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M'PHERSON WINS EASILY!

Elected Vice President of District No. 2.

ALTOONA CONVENTION

Began Its Work Tuesday Morning—Several Stringent Resolutions Adopted—The Scale Committee Submits Demands to be Made at Operators.

The tellers completed the vote for officers of this district No. 2, of the U. M. W. of A. Friday at Clearfield. Wm. McPherson, of Barnesboro, was elected vice president and Tom Haggerty, of Reynoldsville, is the new member of the National executive board. The complete vote is appended:

PRESIDENT
Patrick Gilday, Morrisdale Mines, 3,971.

VICE PRESIDENT
Wm. McPherson, Barnesboro, 2,643.
Geo. Wilson, Patton, 1,411.

SECRETARY-TREASURER
Richard Gilbert, Clearfield, 3,795.

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER
Tom Haggerty, Reynoldsville 2,125.
Bernard Rice, DuBois, 1,811.

AUDITOR AND CREDENTIAL COMMITTEES
(Three to be Elected)
Fred Mitchell, Patton, 2,806.
J. J. Armstrong, Rossiter, 2,021.
Ben Orago, Morrisdale Mines, 1,896.

The fourteenth annual convention of the bituminous district, No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, opened at Altoona Tuesday morning. Two hundred delegates were present with President Patrick Gilday, of Morrisdale, in the chair. The Central Labor Council of Altoona sent fraternal greetings. After the credential committee reported President Gilday announced the following committees:

Scale Committee—Sub-district No. 1, George Sinclair, Patton; William McPherson, Barnesboro; No. 2, George Parker, Phillipsburg; William Slee, Hawk Run; No. 3, William Currie, Lilly; George Bassett, South Fork; No. 4, Silas Honck and Wilson Poor, Six Mile Run; No. 5, Patrick Egan, New Florence; T. McNeal, Rathmel; No. 6, Henry Bryson, George Campbell, J. E. Dunlap, Burnside; No. 7, P. J. Drain, Hontzdale; Charles Keenan, Smoke Run; No. 8, W. E. Patterson, New Bethlehem; John Walls, Fairmont City; No. 9, James Purcell, Arnot; Robert Gundy, Morris Run; Ocooca, William Dugan.

Resolution committee—David Irvine, Hastings; David Etherton, Jamestown; Joseph Stoffer, Antrim; Jas. Walker, Phillipsburg; Charles Keenan, Smoke Run; Charles Larkin, Caniff; Emanuel Swanboro, Barnesboro; William Fink, Hopewell.

The President's report was read and Vice President Wilson delivered an address. The report of Secretary-Treasurer Gilbert showed a membership of 21,000, with a balance of cash on hand of \$11,072.33.

The scale committee formulated a demand for an increase of 20 per cent over the present mining rate; an eight hour day and a flat differential between machine and pick mining of 10 cents.

Wednesday morning was taken up in hearing the reports of committees. The committee on constitution was first to respond and reported favorable on these matters:

The exclusion of boys under 16 years old from union meetings, an increase in the district president's salary from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per year, increase in district secretary's salary from \$900 to \$1,100 per year, and an increase in salaries of vice presidents from \$5, the proportion to be governed by the increase to be secured by the miners, and all other officers to receive \$1 a day.

The work of the committee is great, as almost an entirely new constitution will have to be adopted. The report was tabled and will be taken up while the joint scale committee is battling over the formulation of the scale to be adopted.

The recommendations offered in the officers' report were taken up and disposed of as follows:

First. That the time for holding our annual convention be changed to the first Tuesday in March, and three days be given to transact our business before the joint conference be held; adopted.

Second. That all sub-district secretaries report monthly to the district office the amount paid back to the local unions, and in sub-districts where the amount of members paid on, and the district secretary-treasurer report monthly to all sub-district secretaries

the amount he receives from each local in the sub-district; adopted.

Third. That the scale and district constitution be printed in English, Polish, Hungarian and Italian and both be combined, left in the hands of the incoming executive board for action.

Fourth. That all locals pay the 2 and 3 per cent check off or the equivalent of 2 or 3 per cent, and no local union be organized or reorganized after April 1, 1903, unless they agree to the above check off system; tabled till after report of scale committee is received.

Fifth. That we instruct our scale committee to have the operators agree to meet and settle the dead work scale in each sub-district; same disposition as No. 4.

The recommendation for the "eight-hour day" was discussed at some length and the convention voted unanimously for its adoption.

The resolutions committee reported five resolutions and the discussion of them consumed almost the entire morning. The resolutions offered are as follows:

No. 1—Resolved, That means shall be adopted at all mines in this district to inform the men working in said mines each evening if there will be work or not on the following day. It was adopted after being referred to the scale committee.

