

FREE COINAGE CONVENTION

THE SIBLEY IDEA.

Southern and Western Silver Men Pleased at Memphis.

Friends of silver, representing twenty States of the South and West, began a two days' convention in Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday.

Fifteen hundred delegates, comprising Democrats, Republicans and Populists, but with "honest money" as the slogan of all, filled the lower floor and a large portion of the balconies at the Auditorium when the gathering was called to order.

A permanent organization was effected with Senator Turpie, of Indiana, as chairman, and addresses were delivered by that gentleman and Alex. Delmar, of California, in the afternoon, and by Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania; C. S. Thomas, of Denver, and Aaron Walcott, of Indiana, in the evening.

Politically, the most significant incident of the first day's proceedings was the clear and emphatic statement of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, who was the controlling spirit in the management of the convention.

At the evening session, which began promptly at 8 o'clock, Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada presided and introduced Congressman Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sibley was greeted with thunders of applause, and in a two hours' speech aroused his audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He made an earnest appeal for independent political action in 1896 and occupied a good deal of time illustrating the necessity of breaking away from the old parties. His auditors were evidently with him, for every attack upon Secretary Carlisle, the President or Senator Sherman was greeted with a noisy demonstration, and every time he asked the crowd if they would remain with their old parties and continue the domination of the English money power he was greeted with a shout of "No!"

Mr. Sibley expounded the four political axioms which, he said, contained the result of his study of the money question, they were: First, double the volume of money and you double the price of goods; second, divide the money and you divide the price; third, double the volume of money and you divide the price; fourth, divide the volume of money and you double the price.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sibley's speech there were persistent calls for Mr. Bryan of Nebraska, but that gentleman evidently desired a more favorable opportunity and more time in which to deliver his views upon the silver question, for he declined to respond.

Mr. Charles S. Thomas, of Denver, occupied the remainder of the time of the evening session.

The order of the second day was Senator Stewart. It was an attack on the Rothschilds as the money power of the world, which was charged with creating the panic of 1857. He said they had robbed the United States of gold to convert it into paper money, and had gold obligations, and had made \$400,000,000 on the deal. Gladstone and Cleveland, he described as the willing agents of "the gold trust," the one suspending free coinage in India, and the other repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman law.

Congressman Allen spoke after Mr. Stewart, and at the afternoon session Senator Jones, of Arkansas presented the report of the committee on resolutions, which was unanimously adopted. They assert that the recent depression was caused by a conspiracy by which silver was demonetized, and that the effect of the gold standard is to establish one standard for the creditor and another for the debtor. No just law establishes one measure of value for the borrower and one for the lender. The resolution is that as a money metal on an equality with gold, at a ratio of 16 to 1, is demanded. It is also declared that while international agreement is desirable, the United States should not wait upon this agreement, nor surrender the sovereign right to regulate its financial affairs in the interest of its people.

As expected, the resolutions contain nothing more than a strong presentation of the free silver sentiment of the gathering.

After the adoption of the platform, Senator Jones of Arkansas was called on and made a brief speech. He was followed by Gov. Prince of New Mexico and Senator Tillman of South Carolina. The latter was listened to with the closest attention. He ridiculed the "sound money" convention of last month, saying that it did not represent the South, as it did not include a single farmer. He then asserted the gold dollar as a 200-cent dollar, which the creditor class of the east was lit on maintaining.

It is reported that a Bibbston schooner was sighted at night off the coast near Guantanamo, not far from Havana. The governor ordered the bugler to call the troops to arms and a cruiser was sent in haste to watch the coast far as Ynolta Abajo.

The insurgents have burned the village of San Vicente, near Sancti Spiriti. In addition, the insurgents have burned the plantation of San Sebastian, at Chiva, near San Luis, the property of Castillo Forner, and the coffee plantations of Providencia and Sumapas, near Caney, and Parahola, near Raon Yaguajay.

The steamer Mexico has arrived at Nuevitas, province of Puerto Principe, from Spain. She had on board 900 soldiers, who have left with Captain General Martinez, de Campos for Puerto Principe, the capital of that province.

