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THE SCALE IS ABANDONED.

An Explanation Why Miners Must Work Now at the BEST TERMS POSSIBLE

Reorganization and Combination Will Do the Best With Better Times.

The miners delegates in convention at Pittsburgh on Tuesday decided to make the price of mining open, although recognizing seventy-nine cents as the district price. This means that each mine is privileged to make the best terms possible with the operators. National Secretary McBryde, after the convention, seemed somewhat discouraged on account of the comparatively few delegates at the convention, which precluded all possibilities of enforcing the scale. The present indications are that the mining rate in the Pittsburgh district may drop from 79 cents to 50 cents, and it may go lower. The latitude allowed the miners in making their own terms, may be the means of many local strikes. However this state of things was forced on the miners officials through the neglect of so many of the mines not sending delegates to the convention. Heretofore the miners in the Pittsburgh region were almost a unit, and invariably a fair compensation for a day's work was the result of their unanimity.

There is some satisfaction for the miners in the knowledge, that in a few short months trade will have recovered sufficiently to enable the mines in that district to stand some chance to regain mining rates, and to establish a confidence in their organization, and give it a stability not enjoyed heretofore.

Their action on Tuesday is, however, nothing less than a temporary abandonment of the scale, and will undoubtedly be the cause of much trouble in the future. To regain the price of mining once abandoned is the next thing to an impossibility, and is dreaded by both the operator and the miner.

QUESTION OF THE HOUR

Every Person Interested in Making the Dollars Go Far.

"Take care of the penny and the pounds will take care of themselves" is a maxim that is peculiarly applicable to these hard times. Wastefulness at all times is foolish; it is worse than that now when thousands are suffering from the lack of the necessities of life. The Pittsburgh Times is an object lesson in proper economy. It presents one of the chief necessities of life—all the news—at the lowest possible cost. Notwithstanding the fact that the Pittsburgh Times is sold for only one cent a day, the claim is made for it that it is the most complete newspaper printed in Pittsburgh, that every occurrence of human interest in every part of the globe is promptly reported in its columns; that it is essentially a paper for the home, everything of an objectionable character being excluded; that it is the only paper in Pittsburgh whose market reports are reliable and revised every day in the week; that it is the only Pittsburgh newspaper which prints daily a carefully prepared department for the ladies, and once a week a report, prepared by experts, of special interest to agricultural readers, and, finally, it is the only Pittsburgh newspaper which prints daily the highest class of fiction.

In addition to all this, The Times offers to all its readers at a nominal cost the opportunity of securing one of the highest class magazines printed in the country, and to the ladies their choice during the year 1894, of twelve of the most approved paper patterns, with privilege of selecting from a list of 20,000. Send for a sample copy of The Times which will be mailed you free, and see how these promises are fulfilled. If there is no agent for The Times in your locality, a profitable business can be established by writing for the agency.

Cambria Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were granted in this county at Ebensburg: Wm. Linn, Lydia Robinson, Johnstown. Wm. Lightner, Mary McGonlie, Johnstown. Joseph P. Sherro, Lucinda Springer, Carroll township. John Gillespie, Mrs. Elizabeth Heverly, Portage. Ulrich Hoelsell, Dorothea Boeckler, Lower Yoder. Andrew Denzak, Annie Harvila, Patton.

Another Newspaper for Mahaffey.

A new paper is promised for Mahaffey by Messrs J. W. Eldred and S. S. Scott. We have not yet learned what they will call it, but it will probably be named The Mahaffey Leader, the same name as Mr. Eldred's other paper—Mahaffey Gazette.

THE FIREMEN MEET.

Business of Importance Transacted. The Ladders Have Arrived.

At a special meeting of the Patton Fire company Monday evening business of importance was transacted. The resignation of E. M. Woodruff, secretary, and Daniel Nolan, first assistant foreman were read and accepted.

L. S. Bell was elected secretary to fill the unexpired term and Sam'l Boyce first assistant foreman to succeed Mr. Nolan.

Two thirty-five foot ladders have been purchased and are now stored in Weiskand's livery stable ready for the boys to carry.

The committee on hall reported that the total amount taken in was \$91.15, and expenses were \$31.15, leaving a balance for the company of \$60.00.

The president appointed a committee to get the by-laws printed and to report at next meeting.

The secretary was instructed to notify all members who have not yet paid their initiation fees to be present at the next meeting, and make arrangements to pay the same on the following pay day. Meeting then adjourned to meet on Monday, February 8th.

