

THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

WORK AND WAGES.

Continued Improvement in Various Lines - More Work and Better Pay.

The Beaver Valley is enjoying a season of prosperity which it has not had for years. With very few exceptions, all the workshops and factories are running, many of them on double turn, while wages, as a rule, are good, and the prospects are bright.

A Gigantic New Mill.

Work on the new merchant mill being built by the Junction Iron and Steel Company, at Mingo Junction, O., is progressing rapidly, and the immense foundations are nearly completed.

Rolling Mill to Start.

The rolling mill at Brilliant, O., will be put in operation soon. A manager has been engaged, who controls valuable patents on machinery for the production of iron pipe and tubing, which it is said the company will manufacture, as well as bar iron.

Saw Mills Booming.

Twenty saw mills in Braxton county, W. Va., are running to their full capacity. The Braxton lumber company, composed of Pennsylvania capitalists, has leased over 5,000 acres and commenced the operation of two large mills. The Farber lumber company has over 3,000,000 feet of poplar in the boom, and is running to its full capacity.

It is shown by an analysis of census figures that more than half the population in twenty-eight of the forty-five States and Territories are engaged in agriculture, and that farming is the leading pursuit in all of them except New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey, where manufacturing and mechanical arts take the lead.

LABOR NOTES.

Advances in wages and other news of interest to employer and employe can be found in the following: The strikers of the Monongahela Furnace Company have returned to work.

New Castle—The Tin Plate company offered their laborers an advance of 5 cents a day.

Bainbridge, Pa.—The five mills of the consolidated Wire Mills have resumed in all departments, employing 800 hands.

Bristol, Pa.—\$160,000 was divided among 3,500 employes at the Westinghouse Works for two weeks' work; all records broken.

Beaver Falls, Pa.—The Old Economy Works, the Nicholson File Company started Monday, giving employment to 350 hands.

Beaver Falls—The employes of the Townsend Wire Nail Company at Fallston, Pa., have received an advance of 10 per cent.

Harrisburg—Notice has been given the employes of the Bailey Iron works of an increase of 5 to 15 per cent; several hundred men are affected.

The Carrie Furnace at Rankin has been blown in, which will add 80 tons per day to the production of pig iron. It has been idle for months.

Wilmerding, Pa.—500 men found employment at the rubber works building by Westinghouse, when finished it will employ 1,000 men.

Carnegie pay roll contains 12,000 workmen. The tonnage will aggregate 5,000,000 tons of finished material for the year if the output is maintained.

The Cumberland, Pa., Steel and Iron Shifting Works are adding a number of new machines to their large plant, which will give employment to 120 men.

Bridgeton, O.—Every department of the Aetna Iron Works is in operation for the first time in many months, about 1,600 men are working; prospects very bright.

Pot setting was finished at the Acme glass works at Steubenville, O., on Friday and this large chimney plant, employing 600 hands, resumed in full Monday.

The blast furnace of the Pittsburg Steel and Iron Company, Second avenue, was started last week. When the other departments are started 1,000 men will be required to run the works.

The La Belle Iron and steel company, of Wheeling, has purchased a piece of ground adjoining its plant with the intention, it is understood, of erecting a puddling and skip department.

No. 2 furnace of the Carrie furnace company at Braddock has been blown in giving employment to 100 additional men. It has been out of blast four months and since the suspension has been built 10 feet higher.

The Pittsburg Locomotive Works have received a large order for engines from the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. The order calls for ten ten-wheel road engines and demands an early delivery.

Benwood, W. Va.—Two thousand employes of the Riverside Tube Works have been notified of an increase of 10 per cent in their wages, being the second for a like amount in three months.

A general advance in wages has been granted the wire drawers at the Cleveland Rolling Mill. The drawers of fine wire will hereafter get 10 per cent more and various advances, ranging from 5 to 10 per cent, have been given the coarse wire drawers.

Johnstown—The old No. 1 furnace of the Cambria Iron company, which has been out of blast for a year, has been relined. The old puddling mill, which has been out of date for years, is being put in order, which indicates a press of orders; a large number of men will be employed.

Prosperity in Brick-Making.

The Union Fire brick company at Mt. Savage, Md., has shipped more brick during the months of July and August than during the corresponding time for ten years. They have been compelled to start up a portion of their works that have been idle for a long while and a number of extra men have been employed.

The Sultan Continues Impudent.

