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MINES ARE TO BE CLOSED!

To-Morrow Last Day for Work in This District.

1,200 AFFECTED HERE.

Joint Conference of Miners and Operators Adjourned Yesterday Afternoon Without Agreement, Having Been in Extraordinary Session for Ten Days.

The expected has happened. The damnable greed of the railroad companies has triumphed and they have forced a strike of the coal miners of the country in order to disrupt the United Mine Workers and add more ill gotten gains to the coffers of the unspeakable Baer and his allies in the bituminous region.

How this will affect Patton can be seen from the fact that there are 1,200 members of the local union here, the majority of whom make their home in this place.

Without agreement on a wage scale, the joint conference of bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district adjourned sine die yesterday afternoon, leaving affairs in such a condition that a strike of 384,500 soft coal miners, besides 150,000 anthracite miners, is inevitable and the men will enter the mines to-morrow for the last time until the difficulty is adjusted.

This disagreement came after a struggle lasting ten days and disputes the interstate agreement which has existed since 1893, between operators and miners, through which wage scales and other differences have been adjusted.

The final vote in the conference of the central competitive field, on which the other districts base their settlements, was on a motion offered by President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, to restore for two years the wage scale of 1903, which would have been an increase of 5.55 per cent. The operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio voted against the proposal and defeated it. The disruption of the conference followed. Operators of Western Pennsylvania and the miners of the four states voted for the proposal.

Following adjournment National Secretary W. B. Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, said:

"There is no likelihood of anything further being done towards a settlement. This means suspension of work. The national convention of miners will meet to-morrow morning. The principal business will be to determine a general policy. The question especially to be considered is whether the organization will permit miners to work in districts and mines where the advance demanded is offered."

The eternal haggling between the miners and the operators at Indianapolis consumed so much time that President Gilday, of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, found it necessary to issue a notice to the miners of this district. The present working agreement expires to-morrow night and the secretary of the sub-district was instructed to send out the following notice to the secretaries of the various local unions:

Greeting:—I am authorized by the district office to notify you that there will be a suspension at all the mines in the district, at all work except by the firemen, pumpmen and engineers, on Saturday night, March 31, 1906.

The suspension is to continue until the miners and operators of the district meet at Clearfield April 3, when, if an understanding is reached, you will be notified to resume work.

The secretaries on receipt of this letter will call meetings of their local unions at once and arrange to notify the superintendents.

The joint conference at Clearfield was originally to be held on March 29, but the slow work of the Indianapolis conference made this impossible and the later date was fixed.

Gillice for Member of Assembly.

It is stated that James M. Gillice, the broker, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for member of assembly. One thing is certain, if "Jeems" enters the fight the other fellow will know that there is something doing, as Gillice is a hustler with a capital "H" and has many warm personal friends. Moreover, he has always been an active Democrat and labored zealously for the weal of the party and without reward, spending time and money for its advancement. The north of the county is certainly entitled to this nomination and why shouldn't it come to Patton? If our Democratic friends want to nominate a popular candidate, let them name Jas. M. Gillice.

HELD FOR COURT.

Three of the Portage Suspects Will Have to Stand Trial

The four Portage suspects were given a hearing before Alderman E. E. Levergood, of Johnstown Friday afternoon. One of the quartet, Marrio Imese, was discharged. One arrested in South Fork, Francesco DiConte, was admitted to \$1,500 bail, furnished by Joseph Basile, a South Fork store keeper, who is interested in the case for the defence. The remaining two men, Guiseppe Costantino and Francesco Impala, were held for court without bail.

The prosecution offered the minimum testimony necessary to hold the men; attempted to establish a comradeship among the four Italians, and used the fact that they told conflicting stories as to their whereabouts on the day of the Portage holdup to advantage.

Under the act of 1785 Judge O'Connor made an order of court directing Sheriff Samuel Lenhart to present before him on Tuesday afternoon the bodies of Guiseppe Costantino and Francesco Impala. The men will be given a hearing under habeas corpus proceedings.

Tuesday is a motion day in court, and that afternoon the Portage suspects' cases will come up for the judge's consideration. It is the purpose of the defense, apparently, to insist that the court be informed as to the amount of evidence against the two men upon which Alderman E. E. Levergood has held them for court and to have Judge O'Connor decide whether or not the men charged with murder can be admitted to bail.

ANOTHER JOHNSTOWN DISASTER.

Fire That Caused a Loss of Over Half a Million Dollars.