Getting Ready for License Court.

Already a large number of petitions for license has been filed in the Prothonotary's office.

Under the new rules adopted last year, the license court is held on the third Monday in February. This year the date of holding the license court is February 19. The new rule also requires the application to be filed at least three weeks before the meeting of the license court. According to that rule the last day on which applications can be filed is on January 27.

According to the new rules, all remonstrances must be filed before the second Monday in February. Testimony can then be taken, either party requiring 48 hours notice of the time of taking the same. Another new rule is that new applicants must present themselves in person before the license court.

The fees of attorneys for presenting license applications is \$75 in each case in addition to the Prothonotary's fee of \$5. \$50 of this must be paid when the application is presented and the other \$25 before license court convenes. An additional fee of \$5, together with \$10 each day consumed in taking testimony, must be paid when there is a remonstrance. The fee for taking a case for the remonstrants is \$25, with the corresponding fees of the applicant for each day required in taking testimony. —The Cambria Herald.

Good Workmanship.

H. D. Huns, in the employ of Chambers, Megahan & Reed, Williamsport Pa., who has been in town for several days laying the carpets and hanging the window curtains and blinds in the Palmer house, will finish the job by the middle of next week. Mr. Huns is certainly an expert in his line, and understands his business. His work is thoroughly done, besides, he has the knack of grasping the situation in all of its details, which is one of the elements in pleasing a customer of the faultless taste of Mrs. Robinson. Mr. Robinson is also very much pleased with the work, and thinks that Mr. Huns is the champion carpet layer of the country.

Local Institute.

Following is the programme for the local institute to be held at Chest Springs, on Saturday, February 3, 1894: "Difficulties in the way and results of grading school," Rose Garman; "How to make a school attractive," L. P. Yahner; "Courtesy in and out of school," Agatha Wharton; "Evidences of a teacher's success," Hattie McKendie; "How to succeed best with primary pupils," Felicitas Randall; "History and its uses," Pearl E. Kaylor; "Talk to teachers and Directors," J. W. Leach; Recitations and orations. Institute to meet at 1:30 P. M. Friends of education are invited to attend.

A Malicious Lie.

The report in the nearby newspapers that Patton mines shut down on account of inferior coal and an Eastern railroad going into the hands of a receiver are malicious lies. Three of the mines are shipping over a thousand tons a day and the quality of the coal is not questioned. In view of the general depression Patton is fully doing its share of the business.

S. J. Richards, and George Ferguson, both of Mahaffey, the latter proprietor of the Mahaffey house, were in town on Wednesday on a business trip. We refer our readers to the card of Mr. Ferguson, which appears in this issue. He is an old time hotel man and will make it pleasant for you at any time you may stop at his house.

TWO TICKETS NOMINATED.

Party Lines Are Not Observed Strictly in Patton.

ABLE MEN ON BOTH

Tickets and a Good Corps of Officers Can be Procured For the Borough.

Election time is drawing nigh, and in every borough and township tickets are being nominated and the usual trouble of choosing candidates has begun, especially in Patton. We certainly have had a lively time in this borough in selecting candidates to suit the ideas of our citizens. At last two tickets have been nominated and the chosen ones have got on their way and are prepared for the struggle which will, at the February election, determine the contest. At the present writing we are unable to give the names by which the different tickets are known as; but are selections made by the difference in opinion of the citizens at both conventions.

The following nominations were made at the citizens convention which was held in the opera house last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock: Burgess, W. S. Donnelly. Councilmen, L. S. Bell, M. J. Ryan, H. C. Beck, E. F. Wise, Joseph Snyder, and H. A. Berkey.

School Directors, Jas. Mellon, S. Kirkpatrick, John Yahner, John Woerner, Jas. McDivitt and Thos. Prescott.

Justice of the Peace, A. Hunter. Constable, Aaron Weakland. High Constable, Edward Glass. Tax Collector, Walter Weakland. Assessor, Gust. Fisher.

Judge of Election, James McCance. Inspector, H. S. Buck. Auditors, J. E. Retilly, G. Valentine and E. O. Hartshorn.

Following are the nominations made by the citizens who met in the Good hall in the evening of January 17th. Justice of the Peace, Jesse E. Dale. Burgess, Harvey Patterson. Council, S. M. Wilson, P. P. Young, R. F. Wise, J. F. Bonner, L. S. Bell, and Chas. Strong.

