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THE END OF THE STRIKE.

Likely to Come With the Cleveland Conference.

PRESIDENT Mc BRIDE

Estimates that Not Over 10,000 Bituminous Miners are at Work.

A dispatch from Cleveland, O., says that an officer of the Masillon Coal Operators' Association, who has been traveling in the Ohio and Pennsylvania fields for several days, said Tuesday that the big conference which will be held in that city next week will put an end to the strike, whether an agreement is reached or not.

"There are dozens of big operators," he said, "who have offered what the men asked, viz, the rate that was fixed several years ago, which averaged about 70 cents. Many of them have the assurances of their men that they will go to work, whatever the result of the conference, and the moment any of the large mines are put in operation the strike will be broken."

The Strike Situation.

A special to the Pittsburgh Dispatch from Columbus states that President McBride estimates that not over 10,000 bituminous miners are working in the entire country, and that by next Monday the suspension will be practically complete. Secretary McBride left Tuesday for Illinois and Missouri to confer with organizers in those states.

A telegram from W. B. Wilson, at Frostburg, Md., says that 700 miners are now out in that state and more to follow. T. W. Davis wires that he has organized 1,000 miners in West Virginia, and that 6,000 are now out in that State.

Persons Wrecked.

The following is from the Orbisania Dispatch: "An east bound freight train was wrecked about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon near Tipton, by an axle breaking. Thirty-nine cars loaded with coal and merchandise were piled up and wrecked. A brakeman named John D. Sancerman, of Altoona, was buried under the wreck and a young man, Harry L. Marks, of Robertdale, this county, was injured internally and had hip dislocated. He was taken to the Altoona hospital."

Business Increasing.

A. G. Diehl, the industrious proprietor of the east end blacksmith shop has been kept quite busy of late, in fact to such an extent that he had to secure the services of Lewis Gill, of Madera, who is a practical blacksmith and a first rate young man. The COURIER is pleased to note that Mr. Diehl's business increased in such a manner as to warrant employment to another man in Patton.

Fishing for Profit.

Several of the Brock miners who are out on strike go fishing for trout and have realized good wages by selling their catch. One man sold a basket of trout to a party of unsuccessful fishermen the other day for \$3.00. If he could keep up this gain it would not bring more money than digging coal under the advance asked for.—Brockwayville Record.

Beckler's Arma Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. C. E. Belcher, city drug store.

Dentist.

Dr. B. F. Wendell, a graduate of Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, has opened a dental parlor up stairs in the Good building over Koller & Co.'s store. First-class work guaranteed. Teeth extracted without pain. Prices moderate.—2411

Boarders Wanted.

Dorsey Myers, who has rented rooms in the building lately occupied by Mr. Cairns, is now prepared to accommodate about four regular boarders. Prices moderate.—2311

Wall paper given away at the post-office.—2513

Local Market Report.

For the special benefit of the farmers in the vicinity of Patton the COURIER publishes the following local market report, revised each week:

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| Butter | 18 cents per pound. |
| Eggs | 17 " " |
| Potatoes | 20 " bushel |
| Corn | 15 " " |
| Oats | 12 " " |
| Wheat | 48 " " |
| Barley | 40 " " |
| Hay | 12 to 15 cts. per head. |
| Oblige | 112 to 115 per ton. |

TRouble AT ST. MARYS.

The Sheriff of Elk County Called Upon to Protect Working Coal Miners.

A special dispatch from Ridgway to the DuBois Courier says that trouble among the miners was imminent at St. Marys. The men employed in the collieries at that place, which are operated by the Haul & Kaul interests, went out last week and became parties to the general strike. They were offered an advance from 40 to 50 cents and the 150 men employed at the Cascade mine went to work. The Dagus miners heard of their action and marched up to St. Marys 300 strong to compel the Cascade men to stop work. The movement was regarded as a menace to peace requiring prompt action and Sheriff Elliott was notified. The sheriff went up from Ridgway taking with him fifty deputies. On arriving at St. Marys the sheriff feared his force was too small numerically to afford protection at all points, and he telegraphed back for twenty-five more deputies and they took passage on the next train on Wednesday.

There has not been any outbreak up to this writing and every precaution is being taken to avoid violence. Even the wholesale beer dealers of Ridgway were notified to ship no more beer to St. Marys while the critical state exists.