The porte's last reply to the envoy of the powers on the subject of reforms in Armenia mentions only reforms of secondary importance and rejects the demands of the powers for the exercise of foreign control over the execution of the proposed reforms, claiming that it would be fatal to the sovereignty of the sultan and the independent Turkish empire.

A \$50,000 Fire in Milwaukee.

A fire which broke out Thursday afternoon in the warehouse of the Union Steamboat company, of Milwaukee, did about \$50,000 damage. The principal buildings burned were the Union Steamboat company's warehouse, Anchor House warehouse, Pennsylvania railroad freight house and Wisconsin Central freight house.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

A heavy rain in Iowa and Nebraska Friday, the first for a month, assures a good corn crop.

J. H. Riddle, an old drifter, shot and killed G. Girard, another drifter, whom he found with Mrs. Riddle, at Mannington, W. Va.

Boston garment workers have won their strike for recognition of the union. Two-thirds of the employers have granted the demand.

The theatrical people Edwin Holt and Mabel Eaton eloped from Toledo, O., and have sailed for Europe. Holt left a wife behind.

Cholera is working terrible ravages in Japan. Since the outbreak there have been 25,000 cases of that disease and 16,000 deaths.

At Anderson, Cal., a party of white laborers visited the Alexander fruit ranch and drove away the Chinese laborers. The packing house was fired.

The Hungarian government's estimate of the world's wheat crop this year places it at 1,615,761,000 bushels, which is 232,000,000 bushels less than for 1894.

A thousand negroes are being armed and drilled at Belize, Yucatan, to attack the Caribs, who have been rioting English plantations on the frontier of Honduras.

A severe earthquake has shaken the town of Coim, in Andalusia, 21 miles west of Malaga. Serious damage has been done. Coim has a population of about 10,000 people.

Viscount Miura has been gazetted Japanese Minister to Korea. General Takasima has been gazetted Vice Governor of the Island of Formosa and commander of the Japanese army there.

The steamer City of Toledo collided with the schooner Magdalen Downing, while entering the Toledo, O., harbor. About 50 persons were injured, seven of them, it is believed, fatally.

The negro Jones, who murdered Whitman Beizeve, at Tiller, Ark., and who broke jail and shot James Bennett, while resisting arrest, was taken from the jail at Monticello, Ark., by a mob Wednesday night and hanged to a tree.

In a light on an excursion train from Knoxville, Tenn., to Cumberland Gap, two excursionists were killed. Capt. Wynne, superintendent of the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap and Louisville railroad, was badly out, in trying to restore order.

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Down with a Crash.

The Coliseum Building at Chicago Falls Without Warning.

The Coliseum, the large building recently erected on the site where the Buffalo Bill had his show during the World's Fair, collapsed Wednesday night.

The building was an immense affair, and was to have been opened with the Barnum & Bailey circus within a few days. It was also intended for use during national conventions.

A force of 300 men had been working in the building since the arches were laid. The accident happened during lunch hour, when all the men were absent, nobody was hurt.

The building is a total wreck, and the loss will reach between \$150,000 and \$180,000. It is said that this will fall on the Probst Construction Company, which had the contract for the construction of the building.

Had the accident happened an hour before or a few hours later the loss of life would have been frightful.

At 10 o'clock 300 workmen went off duty, and at 3 a. m. 300 more were to working their shifts in order to get the building completed in time for opening, September 2.

While the cause of the accident is not definitely known, it is believed to have resulted from giving away of the foundation of the building.

The falling building was terrific, and the neighborhood for a mile around was aroused.

The building was 700 feet long, 350 feet wide and 85 feet high, and there was not a pillar to obstruct the house from any part. It was the property of the Coliseum Exposition Company, which is capitalized for \$400,000.

Bandits Captured.

Two men were captured about five miles east of Mason City, Neb., who are supposed to have been implicated in the robbery of the Union Pacific express train at Danaburg, Wednesday morning. The capture was made by L. Crossley, village marshal, and ex-Deputy Sheriff William Purcell. They were treated with three blood hounds. The men were armed with three large revolvers, and gave every appearance of being desperate characters.

Lord Rosbery declares that the Premier-ship of England was to him a purgatory, from which he was glad to escape.

Professor Leyden, the eminent German physician, was paid \$25,000 for his attendance on the late Czar in his last illness.

William Strong is the only retired Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States now living. He is eighty-six years old.

Professor John Milne, F. R. S., the famous seismologist, has just married a charming Japanese lady, whose father is a Buddhist priest.

Marshall Field, of Chicago, made more money out of merchandise last year than any other man in the world, his net profits amounting to \$7,000,000.