Resolution No. 2—Resolved, That no limit be placed on mine cars, was also adopted, after a lengthy debate. The practice in the district is for the operators to say that a mine car will hold so much coal. It often occurs that the miner will place more coal on the car than the weight agreed upon, but the miner will not get pay for the extra amount. The resolution requires the operator to pay the miner for all the coal mined.

Resolution No. 3—Resolved, That the district officers pay the greater part of their attention to Windber, Vintondale, Werthum and Moss Creek, and have them organized, was adopted without debate.

The next resolution embraced the same wording as the petition drafted at the sub-district No. 2 convention at Hastings, relative to mine inspectors, and which was published in the last issue of the COURIER. The resolution was adopted.

The last resolution caused a heated debate. National Board Member Barney Rice spoke in favor of strong and stringent legislation that would hold the operators responsible for accidents. He wanted the examination of mine foreman abolished altogether, holding that the certificates were more of a protection to the operator than to the miner. George Bassett, of South Fork, and David Irvine, of Hastings, also spoke in favor of legislation to protect the miners. The discussion ended by referring the question to a special committee, with tacit instructions to draft a series of resolutions advocating the adoption of the employers' liability act now before the state legislature. On this committee President Gilday appointed George Bassett, of South Fork; David Irvine, of Hastings; Richard Gilbert, of Clearfield; William Currie, of Lilly; Wm. Canfield, of Walston; Henry Lemon, of Munson, and Levi Swartz, of Hopewell.

PATTON PUGILIST WINS.
O'Brien Could Only Stand the Punishment for Four Rounds.

Before the largest crowd of spectators that ever attended a prize fight in the county, James McAvoy, the miner pugilist, of Patton, defeated Jack O'Brien, of Norrisstown, in a four round contest at Firemen's Hall Saturday night.

It was a clean cut victory for the Patton boy and he clearly outclassed his opponent in every particular. It was a hammer and tongs fight from start to finish, but O'Brien was only able to land twice in the entire contest and one of these blows was a mere love tap. He was knocked down repeatedly and took the entire count in almost every instance. In the fourth and last round he was pushed to the ropes a number of times and could not escape the heavy body blows McAvoy showered upon him.

After hitting the floor for about the fourth time in this round, Burgess Harper, in order to prevent a brutal scene, motioned his seconds to remove him to his corner and McAvoy was declared the winner. Dan Wilkie was referee. Two preliminary events between Tom Cullens and Andy Reine and Frank Sponski and Dan Reine kept crowd in good humor before the main bout.

J. M. Westover, of Westover, was a pleasant caller at COCKRAN office this morning.

ERNEST ARDELL PASSES AWAY.

Had Been a Resident of This Place But a Few Months.

James Ernest Ardell died at his home near Pardee No. 3 mine on Tuesday at 1 o'clock p. m. of typhoid pneumonia after an illness of about three weeks. Mr. Ardell was first taken ill with typhoid fever, and a few days before his demise pneumonia developed, which hastened the end.

Mr. Ardell was employed as a fireman on the New York Central railroad at this place, and a member of the American Mechanics at Phillipsburg.

The deceased was born in Philadelphia, August 13, 1873 and was therefore 29 years, 8 months and 29 days of age at the time of his death. On Oct. 29, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Addison, daughter of Archibald and Margaret Baillgate, of Phillipsburg, and but a short time ago they became residents of this place.

Mr. Ardell is survived by his wife, and one daughter, Margaret, aged 3 years; mother and father, James R. and Thressa J. Ardell, of Phillipsburg; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Harry Shuler, of South Phillipsburg; Miss Minna, at home; John E. Ardell, of Blandburg; Wm. R., at home.

The remains were taken to Phillipsburg on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and funeral services will be conducted by the Revs. Claire and Graham at that place this (Friday) afternoon. Interment in Fairmont cemetery.

WILL ISSUE CALL EARLIER.

Republican County Chairman Must do this on Account of State Convention.

Cambria county is entitled to five delegates to the Republican state convention, which will be held in Harrisburg, May 27. The county rules provide that the county convention be held on the fourth Monday of June of each year, except in years when a National ticket is to be voted for, when the convention (county) shall be called at least two weeks prior to the date for holding the state convention.

This rule is held to be operative when the state convention is called for any date earlier than that set for the county convention, so that it will be necessary for the Republican county chairman to issue a call for the county convention for a date at least one month earlier than that prescribed by the rules.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Held Friday Night to Take Action on Lang Avenue Sewer Petition.

A special meeting of the Patton borough council was held Friday evening to take action on petition of Biller, Weakland et ux, asking for permission to lay a sewer on Lang avenue, and the following members were present: President J. J. Donnelly, Secretary Moore, and councilmen Walter, Lingle, Burkey and Lansberry.