The St. Marys mines have been operated for years for coaling the Pennsylvania engines and strikes have been almost unknown among the men. Latest advices say the miners all came out.

ST. AUGUSTINE

ST. AUGUSTINE, May 8, 1894.

Base ball is the latest here.

Ed Curran drove down to Patton Tuesday.

Every one should subscribe for the Patton COURIER.

A large number attended church here on Ascension day.

Cider has run out and Fatty Stroup finds no more bears.

E. Will Greene, of the Patton COURIER, accompanied by Wm. Koller, of the firm of Koller & Co., of Patton, spent a few hours in St. Augustine Thursday.

Mr. Michael Collins and wife, of Altoona, are visiting Mrs. Collins parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scobie Dunesman, Mr. Collins has been laid up with rheumatism for the past three months.

The church at this place is now completed. Mr. Lydia and J. F. Wilson representing the Marshall Planing Mill company, of Johnstown, were here last week and finished putting in the pews. St. Augustine can now boast of having one of the finest places of worship in the county. Mr. Anman, the contractor of Patton can refer to it with pride.

They Took a Bath.

On Monday night about 9 o'clock Sam'l Campbell, Jack Hartnett and John Dunn started to cross Chest Creek opposite the railroad station, when Campbell made a misstep and fell in the stream. Hartnett made an attempt to prevent Campbell from falling and by so doing fell in himself and the other companion, Dunn, seeing that his fellowmen were struggling in the water attempted to rescue them, but when he got in he was unable to give any assistance. Considerable noise was made and the attention of a party across the creek known as "Long-Shorty" was attracted, who at once plunged into the water and safely landed the trio on shore. It certainly must have been an amusing sight to see the three taking a fresh water bath as it was hardly deep enough to make the accident serious. During the fall Campbell dislocated his thigh and was taken to the Commercial hotel where he was cared for. The cause of the accident was an overdose of "tangle-foot."

Murderer on Trial.

The Clearfield county court has a murder trial on the list this week. The defendant is Wm. McClelland, of DuBois, who is held for killing John Danvour, a crook, who was weighted down with aliases. The killing occurred March 21, last. Public sentiment is easy on McClelland as he was known as a peaceable citizen while the victim was a criminal who led a gang of robbers who terrorized the town during the summer of 1888 following the great fire which destroyed the entire business part of the city.

Notice to Cow Owners.

All persons having cows ranging loose in the Borough of Patton with bells on are hereby notified to remove the said bells at once.

By ORDER OF COUNCIL.

Away down to rock bottom—wall paper at the post-office.—2513

THESE DAYS OF 1894.

Dull Times are a Test of a Town's Virtues.

PATTON STANDS WELL.

Nobody Can Say When the End of the Great Strike Will Come.

If there is any time that proves the virtues of a town it is a period of depression, due either to local or general causes. Patton has been subjected to that test in the past four months as no other town ever has been in all this region, and has shown a vitality which indicates a stability and future that must be very gratifying to every person who had sufficient faith in the young town to come here and invest a dollar in property or business or look for a day's labor.

About the beginning of the present year, when the country had reached what seemed to be the lowest plane of activity, the chief industry here, mining, showed grave symptoms of paralysis, and after a few days of futile survival was floored. Local issues were the cause, and, coupled with general languor in commercial channels, gave Patton the first decided taste of the hard times prevalent throughout the country. That condition continued until the latter part of April. Then arrangements were made to remove the local end of the difficulty by resuming at the mines; then came the order from the national convention of miners to strike all over the country. That order precluded a movement which would by this date have made every day of the week except Sunday a busy day. With the several hundred workmen idle, and the farmers of Northern Cambria county conservative on account of the movements of so-called armies of peace and closeness of money, Patton had to stem a tide of adversity unparalleled. And yet her bank and other institutions which are safe indicators of a town's standing show good results from conservative management.

There is not much to be said yet with confidence about the immediate future. The reaction depends very much at the present time on the action of those who are managing the national movement. The critical time has not arrived yet; neither miners nor mine owners, spoken of as a body, are tired of waiting and there is still some fuel to be found for sale. When either party becomes restless there will be an adjustment or a strike.