The insurgent bands commanded by Jose Maceo and Quintan Banderas, have appeared in the neighborhood of Quabainey, province of Santiago de Cuba, and have plundered stores belonging to Cernado and Matute. Colonel Sosa has had a skirmish with the insurgents near Sango. The insurgents lost two killed, and left five wounded on the field. On the side of the troops, one lieutenant and two soldiers were killed, and five were wounded.

On Friday Pedro Torres and a band burned the town of Camasi, near Matanzas. It is reported that the people of Pinar del Rio will join the insurgents in a few days.

Gen. Maceo fought a battle with Spanish forces at Capasi and one at Siquemao, routing the enemy, with heavy losses and burning both towns. Many hundreds of the best Cubans are joining his forces. They are confident the Cuban cause is gaining ground every day.

An expedition is fitted out to leave from some point on the West Florida coast in a week. The schooner Suarez will carry 100 men, 20 stand of arms and a considerable quantity of ammunition.

A letter has been received from Maj. Hanks, formerly of Pennsylvania, who has been in the Cuban service for three months, dated at Arzonas river, Cuba, June 10, in which he says the important expedition that has landed on Cuban soil from the United States was landed there that day. It consists of 100 men, 1,000 repeating rifles, 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition and \$250,000 in gold, under the command of Col. Hernandez.

The Honduras government has paid to the United States government \$50,000 for Mrs. Charles W. Remton, whose husband was murdered in that country in 1873.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

New Jersey Prohibitionists nominated Henry W. Wilbur for Governor.

Delegates of the Memphis silver convention decided after adjournment to organize a National bi-metallic league.

Russia has recommended that China construct her own railroad lines to connect with the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Murderer Philip Goodwin, colored, was hanged at Mobile, Ala., for the murder of John Poole. He seemed badly frightened.

John R. Lamar, chief of police of American Ga., committed suicide by taking strychnine. Financial trouble caused it.

Prices of wool in the northwest are 50 per cent lower than last year, and the amount clipped is greatly reduced.

Six students of Albion college, Mich., were suspended for ducking two fellow-students.

All saloons in Des Moines, Ia., have been permanently closed by a decree of Judge Spurrier.

A trust to control the entire wood pulp paper industry of the country is being formed in New York.

The Coos Bay stage was held up on Hoover hill, Ore., the mail pouches cut open and the driver robbed of \$30.

Michael Murray, the richest gambler in New York city, died in his office suddenly of heart disease.

The Indiana supreme court granted an injunction preventing the collection of county taxes from the Western Union telegraph company.

Many of the delegates attending the brewers meeting in Milwaukee were robbed Tuesday night of all their money and jewelry.

Jerry Simpson has been forced to abandon his lecturing trip in a covered wagon across the country of Topeka, Kan., on account of the rain.

Masked men entered Great Northern mail car near Palestine, Tex., and at point of revolver secured eight registered packages and escaped.

It is stated that the sultan's health has suffered on account of his anxieties on the Armenian question and other difficulties, and that symptoms of paralysis have appeared.

Efforts to settle the Frederick Douglass case went out of court have failed, and Mrs. Nathan Sprague, a daughter of Mr. Douglass, will now bring suit to secure her share.

W. W. Taylor, defaulting state treasurer of South Dakota, has promised to return, make full restitution and stand trial. He has been all over South America, but is now somewhere in Canada.

A bill was introduced in the Canadian house of commons to prevent the letting of government contracts to aliens. It is aimed especially at Americans, so Major McLennan, the author, explained.

A letter received by the agents of the Pacific Mail at Manzanillo, state that two women and one man, Americans and Colima passengers, landed at Naraguanzillas, 50 miles southeast from Manzanillo, on May 26, and have been nursed by the Indians.

At a mass meeting of the miners at Alliquipp, Pa., held last night, a resolution was passed, and it was decided to accept the offer of the operators and return to work. The rate to be paid is \$3 25.

Cooper's Battery B, which did famous service during the war, held a reunion at New Castle on Saturday. Nearly 3,000 persons were present, and thirty-seven of the old command responded to roll call.

The commissioners of Blair county, have appealed to court from the decision of the auditors and overcharged Commissioners Fugate and Hard \$4,000 each, and Commissioner Fogley, \$600.

In the Blair county court at Hollidaysburg, Peter Blair was given a verdict of \$100 against the borough because it had appropriated Blair's run for a water supply and had taken away the water rights of farmers living along the run.