Moved by H. S. Lingle, seconded by A. H. Burkey, that if petition of Biller, Weakland et ux for sewer be as desired by council, that borough engineer be instructed to have Pennsylvania railroad company lay a sufficient sized pipe for connection with same. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

WAS IT FOUL PLAY?

Coroner Miller is Gathering Evidence in Death of Patrick Waldron.

Coroner E. L. Miller is quietly securing information in regard to the death of Paddy Waldron, who was struck by a passenger train near the Haws point a week ago Saturday night. Startling developments are expected during the next few days.

It will be remembered that Waldron was struck by the 8:22 train, and his body carried nearly 1,000 feet. There have been several rumors heard, which would indicate that Waldron met with foul play. These reports Coroner Miller, with the assistance of the P. R. R. police, will run to earth.—Johnstown Democrat.

John Sherry Dead.

John Sherry, a well known citizen of Allegheny township, died at his home near Bradley Junction, on Sunday afternoon, aged about 60 years. He had been ill for a long time from something resembling an abscess on the brain, and his death was the direct result of this trouble. Mr. Sherry is survived by his wife and a large family of children, all of whom are grown up and several of whom are married. Two of the sons, Edward and Peter Sherry, reside in Patton. The funeral took place at Loretto on Wednesday morning, with services in St. Michael's church and interment in the cemetery adjoining.

—Jas. M. Gillicoe and Geo. E. Prindle were in New York City last week on business.

MANY CASES DISPOSED OF!

Criminal Court is Still in Session at Ebensburg.

PATTON CASE SETTLED

Before it Came to Trial—Damages Awarded to S. M. Yocum, of Hastings—Edward Wagner, of Carrolltown, gets a Heavy Sentence Tuesday.

In the case of S. M. Yocum vs the Hastings B. & L. Association and P. L. Helfrick, agent, asking \$500 damages for the sale of the plaintiff's goods, the jury rendered a verdict awarding nominal damages in \$50.25, covering the value of the property attached and sold. The defendant association claimed the Yocum goods had been levied on to satisfy a rent bill of \$48, that no more had been sold than was necessary to cover the rent, \$69 being realized from the sale, and that the amount of damages demanded was far in excess of the value of all the goods attached.

The jury in the case of Joe. Habbershon vs. Patrick Kelly, summons in trespass, brought in a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$75.75. Kelly is the constable of Carrolltown, and executed a judgement levying on Habbershon's household goods, in spite of the owner's claiming the \$300 exemption. For his loss of time, etc., Habbershon claimed damages in \$300. Kelly's defense was that most of Habbershon's goods were returned to the owner and that the valuation set on property was excessive.

A rule was granted on Gas Pora, William Treese, and H. M. McAlarney, the Republicans declared elected borough councilmen, of Hastings, to show cause why the election board should not be ordered to make a recount of the ballots cast at the election on February 17th last and include the ballots thrown out. The Court ordered that copies of the rule, with copies of the petition on which it was issued, should be served on the three Republican councilmen-elect at least ten days before March 20th, the date set for return of the rule.

On petition of citizens, Joseph P. Meyers was appointed constable of Ashville borough to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Silas Gibbons. Bond filed and approved.

In the case of Henry L. Miller vs the borough of Hastings, which was detailed in last week's COURIER, the jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$74.12, the full amount of the claim. The evidence established the contention of Miller and the borough council had officially decided to see him through the Flannery case and discredited the defence offered—namely that he had exceeded the instructions of that body.

Court convened Monday and the first thing was the calling of the bar list, which disclosed the following matters of interest:

Report of T. J. Davidson, Thomas M. McBreen and F. C. Thorbough, committee to inquire into the mental condition of Thomas Benson, who is confined in jail awaiting the determination of the commission, finding patient insane; confirmed.

Exceptions to report of viewers appointed to lay out a road in Clearfield township.

In re estate of James Sharbaugh, late of Carrolltownship, deceased, order of sale continued.

Petition of citizens of Reade township for appointment of viewers to supply a road in Reade township; J. L. Elder, E. R. Dunegan and James McGough, appointed.

Petition of John J. Myers, executor of Catharine S. Gill, deceased, late of Reade township, for his discharge; granted.

The first case taken up was that of John Zolvisky of Patton, charged with assault and battery by his wife. John was promptly convicted.

At the close of court John H. Dunond and Rebecca M. Noel compromised the little matter that had taken them to Ebensburg by getting married.

The case of assault and battery against John Gresco, who hit Steve Fear with a beer glass in the Palmer house bar several weeks ago, was settled before it came to trial. It cost Gresco \$100.

Tuesday morning Edward Wagner, charged with keeping a speak-easy at Carrolltown by Pat Kelley, constable at that place, was taken into court and allowed to plead guilty in order to save time and expense. This action rendered unnecessary the testimony of a number of well known citizens of Northern Cambria that they had en-

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