The scheme to secure the nomination of the Duke of Connaught in succession to the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the British forces has collapsed.

Frank M. Pixley, the founder of the San Francisco Argonaut and for many years its editor, is dead. He went to California in 1847 in quest of the gold excitement.

Lucien Napoleon Bonaparte Wylse, the celebrated French engineer and explorer, died in Paris. He was the first promoter of the Panama Canal. He was fifty years old.

Mrs. Emeline Roach, widow of John Roach, the shipbuilder, died at her summer home, Larchmont Manor, Westchester County, New York. She had been in delicate health for several years.

General Luis Bogran, of Honduras, who died in that country last week, was probably the most popular man in Central America. His dream was to unite the several Republics into one great Nation.

Ambassador Bayard, who has become a prime favorite in England, has been given the highest literary honor of Great Britain—an invitation to deliver the annual address to the Edinburgh Philosophical Society.

Two of the warmest chums in Washington are Postmaster-General Wilson and Comptroller Eckels. They breakfast together at the Arlington, dine together in the evening and invariably drive together until bedtime. Their combined wealth is a little over 200,000.

While General Schottfeldt was in San Francisco, Cal., on his tour of inspection of the garrisons and fortifications of the army he received from President Cleveland instructions to proceed to Alaska to inspect the coast and select, if practicable, a site for a military garrison there.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Sheehan, of New York, is said to have become very prosperous since his retirement from politics. He has moved to New York City, handled several large law cases, made fat fees and bought a home in the exclusive neighborhood inhabited by the aristocrats and their set.

Miss Josephine Meek has sued George Law, the New York millionaire, for \$120,000 on breach of promise of marriage.

THE CONDITION OF BUSINESS.

A Shrinkage in the Volume, as is Natural in August.

R. G. Dun & Co. in their "Weekly Review of Trade" say: The volume of business shrinks, as is natural in August, and the shrinkage seems rather larger than usual, because transactions in July were somewhat inflated for that month by the settlement of wages in the window glass works forehanding higher prices, and the carpet workers about Philadelphia, by proposing to accept higher wages after September 16, broke the ranks of employers, so that nearly all consented to an advance of 7 1/2 per cent. on Thursday.

The price of wheat has fallen 3-4 cents during the week, in spite of all efforts to hold back supplies from farms and to encourage buying. Wheat ought to go abroad freely at present prices, but Atlantic exports, flour included, have been only 1,352,092 bushels for the week, against 2,694,764 last year, and for four weeks only 4,348,633 bushels, against 10,997,147 last year.

Impressive stories of short crops abroad have little weight in the present state of such a crop. Naturally the accent of wheat of the Pacific coast still goes forward freely in place of Atlantic supplies. Corn has also declined 4 1/4, while pork and lard with accustomed inconsistency rise a shade as corn declines.

Corn has declined 1/2 cent, from 22 1/2 to 22 cents, without any definite change in crop prospects, and as usual the immense volume of stocks carried over in mills and commercial hands here and abroad, about 3,000,000 bales American, is by most traders not taken into account.

No marked change appears in the demand for woolen goods but there is increasing apprehension shown by agents regarding the export sales of foreign wools.

Failures for the two weeks of August show liabilities amounting to \$3,827,597, of which \$1,818,327 were of manufacturing and \$1,879,235 of trading concerns. In the same week last year the amounts were \$4,489,413 of which \$1,684,360 were of manufacturing and \$1,539,374 were of trading concerns. Failures for the week have been 222 in the "United States" against 234 last year, and 43 in Canada, against 33 last year.

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KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

COKE DEMAND LESS.

A Sudden Change That is Puzzling the Operators.

There was a slight falling off in the demand for coke last week, but production increased 1,152 tons, and the 75 plants in operation averaged five and one-half days. The drop in the demand was 8,407 tons, which means that 10,000 tons of coke were stocked on the yards. Operators don't seem to be able to account for the sudden change, and say it is only temporary. July and August are considered the quietest months in the year, and September is looked forward to with better prospects as to trade and prices. There are 75 plants, with 15,212 ovens in operation, which leaves but 2,622 ovens in the idle list.

SISTERS OF CHARITY CELEBRATE.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the mother house of Sisters of Charity, on Boston Hill, at Greensburg, was celebrated Tuesday. Many of the sisters from Pittsburg and other towns were present. A large chapel now being erected in connection with St. Joseph's convent will be dedicated next month.

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