N. E. George, cashier of J. A. Gault's store at Kittanning, was assaulted by two men on the street on Saturday night, who choked him and robbed him of a box containing \$400.

On New Castle, Mrs. Michael Parrot, carrying a year-old baby, was struck by a train and fatally injured. The baby was thrown over a 10-foot embankment, but was not hurt.

Work has been begun on the rebuilding of the Carnegie rail mill at New Castle, and both that mill and the wire mill are expected to be in full operation about July 15.

Charles D. Wolf, telegraph operator, eloped from Williamsport with Margaret Fisher, an actress, and they were married at Elmira.

Samuel Effrig of Lansdale, treasurer of Montgomery county, who is in the coal and lumber business, has assigned. Liabilities, \$22,900, assets, unknown.

William Adams, an employee of the Pittsburg Reduction Company at New Kensington, had both eyes blown out by an explosion of hot metal.

The foundation for the new machine shop of the Westinghouse Electric Company at Brinton is about completed and work on the superstructure will soon begin.

J. B. Beatty, treasurer of Company B. N. G. P., of Huntington, it is alleged, deserted his wife and family, and took with him \$250 of the company's money.

Most of the employees of the Meyers shovel works at Beaver Falls, who struck for an advance of 10 per cent, have returned to work. Some will not be taken back.

Anthony Scanlon, late United States deputy marshal for Western Pennsylvania, committed suicide at Scranton on Saturday.

Captain Jason Lathrop died from his injuries in the dynamite explosion at the Erie water works extension operations.

Turtle Creek will hold a special election July 23 for the purpose of securing money for a sewerage system and to pave its streets.

A new post office has been established at Star Junction, Fayette county, with Martin E. Strawn as postmaster.

Chris Meehling was drowned near Walters Mills, Butler county, while learning to swim.

J. G. McLaughlin, a laborer, was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad near Gallitzin.

KEYSTONE CULLINGS.

Promises of Good Crops—Bodies of Murdered Men Found.

The bodies of two negroes were found by two railroad men buried under six inches of earth on Peconic mountain, on the line of Wilkesbarre & Easton railroad. Hundreds of crows were feeding on the corpses. It is believed they were victims of a fight that occurred in the vicinity six weeks ago. A number of negroes divided into factions and went to the woods to fight it out, and three of them never returned.

50,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS TO MEET. Arrangements are about completed for the gathering of Christian workers at Hoola park June 29, and the event promises to be the most notable ever held in the state. Fifty thousand people are expected to be present. Hon. John W. Wainwright, Senator S. R. Paine, Hon. James T. McCormick, Gen. James A. Beaver, Gov. Harney Grams Farley and others will be present and make addresses. Gen. Beaver is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT. Cora Wood, until recently assistant postmaster at Conneaut Lake, was arrested Saturday evening, charged with the embezzlement of \$317, the amount of a recent shortage made good by the postmaster, D. C. Bond, who caused her arrest. The hearing will be at Erie, and she asserts her ability to prove her innocence.

WAGES RAISED AT BETHELEHEM. Notices were posted announcing an increase of from 5 to 10 per cent in the wages of the 2,000 employees of the Bethlehem iron company, who suffered a reduction of that amount in January, 1894. The Furnacemen were raised on the first of the month.

At the middle year entertainment of the club of 1896, at Mt. Pleasant institute, the gold medal was awarded to Eva May Andrew. Mary Stuart Ramsay gave a piano solo and orations were delivered by Laura Grim, George Edward Schelling, Edna L. Myers, John E. Kanarr, Enoch A. Arrierson, Jessica Purry, Eudynia S. Swigart, Gerard S. Bryce, Elizabeth Strohm, Herbert D. Simpson, Margaret Z. Markle, William W. McAdams and Esther E. Hambley.

There is every promise of an unusually good crop of grain of all kinds, potatoes, and an abundant hay crop throughout Central Pennsylvania this year. The fruit, which was believed to have been killed by the recent frosts, has since shown promise of a fair yield, with the exception of peaches and early grapes. The gardens are in a thrifty condition.

Railroad detectives arrested six young men near Remington for stealing flowers from private gardens. Three were taken to Roebester and sent to jail for 30 days. The boys lived in Lower Allegheny and have made a practice of raking the gardens for some time.