Johnstown early Wednesday morning suffered \$60,000 loss from fire, which destroyed three large business blocks on Main, Clinton and Bedford streets and damaged several others. The buildings destroyed are those of the Swank Hardware company, six stories, where the fire originated; P. S. Fisher, wholesale liquor dealer, three stories; the Wild building, four stories, which housed the Johnstown Journal and other offices, and the handsome residence of L. A. Geis, furniture dealer, whose business building was slightly damaged by fire; Alderman Levergood's office and the Excelsior printery.

City Solicitor Greer lost all the documents belonging to the city that were in his office, comprising old and valuable records that cannot be replaced. Mayor Young closed all the bar rooms until the fire was extinguished. The fire was under control at 4 o'clock. The losses are: Swank, \$225,000; Henderson, \$100,000; Journal, \$25,000; Wild building, \$100,000; Fisher, \$50,000; Geis, \$5,000; other losses, \$75,000. Insurance will only amount to sixty per cent of the loss.

All the burned-out firms are hunting places to resume business. The Journal is being issued from the Tribune office. William Campbell, a member of the Vigilant Fire company, was badly crushed by a falling wall. How the fire originated is not known.

BASE BALL MEETING.

One to be Held in the Odd Fellows' Hall Friday Evening.

Manager Gillice, of the Patton base ball club, has issued a call for a meeting to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall next Friday evening, and all lovers of the National game who want to see the North Star represented on the diamond this year are requested and urged to be present.

On the outcome of this meeting depends in a large measure whether the town will have a ball club worthy of the name, or whether the only sport of this character here this summer will be that put up by the P. A. C.'s or a scrub nine. The time was never so propitious as now for a club that could come any ways near paying expenses, and if the opportunity is lost it will be a real detriment to the town and every citizen, and especially business man, in it.

The new trolley line will bring crowds of people here to attend ball games that never came before and they will spend their money here, too. As a business investment, pure and simple, a ball club able to put up a superior quality of sport is the best kind of an advertisement to any place and especially to a town situated as Patton is.

Come out to the meeting Friday night and come prepared to take an active part in the proceedings.

Before you kick, it is well to know just where the shoe pinches.

You can't be how generous a man is at home from the way a man treats a crowd in a bar room.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Business Transacted of Interest to the Members of the Patton Church.

The Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference convened at Tyrone Wednesday and the appointments will probably be handed down Monday. It is not expected that Rev. M. E. Swartz will be returned to the Patton church, which is greatly regretted by the members of the church here and the people of the town generally.

Rev. J. Ellis Bell, the presiding elder of this, the Altoona district, presented his report, from which the following excerpts are taken:

"Two thousand and seventy-eight souls have bowed at our altars, seeking the forgiveness of their sins and 1,760 have joined the church on probation.

"Four new churches have been completed and dedicated this year, making the number thus far during our term twenty-six.

"Our church at Patton has been renovated and as a result on every hand marks of exquisite taste are seen. To this must be added a new pipe organ, the gift of Mrs. A. E. Patton and family, in memory of her late husband, Hon. A. E. Patton, and his father, General John Patton, of precious memory. Drs. Mosser and Eveland were the eloquent preachers on the day of reopening, September 17, when \$1,700, the cost of the improvements, exclusive of the organ, was raised. Morris E. Swartz and his aggressive people are deserving of praise.

"Careful and constant attention has been given to the support of our congregational and benevolent work. For nearly all our boards we are happy to say that the contributions will show a gratifying advance. The missionary spirit of the district is still rising.

"The gain made on the district, including last year, was \$3,785. We now have another advance of \$1,048. Some of us think this is very good for the remnant that is left of us. Brother John Bendie, of Spangler, a man of small means, renews his gift of \$30 for the support of a native worker.

"The Epworth league is alive and doing good work. The convention was held in the Eighth Avenue church, Altoona. The attendance was large and, under the direction of the president, Morris E. Swartz, much enthusiasm was manifested. Dr. W. F. Anderson, secretary of the board of education, and Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, pastor of Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, were the evening speakers. Patton is the next place of meeting and a rich programme is well on toward completion. June 7-8 is the date.

A HINT FOR PATTON.

Ebensburg is Preparing to Take Advantage of the New State Road Law.

At its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, the Ebensburg council decided to accept the proffer of assistance in the building of a new road from Lake Rowena in Cambria township to a point on the Pittsburg pike about three miles west of town made by the state in accordance with the Act of 1905.