The reports of conflicts in the coke region near by come daily, but have no noticeable influence outside of the district. The strike of coke men is a local affair and sympathetic to some extent.

Outlook in General.

Among the miners and operators the situation in the west is less pacific than in the east. In remote places reports of attempts to start mines are published in the daily press. The men of the Pocahontas region declined to join the strike, but the national officers have contended that they would not be of sufficient consequence to interrupt the general plan of forcing the price of coal and the wages of miners up to the scale wanted. They are just now however, supplying some eastern contracts which have previously been supplied from the central field of Pennsylvania and reduce the opportunities for work here proportionately. It is estimated that the Cumberland and Pocahontas districts are sending out to the eastern market over 10,000 tons a day. That would not have any direct bearing for or against an adjustment of a scale in the west, but until the Cumberland and Pocahontas operators see fit to join them will be at their mercy. It is in the power of the southern miners to force the operators there into that position, but they do not show any disposition yet to do so. The question seems to be left as a matter of choice with the operators. A dispatch from Chicago says: The soft coal famine is beginning to be seriously felt in Chicago and some of the surrounding towns as well. Coal that ten days ago was practically a drug on the market at \$3.75 a ton was eagerly sought for at \$5 a ton, and it is claimed by some dealers that as high as \$5.50 was obtained for small quantities.

Some of the Chicago consumers attribute the famine to a scheme of the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania operators. Assistant General Manager Wood, of the Chicago & Alton road, is of this belief.

"For the last year," he said, "the

Ohio operators have been storing coal at the various lake ports. They accumulated 665,000 tons of coal and then cut wages knowing that the men would strike rather than accept the cut."

Several other railway officials made the same statements. One said that over 5,000,000 bushels of Pittsburgh coal lay in barges at the docks in Cairo and that even a greater quantity was at the St. Louis docks and also at Alton. "This coal is now being offered to railroads and manufacturing concerns at famine prices" said the official.

PATTON BRICK YARDS

One of the Oldest Industries—Owned by Simon Bortman.

A brief history of the first industry of Patton, and one which would have been chronicled in these columns before had the representative of the COURIER been aware of the fact, is the manufacture of brick successfully carried on by Simon Bortman. Mr. Bortman's yard is situated on West Main street, near Hotel Patton, where he began operations three years ago, before the town of Patton had been conceived. Arrangements have been concluded to begin the manufacture for the summer's trade some time this week. This industry, while as yet in its infancy, already commands a fair share of recognition, and Mr. Bortman has acquired quite an enviable reputation for producing an excellent quality of brick.

The output in the past has been consumed principally by home builders. The number of brick manufactured the first year was 60,000, the second year 100,000, and the third 230,000, while this summer's output will probably aggregate as many as the three preceding seasons. Steady growth is the growth that tells, and each year he has aimed to more carefully study details and produce better finish, which is duly appreciated as is attested by the demand each season becoming greater.

Hand moulds are used and primitive as this method is in comparison with the introduction of modern machinery, the results acquired are quite as satisfactory, and while considerable quantities have been supplied from distant manufacturers, for the erection of buildings in Patton, it has by no means forced Mr. Bortman's efforts to the background, but rather added fresh impetus to acquire better results in which to successfully cope with them in both quality and price.

A crew of about seven men will be employed at first and new hands will be added as the demand requires. The yard occupies two or more acres perhaps and the brick clay used is considered of a very superior quality.

Mill Burned.

Tuesday morning at an early hour a portable saw mill which was erected on the Fred Johnson farm about three miles from this place on the road leading to St. Augustine was totally destroyed by fire. The mill was the property of Thaddeus Coonrod, who lives at Chest Springs. The cause of the fire is not known. Considerable lumber was consumed. The loss will reach about \$1,300 and the COURIER did not learn whether it was insured or not. Mr. Coonrod has a mill in the vicinity of Chest Springs.

A Good Walk.

Street Commissioner Adelman and his crew of men have been very busy the past week making improvements in town. They are now putting in a board walk which will extend from Fifth avenue to Burgess Donnelly's residence on the west end of Magee avenue. This will give the residents of that section splendid access to the centre of business.

Struck Near Gallitina Tunnel.