Miss Susane S. Beatty, who for a number of years has been court stenographer at Clarion, was on the recommendation of the examining committee and the petition of the entire bar, admitted to practice law.

Huns and Slavs at Oliver celebrated a christening, drank 65 kegs of beer, burned a house down and slashed one man so badly that the assailant was arrested. Christening was lost in the shuffle.

The body found in the woods near Sharon last Saturday has been identified by Maggie Jenkins, of Franklin, as her brother John, who was an inmate of Warren insane asylum some time ago.

At a mass meeting of the miners at Alliquipp, Pa., held last night, a resolution was passed, and it was decided to accept the offer of the operators and return to work. The rate to be paid is \$3 25.

Cooper's Battery B, which did famous service during the war, held a reunion at New Castle on Saturday. Nearly 3,000 persons were present, and thirty-seven of the old command responded to roll call.

The commissioners of Blair county, have appealed to court from the decision of the auditors and overcharged Commissioners Fugate and Hard \$4,000 each, and Commissioner Fogley, \$600.

In the Blair county court at Hollidaysburg, Peter Blair was given a verdict of \$100 against the borough because it had appropriated Blair's run for a water supply and had taken away the water rights of farmers living along the run.

N. E. George, cashier of J. A. Gault's store at Kittanning, was assaulted by two men on the street on Saturday night, who choked him and robbed him of a box containing \$400.

On New Castle, Mrs. Michael Parrot, carrying a year-old baby, was struck by a train and fatally injured. The baby was thrown over a 10-foot embankment, but was not hurt.

Work has been begun on the rebuilding of the Carnegie rail mill at New Castle, and both that mill and the wire mill are expected to be in full operation about July 15.

Charles D. Wolf, telegraph operator, eloped from Williamsport with Margaret Fisher, an actress, and they were married at Elmira.

Samuel Effrig of Lansdale, treasurer of Montgomery county, who is in the coal and lumber business, has assigned. Liabilities, \$22,900, assets, unknown.

William Adams, an employee of the Pittsburg Reduction Company at New Kensington, had both eyes blown out by an explosion of hot metal.

The foundation for the new machine shop of the Westinghouse Electric Company at Brinton is about completed and work on the superstructure will soon begin.

J. B. Beatty, treasurer of Company B. N. G. P., of Huntington, it is alleged, deserted his wife and family, and took with him \$250 of the company's money.

Most of the employees of the Meyers shovel works at Beaver Falls, who struck for an advance of 10 per cent, have returned to work. Some will not be taken back.

Anthony Scanlon, late United States deputy marshal for Western Pennsylvania, committed suicide at Scranton on Saturday.

Captain Jason Lathrop died from his injuries in the dynamite explosion at the Erie water works extension operations.

Turtle Creek will hold a special election July 23 for the purpose of securing money for a sewerage system and to pave its streets.

A new post office has been established at Star Junction, Fayette county, with Martin E. Strawn as postmaster.

Chris Meehling was drowned near Walters Mills, Butler county, while learning to swim.

J. G. McLaughlin, a laborer, was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad near Gallitzin.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

FOR THE WORKING WORLD.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

The Country Once More on the Road to Prosperity.

Another week of industrial, financial and commercial improvement has gone into history. Fine weather, good crop prospects and general renewed activity in all lines has given new life to hopeful expectancy for the future and a long advance stride has been made. From far and near come reports of increasing business improvement and conditions generally show signs of a continual and rapid upward movement.

Traces of the passing gloom still linger as the clouds slowly rise, but the new era has been inaugurated and the country is upon the threshold of prosperity.

Railroad earnings continue to show a marked improvement, freight traffic during the past ten days having increased at a surprising rate, indicating that there is a lively movement in all directions. Orders and inquiries are reported more frequent than at any time for more than a year, and the demand for labor in many parts of the country fully equals and sometimes exceeds the supply.

The settlement of the coal miners' troubles in Ohio will do much toward bettering the local conditions, it being estimated that within a short time several thousand dollars a day will be distributed among men who have for several months not earned sufficient money to support their families. Thus a vast amount of money will be put in circulation which will find its way into all the channels of trade.

AN AGREEMENT SIGNED, And Ohio Coal Miners Are Returning to Work.

