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## MINE WORKERS IN SESSION

Convention of District No. 7  
Now Being Held.

Delegates to the Number of  
103 Are in Attendance.  
Officers for Ensuing Year  
Elected This Morning.

The sixth annual convention of District No. 7, United Mine Workers of America, was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the Grand opera house by District President Thomas P. Duffy, of McAdoo. Delegates from every town and hamlet from Upper Lehigh to Nesquehoning were present, also a large number of local spectators.

Burgess John F. Boyle, on behalf of the citizens of Freeland, delivered an address of welcome to the officers and delegates of the convention and his appropriate remarks were generously applauded.

District President Duffy thanked the executive of the borough for the welcome tendered, and was followed by Miles Dougherty, of Shamokin, national board member of District No. 7; John T. Dempsey, of Scranton, secretary of District No. 1; Andrew Matty, of Stockton, vice president of District No. 7, all of whom spoke on the necessity of the delegates working for the welfare of the organization.

Mr. Dougherty exhorted the representatives of District 7 to conduct their business with the greatest possible secrecy and to give the press nothing pertaining to the affairs of the convention.

The report of the committee on credentials was then received. It showed that there are 103 delegates, with 223 votes, in attendance. The report was accepted, after which the convention went into executive session and all business transacted since has been done behind closed doors.

Yesterday's afternoon session began at 1:30 o'clock. The appointment of tellers and the various committees was the first order of business, which was followed by the annual reports of President T. P. Duffy, Secretary J. P. Gallagher, Treasurer Henry Hill and other officers.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed the union to be in a healthy condition, financially and numerically.

During the strike \$229,000 was received by the district officers and distributed among the locals attached to No. 7, and every dollar received and expended was satisfactorily accounted for. This sum does not include money paid out for relief from the treasuries of the local unions, which, if added, would swell the total relief expenditures several thousand dollars.

Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the convention resumed business. The auditing committee made its report for the year just passed. The figures corresponded with those given in the reports of the officers and the convention approved the work of the committee.

Balloting for candidates for officers for the coming year consumed the balance of the morning session. Candidates for each office were nominated some time ago by the local unions and voting was done with a ballot bearing a close resemblance to the Australian form, the names of all candidates being printed under the name of the office to which they aspire.

The ballot-box remained in position until noon, when it was sealed and delivered to the tellers.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the convention reconvened, and while waiting for the tellers' report of the balloting the reports of committees were received and acted upon.

As there are 223 votes in the convention, 112 votes, a majority, must be received by each candidate before he can be declared elected. In case the convention fails to elect on the first ballot, voting is continued until one of the candidates receives the required number.

For president the candidates were Thomas P. Duffy, of McAdoo, the present incumbent, and William H. Dettrey, of Nuremberg, now serving as a district board member. Peter C. Gallagher, of Beaver Meadow, was also a candidate for the office, but withdrew last evening.

For vice president Andrew Matty, of Stockton, the present official, and Fedor Potansky, of Milnesville, were the candidates.

For secretary John P. Gallagher, of Silver Brook, who now fills the office,

## THE NEW OFFICERS.

Dettrey Probably President and Gallagher National Board Member.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the tellers of District No. 7 convention were still engaged in counting the ballots for officers, and a complete statement of the vote cast will not be available until late tonight.

With slightly more than half the ballots counted, the result appears to be as follows:

For president Dettrey probably wins by a slight majority.

For vice president Matty is re-elected.

Secretary Gallagher's re-election is assured.

P. G. Gallagher will succeed himself as national board member.

The vote for district board members is so complicated that another ballot will likely be necessary.

was opposed by John F. McElheny, of Coaldale. The successful candidate will also serve as treasurer, the offices having been combined.

For member of the national executive board Peter G. Gallagher, of Freeland, who is now serving in that capacity, had for his opponent Con Boner, of Tamaqua. For members of the district executive board, seven to be chosen, the candidates were: Patrick Smith, Milnesville; Con O'Donnell, Hazleton; Charles Gallagher, Beaver Meadow; Henry Hill, Hazleton; Edward Sweeney, Tamaqua; Daniel Spaldie, Hazleton; N. J. Ferry, Silver Brook; Edward Evans, Lansford; Ralph Simmons, Nesquehoning; George Wellington, Coaldale; James Raynock, Trescow; George Ficher, Hazleton; James Hughes, Summit Hill; D. S. Gallagher, Ebervale. Messrs. Wellington and Hughes withdrew this morning.