School Directors, Geo. H. Curfman, C. C. Cromwell, Wm. Parcell, Sam'l Edmiston, Dr. J. B. Noonan and W. H. Sandford. Inspector of Election, Abraham Byers.

Assessor, H. E. Barton. Constable, S. E. Jones. High Constable, Daniel Hoies. Auditors, F. H. Kinkhead, H. O. Winslow and Wm. L. Thompson. Tax Collector, John D. Jones. Judge of Election, A. G. Abbott.

It is hoped by the COURIER that a good set of officers be elected; men who are enterprising and will attend to their duties in an honorable and just way, which are the kind of material any new and prosperous town like Patton need. There are good men on both tickets to select from.

At the Opera House.

"The Burglar" company was greeted with a comfortably filled house and an appreciative one on Monday night. The play is full of pathos, and was so well rendered as to awaken the tender emotions in the breasts of the most hard hearted. To do justice to the whole cast separately would take up much space in these columns. We will, however, say that Eugene Moore, as the burglar, and Miss Ruth Macneely, as his wife, were a decided success. Little Lottie Briscoe, as Editha, in her wonderful acting, in which childish innocence and purity were predominant, captured the whole audience. Plays of this character should be encouraged. They are elevating in their influence and refinement, and are an educator of the masses.

New Livery for Patton.

Boney Gardner, of Phillipsburg, is about to begin the erection of a livery and feed stable on the rear of H. D. Hodgkins lot. The building will be 40 x 50 feet fronting on Beech Avenue. Mr. Gardner comes to us as an adept at the business having had an experience of more than ten years. He will remain here to personally superintend the building and expects to have it completed for occupancy very soon.

Notice to the Firemen.

Notice is hereby given to all firemen to be present at the next regular meeting to be held February 8th, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance to all members of the company to be transacted, and especially to the members of the Board of Trustees. L. S. BELL, H. C. BECK, Sec. Pres.

THE BUILDING AND LOAN

Meet for the Purpose of Receiving Dues and Adopting By-Laws and Constitution

At the meeting of the Patton Building and Loan association on Tuesday evening more interest was manifested than usual. The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving dues, and the adoption of the by-laws and constitution. The whole amount of subscriptions is about 350 shares, which is very satisfactory, considering the short time in which the association has been in existence. Several parties, who as yet are not stockholders, were present and seemed very much interested in the proceedings. This is as it should be, and is an evidence that before very long the citizens of Patton will realize the necessity of supporting a home association, and severely let alone all foreign institutions of the same character. The committee on by-laws and constitution, which were appointed at the previous meeting handed in their report which was acted upon by sections, and was accepted as reported with a few exceptions. The success of the Building and Loan is now an assured fact, and we again urge on the citizens of town and surrounding country to make it their business to attend the next meeting, and have its operations explained. Those wishing to take stock prior to the next meeting can do so by calling on the secretary, Mr. Sandford, at the office of the First National bank.

A Fine Hall.

Chest Springs, one of Patton's neighboring towns, has one of the largest and best equipped halls in Cambria county. The hall proper, or floor space, is 30 by 60 feet, on which the young folks of the little borough and surrounding country enjoy themselves in tripping the light fantastic, to the merry music of a good orchestra. The dances and festivals which are held the first Saturday of each month, are well attended, and to which everybody is invited. The hall has a kitchen and dining room attached to it, the former being 15 by 34 feet, and the latter 20 by 45. There is also a commodious cloak room where all wraps are checked to prevent loss. The whole structure is substantially built and nicely furnished, and the stage in the rear arranged for entertainments of every description. The citizens of Chest Springs can well feel proud, and are to be congratulated on the energy displayed in the erection of this handsome structure.

The Next Meeting of Patton.

At a recent convention of miners at Hastings, the following officers were chosen for six months: President Frank Richardson; Secretary Chas. McTaggart; Executive Board, Thos. Prescott and Sam'l Edmiston, Patton; George Logue and Louis Grazdon, Hastings; auditors, Jas. McCann and Peter Cairns; Samuel Edmiston was elected secretary-treasurer for Patton. Abram Haywood was elected Treasurer for one year.

It was decided by the convention to put a Mine's agent in the field as soon as funds were sufficient. The board was instructed to meet as soon as possible to devise means to get Spangler into the fund. The next convention will be held at Patton.—Spangler Sentinel.

Mass Meeting at Barnsboro.