The Ohio coal miner's strike is over, the miners and operators having finally reached agreement which has or will win a short time settle all differences. The principal features of the agreement are based upon the proposition submitted by the operators to the miners a short time ago, but which the latter at first refused to consider. It has now been agreed that the miners are to go to work at a rate of 51 cents per ton. This rate is to continue to prevail as long as the operators in the Pittsburgh district pay 60 cents a ton. If, however, there is an advance in the rate in the Pittsburgh district, there will be a corresponding advance in the Ohio district rate, so that the nine cents differential is to be maintained.

That part of the proposition made by the operators that the contract is to exist and be in force for a term not less than one year was refused by the miners, they insisting that the contract should be for at least 12 months. While the agreement has been signed by the officers of the miner's organization and their authorized representatives, it is still considered that the miners are to go to work at a rate of 51 cents per ton, and a letter vote is now being taken. It is, however, no doubt but that the action of the officers will be ratified and the agreement become effective.

Cambrisa Company Extensions. The issue of \$2,000,000 of new stock by the Cambrisa Iron Company at Johnstown, Pa., will be followed by vast improvements, especially at the Gaultier steel works, the capacity of which will be doubled. The foundation of the new structures is already in, and it is believed that work in other directions will be taken up at an early date. A very large sum is to be expended in the erection of new coke works, which will be the first Otto-Hoffman coke ovens in the United States.

Wage Advance Continues. The movement toward higher wages, which has been quite general for a few weeks past, continues, a number of notable advances and restorations having been made during the past week. The feature which has characterized this movement throughout, and which has been considered one of the most significant and important is that the increases have been almost invariably voluntary.

LABOR NOTES. All the departments of the Westinghouse Air Brake works at Wilmerding, Pa., have been put on overtime. The men have been working up to the limit of ten hours for the past two months, but in consequence of increased orders they have been notified that they will have to work twelve hours in order to catch up with the work in hand.

The American Steel Casting Co., of Conshohocken, Pa., will resume operations in its large plant at Earnest Station during the coming week. The plant has not been in operation for over two years. The resumption will give employment to over one hundred men.

William Griffin, of Pittsburg, who was one of the first to enter the tin-plate business in this country, will erect and operate a new tin-plate mill at Johnstown, Pa., in which he will give employment to 400 men.

Mellvane & Son, Reading, Pa., are putting out a new line of roller mills for the rolling of mill, and will shortly commence to run double turn, with prospects of continuing busy through the entire summer.

The Ellwood City Tin Plate Co., Ellwood, Pa., has added a large number of new men to its working force during the past few days, being unable to keep up with increasing orders.

The Tretlow Manufacturing company of Pittsburg, has leased the plant of the Pittsburg Fuel company, which has long been idle, and will at once be put in operation, employing 200 men.

The Mahoning Valley Iron company's mill factory at Youngstown was shut down by strike of the employees, who asked for an advance in wages and were refused.

The bulletin of the American Iron and Steel association, says that an advance will soon be made in the price of steel rails to the old figure of \$24 per ton.

The Ellwood Steel Forge Works, at Ellwood, Pa., will be completed and put in full operation by July 1, at which time a force of several hundred men will be put to work.

The Reading Iron Company, Reading, Pa., on June 1 restored the wages of its 500 employees to what they were in 1893, which means an increase of 10 per cent.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.

At the meeting of the Grand circuit stewards in Rochester N. Y., a communication was received from the Philadelphia association, saying that the management had decided to hold no regular circuit meet this year, and the meet was declared off. The schedule of the races for the season follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 21 and 22; Cleveland, July 29 to August 2; Buffalo, August 6 to 16; Rochester, August 23 and 24; New York, August 26 to 30, inclusive; Hartford, September 2 to 6, inclusive; Saginaw, \$25,000; Detroit, \$50,000; Cleveland, \$45,000; Buffalo, \$70,000; Rochester, \$20,000; New York, \$40,000; Hartford, \$50,000.

The whole of the mammoth plant of the Isabella Fur company, at Avona, Pa., is now being worked over, an increased force being kept overtime.

Eleven hundred employees of the Bradford Wire Works company have been notified that their wages will be increased ten per cent. on the next pay-day.

The Spiegel furnace of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., has been put in operation for the first time in more than five years.