For auditors the present board, Joseph Schnee, Freeland; E. G. Willing, Seok, and Frank Nello, Bunker Hill, had no opposition.

The battle for the offices was the most spirited one in the history of the district. Many of the delegates contended for a change in the officials, while others strenuously opposed placing new men in charge until the labor situation in the anthracite field becomes more settled.

The delegates are an intelligent looking body of men and are rapidly disposing of the routine business of the convention. They are anxious to conclude the sessions by tomorrow evening, if possible.

Those who are representing the locals of this vicinity are as follows:

No. 1499, Freeland—John J. Brogan, Michael Meko, John M. Gallagher.

No. 1627, Freeland—Samuel Cartwright.

No. 1939, Freeland—James McGroarty.

No. 1521, Upper Lehigh—George Weightman, John O'Neill.

No. 1519, Drifton—John Deglin, James Denison.

No. 1518, Jeddo—Frank Ray, Henry Shovlin.

No. 1652, Highland—Thomas Boyle, Charles Jacquot.

No. 1653, Sandy Run—Thomas Duffy.

No. 1507, Brookley—Hugh McGill, Charles Danko.

No. 1548, Hazle Brook—August Baker.

The ball given at Krell's hall last evening by Local Unions Nos. 1499 and 1939, of town, in honor of the delegates attending the convention, was well attended.

The delegates and others who were present enjoyed themselves until a seasonable hour this morning and returned to their hotels and homes well pleased with the hospitality accorded them by the Freeland locals.

St. Ann's band furnished the music at the ball, and the delegates from outside this vicinity enjoyed the novelty of dancing to the quadrilles, two-steps, etc., supplied by the musicians.

## Married This Afternoon.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon Henry Wackley and Miss Sarah McNulty were united in marriage at St. Ann's church by Rev. M. J. Fallishe. The groom was attended by Hugh McNulty, a brother of the bride, and the bride by Miss Etta Wackley. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. McNulty, South Centre street, where the young couple received the congratulations and good wishes of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wackley will make their home on South Centre street.

## Basket Ball Tonight.

Hazleton basket ball club will meet the Crescent team at Krell's hall at 8:30 o'clock this evening. The local players are anxious to redeem themselves from their recent defeats and will make a strong effort to win tonight. Hazleton is said to be coming well prepared to put up a hard fight for the honors of the game.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

Municipal Building the Subject of a Discussion Monday Evening.

The borough council held its regular meeting Monday evening with all members present except Messrs. Hincer, Doggett and P. G. Gallagher. The following bills were approved for payment: E. B. Shelhamer, coal, \$4; Electric Light Company, street lights November, \$273 33; Bernard Gallagher, feeding prisoners and janitor's salary, \$32. The following bills were returned for correction: H. C. Koons, \$28 23; Mathias Schwabe, \$37.50.

By motion it was decided to exonerate the Salmon Iron Works from the payment of \$21.66 taxes.

The police expenditure of \$135 for December was approved and ordered paid.

The report of Burgess Boyle was read. The total receipts were \$6.80; due burgesses, \$3.80; due borough, \$3.

Street Commissioner Doggett's report was approved for \$92.80.

The proposition of the Electric Light Company was read. It gave the different figures and terms of years for which the company would furnish light. After much discussion the question was passed over without any action being taken.

Councilman McLaughlin arose and discussed the condition of things in general as he has observed them in and around the Municipal building. He urged the necessity of rules and regulations to insure proper conduct from those who may enter. He also spoke of the enormous amount of coal consumed in heating the building for no apparent reason other than sheltering persons who use the room set aside for a public library. He contended that until books are placed therein the room should be kept closed. He had no objection to keeping the rooms of the Citizens' Hose Company properly heated, but asked that some rules be adopted to enforce proper conduct.

Councilman McNelis thought the police had full charge to enforce the law in the building when it became necessary on account of boisterous or improper conduct.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did not complain of that matter. His object was the keeping out of people who had no business there and preventing school boys from playing cards, a practice he had seen on a recent visit.

The president appointed Messrs. McLaughlin, Sweet and McClellan a committee to draw a set of rules and regulations.

The keys of a fire alarm box in the Second ward were reported lost by Councilman Crawford and the sign over the box was out of date. The fire and water committee was ordered to procure keys and have the cards changed.

A motion prevailed that the Citizens' Hose Company be requested to have the old fire-bell and tower removed, as it has become unsafe and liable to collapse.

The report of the treasurer was read. This year's sinking fund not having been deducted it was returned for correction.

A discussion on systems of checking bills took place without any action being taken.