James Allen, a boiler maker by trade, claiming Cleveland, O., as his home, in getting off a train near the Gallitina tunnel Friday was struck by a car on an adjoining track, sustaining a lacerated wound of the scalp. He was taken to Altoona and admitted to the hospital.—Cambria Herald.

The Blacklick Railroad.

The rails on the new Ebensburg and Blacklick railroad have been laid beyond Huntley's dam, and a work train runs over the track hauling supplies to the men at work. It is thought that the road will be completed by the 1st of July.

Mine Flooded.

One of the mines at Hastings is being flooded. The coal supply for running the pump is short and none is allowed to be taken from the mine and it is impossible to get the usual work out of the steam pump.

Don't Read It.

For a nice clean shave and a hair cut too. When you come to our beautiful town Try Jack, the Barber, on Fifth avenue. And he'll fix you up safe and sound.—2411

BUSINESS STILL COMES.

Dorsey Myers, of Philipsburg, Located Here.

WEDDING BELLS RING.

"Jack" Scheid and Miss Alice Homan Married at Ebensburg.

It is one of the most encouraging signs of the times to observe that Patton, which has become such a deservingly popular field for persons who are seeking locations in which to engage in business pursuits, has gained so many new acquisitions to her business institutions during the past few months, which owing to the deep and widespread interest aroused has caused many an investor to select this modern new era of Cambria county, notwithstanding the depression which at present exists.

The latest to install himself as one of Patton's citizens is Mr. Dorsey Myers, late proprietor of the American house, Philipsburg, Pa. Mr. Myers is located on Magee avenue, opposite the Good building and has opened to the public a first-class restaurant and ice cream parlor. Both he and his amiable wife have had long experience in the business and both have the ability and enterprise to make their establishment a popular place, and the Coconia predicts for them a hearty support from the public.

Mr. Myers, like many others with true business sagacity, believed the depression could not last always and determined to take time by the forelock and be in readiness to cater to the public when the clouds grew brighter. With this end in view he has made every effort to make the interior of his establishment as inviting as possible, a fact which the public quickly recognizes and appreciate. Mr. Myers has certainly displayed real enterprise in competing with the trade in that line already established, but as competition is the life of trade we hope they will all receive their share of patronage.

"Jack" Scheid Wedded.

Tuesday, May 8th, Jack Scheid, Patton's popular tonorial artist, took one of the most important steps of his life, viz, that of matrimony. During the morning he in company with Miss Alice Homan started for Ebensburg, presumably for a pleasant drive and when they returned Jack announced that during his absence he had become a benedict, having been joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at 3:15 p. m., by Rev. Bowman, a Presbyterian divine of the county seat. Miss Homan, the bride, is a charming and accomplished young lady, and though only a resident of Patton is comparatively short time has made a large circle of friends who are eager to wish her happiness in her new life. Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known in DuBois, their former home. The happy couple were tendered a serenade during the evening by the calithurpian band, the members of which spoke with much enthusiasm of Jack's generous treatment to all. May their life be as bright as the day upon which they were wed is the wish of the Couriers.

Were Visitors to Patton.

C. T. Roberts, one of Ebensburg's prominent merchants, accompanied by his son, F. Butler Roberts, spent part of Saturday in Patton, and while here visited the COURIER and added his name to our steadily increasing subscription list. Mr. Roberts announces himself as a candidate for legislature subject to the decision of the next Republican convention. Mr. Roberts is an able man and would make a good representative if elected.

Shearing Sheep.

The farmers in the vicinity are shearing their sheep. The northern end of the county is the best agricultural portion and some attention is given to stock raising, but, as James Douglas, one of the citizens who has been here since the thirties told the COURIER this week, it cannot, strictly speaking, be considered a wool growing section of the State. Sheep produce well, but the winters are long and feeding is proportionately expensive.

Diplomas Granted.

An examination of graduates of the public schools of Cambria county was held at the Strittmatter school above Patton April 7th, and there were seven applicants for diplomas. Following are the ones who passed and were granted the same: Mary Tibbets and H. J. Swope of Chest township school and Peter Strittmatter and Emma Thomas of Carroll township.

A watch free with every \$15.00 purchase.—2415 BELL, THE CLOTHIER.