According to the state's proposition seventy five per cent of the expenses of constructing the road will come from the commonwealth's treasury. Where the road runs through the borough the remaining twenty-five per cent of the expense will be equally divided between the borough and the abutting property owners. In the township, the remaining twenty-five per cent of expense will be split up between the township and the county.

A GOOD CONCERT.

Combined Dickinson College Musical Clubs Made a Big Hit Here.

The concert given by the combined glee clubs of Dickinson college in the M. E. church last Friday evening was a complete success. Every number on the program was enthusiastically enoored and the large audience showed its appreciation by giving the closest attention during the rendition of the program.

The readings of J. Merrill Williams were especially enjoyed. As an impersonator he showed remarkable ability and cannot fail to delight any audience. James Seebold's flute and piccolo solos were rare treats to all who were privileged to hear them. The clubs are composed of a splendid company of young men and reflected much credit upon themselves as well as their alma mater. The attendance was one of the largest that ever witnessed an entertainment in the church.

For Sale.

The C. W. Hodgkins property, known as the Corner Drug Store, corner of Fifth and Beach avenues. Call on or address James Meilon.

WAS KILLED IN A FIGHT!

Patton Young Man the Victim of a Fatality.

BLOOD CLOT ON BRAIN

Caused Death, Although Skull Was Also Fractured — "Cap" Donahue and Joseph Rager Engaged in Deadly Combat—The Latter in Jail Awaiting Trial.

James, ycleped "Cap," Donahue, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donahue, of Palmer avenue, is dead as the result of a brawl at the Globe Hotel in Barnesboro Saturday evening and Joseph Rager, the man responsible for his death, is in jail at Ebensburg awaiting trial at court for murder.

There have been many conflicting statements regarding the affair, no two alike, so that the truth in regard to the unfortunate occurrence is difficult to determine. There were few witnesses to the affair itself, but as near as can be learned both men were in the bar room considerably under the influence of liquor just prior to the tragedy.

It seems that both Donahue and Rager were attempting to play an electric piano, when the latter made a remark that Rager resented. One word brought on another and the men clinched. M. C. Weakland, the proprietor of the hotel, ejected the combatants from the room and they went out onto the porch, which is about seven feet from the ground.

Here the quarrel was renewed and the men again clinched. Then it is alleged Rager backed Donahue against a railing which runs around the porch and pushed him over. Donahue fell on his head on the ice. He was rendered unconscious and remained so until he died at 1:15 o'clock Sunday morning. He was picked up and taken to a room in the hotel and a physician called.

Rager made no attempt to escape and was arrested Sunday on information made before Justice of the Peace Brown, of Barnesboro, and taken to the Ebensburg jail by Policeman Van Buren, of that place.

Coroner W. B. Prothro, of Johnstown, was notified of Donahue's death and the circumstances surrounding it and deputized Dr. J. C. McMillen, of Barnesboro, to conduct a post mortem examination of the body. The autopsy was conducted Sunday afternoon by Drs. McMillen, J. F. Wood, G. R. Anderson and A. F. Dunsmore, of Barnesboro, and W. Stuart Wheeling, of Spangler. The physicians found a bad fracture of the skull and that a blood clot had covered the brain causing death. The remains were brought to Patton the same evening. A coroner's jury, with Editor John C. Miller as foreman, and composed of Thomas Russell, John Sleigh G. W. Speice, William Woods and T. S. Adams met Monday afternoon and held an inquest. The jury returned the following verdict:

"James Donahue, who was in a fight at the Globe Hotel, with Joseph Rager, came to his death by being thrown over the edge of a porch and falling a distance of seven feet, causing a fracture of the skull and a clot of blood to form on the brain, the said James Donahue dying in the Globe Hotel Sunday morning, March 25th, at or about 1 o'clock."

Donahue, who was about 31 years of age, was unmarried and employed as a miner by the Beech Creek Coal & Coke company. Besides his parents, he is survived by a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held in St. Mary's R. C. church Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. Pieron. The interment was in the Cassidy cemetery. The deceased was well known in this section, having moved to Patton from Hastings. He was born in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county.

Rager is about 27 year of age, a carpenter by occupation and has always enjoyed a good reputation. He is married and has several children.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Patton post office for the two weeks ending Saturday, Mar. 24, 1906: Miss Mamie Baker, Miss Lucinda Chirdon, Patton Brewing Co., Mrs. Maude Williams, John H. Bartow, Maurice Kester, Clyde Smith.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they are "Advertised."

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