## THEATRICAL.

Miss Lorraine Hollis will appear at the Grand opera house Friday evening. She is surrounded by a well selected company of competent players. The exquisite play of "Forget-Me-Not," in which this company is to appear, is one of the greatest studies of social laws; it deals with the question of the French marriage law. It is a strange story of a strange woman, who has beauty, wit and ambition, and yet was a gambling house decoy.

It is her struggle to regain a social position which makes the play so interesting—so tragic and so powerful. The character runs the gamut of all the emotions. The part is deep and wide enough to take in many degrees and varieties of histrionic ability. The character is vividly alive to the finest ends of its finest nerves; it is full of change, variety, light and shade—sudden flashes of emotion, sudden lapses into complete emotional indifference.

"The Lights of Gotham" will be played at the Grand opera house tomorrow evening and should be greeted by a full house, as the company is a first-class one and highly commended by the press and public. Culhane, Chace and Weston, of minstrel fame, are the managers of this attraction, which is a guarantee of its merit. They now have five companies on the road playing "The Lights of Gotham."

The play is strong in comedy and the plot is a double one, that holds all until the drop of the curtain. The scenic effects are fine and all are carried by the company.

Three fresh cows for sale. Apply to August Widdick, Dorrance.

## LOCAL NOTES WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to  
All Readers.

Happenings of the Past  
Two Days in and Around  
Freeland Recorded With-  
out Waste of Words.

Today is being observed as Christmas by the Greek Catholics throughout the world. At St. Mary's church midnight mass was celebrated last night and was attended by the members of the congregation. The colleries of Cox Bros & Co. are idle today on account of many miners observing the holiday.

Freeland consumers of coal are now dependent entirely on M. Schwabe and the Upper Lehigh Company for their fuel. None but employes of Cox Bros. & Co. and Marlike & Co. can obtain coal from Drifton and Jeddo. The average price per ton here is \$5.50 delivered.

School was held for the first time in the new building of the Mining and Mechanical Institute Monday evening. The structure is a model of its kind, and teachers and pupils are generous in their praise of the arrangements and conveniences provided for them.

The repairs to the furnace in Ridge street school building have been completed and the teachers and pupils resumed their positions yesterday morning. The building was closed since December 2.

Andrew Bankarey, who lived and worked at Drifton for eighteen years, was served with an eviction notice by Cox Bros. & Co. and yesterday removed his family and household goods to Hazleton.

A delegation from Garfield Commandery, Knights of Malta, will visit the Hazleton branch of the order this evening. Rev. F. Marshall, of town, will deliver an address during the meeting.

A direct telephone line from Freeland to Pond Creek is being strung by James McLaughlin for the Bell Company. At present Pond Creek is reached through White Haven exchange.

Base ball enthusiasts are advocating the formation of an amateur league to include Freeland, Drifton, Hazleton, McAdoo, Beaver Meadow and Weatherly.

Charles Corrazzo, of town, was injured on the arm by a piece of coal from a blast in No. 5 colliery, Jeddo, on Monday.

Hugh Cunningham, of Walnut street, employed on a locs at Jeddo, had his fingers badly squeezed between cars yesterday.

Attorney R. J. O'Donnell was admitted to practice before the state supreme court in Philadelphia this week.

Ice cream on sale at Merk's.

Alex Allen and family removed yesterday from Drifton to Centre street, Cox addition.

Misses Ruth and Fanny Reese, of Wilkes Barre, are the guests of the Misses Neuberger.

After tomorrow Lehigh Traction cars will stop for passengers only at street crossings.

Mrs. George H. Hartman is visiting relatives in New Jersey.

"Minnesota's Best" flour is sold by A. Oswald. There is none better made.

The contest filed by Ex-Sheriff Harvey against Representative B. J. Ferry was argued before Judges Lynch, Ferris and Wheaton on Monday. The court reserved its decision.

The third death from typhoid fever, which is raging at Summit Hill, is recorded. The victim is George Lewellyn. The Board of Health is wrestling with the problem, but without results. There are about fifty cases.

The late Frederick Brock, of Butler township, whose will was filed yesterday, leaves all his estate to his wife, Anna Brock, during her life. At her death it is to go in equal shares to their six children. The estate is valued at \$3,000. Anna Brock is appointed executrix.

## PLEASURE.

January 7.—Basket ball, Hazleton vs. Crescent, at Krell's hall. Admission, 20 cents; ladies and children, 10 cents.  
January 15.—Ball of Freeland Slovansky Club at Krell's hall. Tickets, 25c.

## Employment for Fifty Girls.

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