A mass meeting was held at Barnsboro in the school house for the purpose of organizing miners of that place into the Patton and Hastings Checkweigh Fund. Although the weather was unfavorable the meeting was well attended. Chas. McTaggart, of Hastings, acted as chairman. The meeting was addressed by Lewis Goanson, Frank Richardson and Geo. Logue. The miners decided to join the fund and agreed to put checkweighmen on all the tipples as soon as possible.

A New Fire Company.

The single men of Carrolltown, are organizing a fire company. A meeting was held on Tuesday evening and about 30 young fellows enrolled themselves as willing to protect the people of the town against fire. A committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and at the next meeting it is proposed to complete the organization. The young men should receive encouragement in their undertaking. —Carrolltown News.

No Youth Allowed.

The present judge of Blair county has ruled that hereafter at all courts of quarter sessions no minors under sixteen years of age, either male or female, be admitted at court, except as witnesses. He directed the officers of the court to carry out the above order to the very letter. A very wise ruling indeed.

THE FACILITIES INCREASED

The New Postoffice Outfit Pronounced a Gem.

CREDIT TO THE TOWN.

Everybody Much Pleased With the New Order of Things.

As stated in the COURIER in its issue of January 11th, the strides that Patton has made have been phenomenal and the business in the postoffice having increased almost 100 per cent. In the last year, it became imperative on the part of Mr. Mellon, the postmaster to increase his facilities so as to be able to handle the daily augmenting mail with some degree of satisfaction to himself and the citizens of Patton. In November last, Mr. Mellon ordered a complete new outfit for the postoffice, which he expected to have in position by the first of the year, but owing to the large volume of business the manufacturer, in this particular line, are doing, it did not arrive here until last week. To do justice in describing this outfit is not easily done. The cabinet is a special "D" and is of solid antique oak, and was manufactured by Thomas Kane & Co., of Chicago. The glass work is very rich and represents frost, trees to nature. The lock boxes, of which there are 108 number 1, eighteen number 2, and nine number 3 on the right of the cabinet, are of the latest invention. They are made of lacquered bronze, with numbers engraved on heavy beveled glass front, and are provided with three keys to each box. Two hundred and twenty-four constitutes the number of call boxes, all of which are placed on the left of the cabinet, besides fifty general delivery boxes on each side of the front window. The boxes are fitted with wire bottoms, making them perfectly dustless. In the front are two mail receptacles, one on each side, and half way back on the right and left are general delivery windows. The money order and register letter window is on the right rear, and on the left rear is the foreign delivery window, with a glass case on the side so arranged that any non-English speaking citizen can readily see if there is any mail for him without bothering the postmaster.

Patton should feel proud of her new postoffice, and a vote of thanks might be given to Mr. Mellon, who has gone to the expense of several hundred dollars in fitting up an office that will be a credit to the town.

Only Temporarily Suspended.

The purchase of eight new locomotives, which are now being built at the Brooks works at Dunkirk, N. Y., for the B. & R. and P. R. R., is evidence sufficient to convince those interested that the dullness of traffic on that road is only temporary. Forty-five freight crews were reported as having been suspended, this however, is not correct, as about one-half of these crews work each day, the balance about half time, giving all a chance to make a living. The fact that this company retained all its crews is evidence that their services will soon be required on full time. The yards were undoubtedly overstocked, and this compelled operators to shut down and give dealers a chance to clean up stocks. There is no doubt that in a few weeks traffic on this road will start up as lively as ever.

A Large Coal Contract.

In last week's issue of the Buffalo Express we learn that the Canadian Grand Trunk Railway is requesting bids for its annual coal supply, which takes place this year at Montreal Canada on February 7. There is usually intense interest created in the setting as the figures quoted are tentatively used as the basis for a number of other big contracts. The total amount required is 745,000 tons, divided as follows in net tons: Portland, 38,500; Montreal, 80,000 Brockville, 40,000; Chaudiere Junction, 44,500; Detroit, 70,000, and Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, 460,000. The last named amount is 100,000 tons more than last year.

A Good Citizen for Patton.

Mr. E. D. Curran, who will be the new proprietor of the Robinson house, came over from Chest Springs on Tuesday. He will take possession of the above named house immediately after Mr. Robinson, the present proprietor, vacates the same. Mr. Curran was proprietor of the Franklin house at Chest Springs, which was destroyed by fire last September, in which he was a heavy loser. He comes to Patton recommended as a good landlord, and we have no doubt but what he will make a success of the business.