing they may choose to be in the fall, it would not be long until the Republican party would cease to exist. They got what was coming to them, and nothing more, says the Meyersdale Republican, and we heartily agree with it.

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The Church Choir a Source of Dis-sention.

Many good people are opposed to choir music in the churches, and they give many good reasons why choirs should be abolished and congregational singing returned to. The average church choir is noted for its dissensions and quarrels between the members of the same. The quarrels usually grow out of petty jealousies, and in not a few instances they wax very bitter. Sometimes the minister or the minister's wife becomes embroiled in the quarrels of the choir, and before we are aware of it every person in the congregation, from the deacon to the devil, is raising as much hades as possible. All this state of affairs is usually the outgrowth of jealousy pertaining to musical ability, or rather the lack of musical ability. Some members of the choir who can't sing, imagine that they can, and as that class is usually very numerous, they refuse to go away back and sit down where they belong, but insist on remaining in the choir, singing discords and causing trouble. All such should profit by the moral in the following fable, but of course they won't:

"A donkey that was fond of hay Possessed a large and classic bray, Which he unlimbered to the breeze And jarred the whiskers from the trees. A roguish and mischievous roan Said: 'What a charming tone! If I could warble in that way I'd give a concert every day.' The silly donkey heard the praise And started in to bray some brays; He sang in 'G' and 'Haw' and 'Q' And several other letters too. The sound that floated on the air Was like a sawmill on a tear.

A farmer, sleepy and obtuse, Said, 'Jumping Christmas! what's broke loose?' Then down he took his trusty gun And said, 'I'll see what can be done.' He filled the donkey full of salt And brought the music to a halt. The moral's plain to any man— Don't sing, though some one says you can."

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KOONTZ AND RAUCH FORM FUSION GOSSIP.

Rumors That Their Names Are Being Considered.

The recent election in Somerset county did not mark the close of political interest in that territory by any means. It is true that the so-called Scullites and anti-court house people got a licking at the primaries, but that does not mean that they are out of political cards.

A story is now afloat that the defeated may endeavor to fuse with the Democrats at the coming election in November. The Democrats poll over 2,500 votes in Somerset county, and the Scullites have a very large following. The two forces working in harmony might result in each securing prizes which otherwise would be difficult to get. Talk now is to the effect that Gen. W. H. Koontz, one of the most popular Republicans in the county, who lined up recently with the Scullites after serving with the anti-Scullites for several years, and John O. Rauch, Democrat, of Jennertown, would make a formidable fusion ticket for the general assembly. The Democrat has no authority to state that either of these gentlemen would listen to any such proposition. It simply knows that the suggestion is being made throughout the county.

A personal friend of Gen. Koontz who was in the city yesterday said that Mr. Koontz would under no circumstances enter into any such deal. "The talk," said he, "may as well stop. Gen. Koontz is not that kind of a man. He would not accept a nomination for the legislature except from both factions of the party. He would want the support of the whole party. He will not play with the Democrats under any circumstances."—Johnstown Democrat.

A good deal of the above is mere "tommyrot," but it shows that the Scull family and the Johnstown Democrat have their heads together and are feeling around. But they can do nothing more than sacrifice a few fools on the fusion altar, at best. We do not think for a moment that General Koontz is soft enough to take a hand in such a scheme, but if time proves otherwise, the General will get his medicine as no other fusion candidate ever got it. He would be knocked out as cold and stiff as an icicle.

SIX LIVES LOST IN GARRETT FIRE.

Sheriff Arrests Italian Miners as Incendiarists, but Coroner Is Doubtful.

Garrett, Pa., April 19.—Fire at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the log cabin home of Jeremiah Meyers, on the edge of town. Six persons lost their lives in the fire, which is said to have been of incendiary origin. The dead are:

- MRS. ROSE MEYERS, 42 years old, wife of Jeremiah Meyers.
- LUCINDA MEYERS, 22 years old, daughter of Meyers.
- ANNA MEYERS, 8 years old, daughter of Meyers.
- RICHARD MEYERS, 4 years old, son of Meyers.
- PANSY MEYERS, 3 years old, daughter of Lucinda Meyers.
- BABY, 3 months old, child of Lucinda Meyers.

Meyers and Jonas Sullivan, a boarder, were sleeping on the first floor of the house when the fire started. They were aroused by the smoke, they say, and barely made their escape. The two women and their children occupied a half story above the first floor of the house and had no chance whatever to get out of the house.

The rumor quickly spread that the fire had been started by Italians working as non-union miners for the Garrett Coal Company. This report was received with so much credence by the strike sympathizers that Sheriff Coleman to-night placed two suspects under arrest. It is expected, however, that the coroner's inquest will reveal a very different origin of the fire and that a sensation wholly apart from the strike will be developed.

Meyers, who is 50 years old, has lived in Garrett for many years. Until January he was employed by the Garrett Coal Company, but quit work because he said he had received a number of threatening letters.

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