

BOTH GAIN POINTS Strike Situation Seems to Be Practically Unchanged.

SAWMILLS MAY BE INVOLVED

Master Painters and Builders Intimate Contractors Who Have Granted Union Demands Will Find It Difficult to Buy Lumber.

Employer and employe each gained a point yesterday, and both feel that their position in the strike is stronger than it was the day before. The brick-handlers and mortarmen returned to their work without gaining the concessions they asked for, and the employers regard as a point in their favor. The Chase-Point & Oil Company left the ranks of the master painters and returned work under union regulations, and this the union people regard as conclusive evidence that the opposition to the strike is breaking.

Asks from the development of fiercer opposition by both sides there seems to be little change in the situation. The union men say they will not give in. "In fact," said Mr. Ward, who is managing the fight for the painters, "we are pleased with the results so far, and the outlook is good."

"Change our tactics" was the cry when we change when we are having success? "What is the success?" asked the reporter, who had failed to see evidence of a gain in strength by either side. "Where we are at first 10 contractors with us," said Mr. Ward with emphatic gesture, "we now have 40, and they are all working under union regulations. Where we had at first nearly 300 men out we have now less than 300."

The contractors are as firm as the union people. "It resolves itself into a question of whether or not we will be allowed to run our own business," say the master painters and builders. "If the union is to run things we will go out of business, and the sooner the better. They will not run us out of business as easily as they think they will, however, for we are going to make a bitter fight."

It was rumored on the street yesterday that an attempt was being made to induce the planting mills and sawmills to enter into the fight and agree not to sell lumber to union contractors. The number of contractors that have broken from the ranks and are allowed to take on with their business while the others are at a standstill is not to the liking of the idle ones, and they think steps should be taken. The planing mill men have intervened on this subject and they had heard of no such suggestion, but the contractors only smiled evasively and asserted: "They will find that if they persist in the stand they have taken, all buildings will be at a standstill for a time."

While the bricklayers and mortarmen returned to their work without gaining the concessions they asked for, it was not because they weakened in their stand. Their manner of striking was contrary to their own agreements with their employers, and as soon as they were shown this fact they agreed to return to work without further ceremony. They had agreed to give their employers 30 days' notice before a strike could be declared, and it was shown at a joint meeting of the contractors and union leaders that the notice had been served but 20 days before the strike.

ANOTHER STRIKE COMING. Teamdrivers Ask More Pay but Will Be Refused.

The Teamdrivers' International Union has made a demand for higher wages, and asks that the new scale go into effect May 15. At a meeting of the Draymen's Association, which includes the leading truck companies, it was shown that the demands were not treated with favor, and both sides say that a strike may be looked for. The advance asked is from 25 to 40 cents per day for the man. Truckmen who are now getting \$2.50 per day ask for \$2.75. Helpers who are now getting \$2.00 ask for \$2.25. The demand also includes recognition of the union, and specifies that only union men shall be employed.

WHIRLED TO DEATH. Little Archie Little is Caught on Shaft and Killed.

In an accident in Schmelz & Little's sawmill at Aurora yesterday, Archie Little, aged 12, sustained injuries from which he died last night at the Good Samaritan Hospital. Glen Little, Archie's 18-year-old brother, tried to prevent the accident and is so injured that he may not recover. Both father and mother are declared, and accompanied them to the hospital yesterday. The father spent last night at the undertaking establishment with the lifeless form of the child, while the mother stayed at the hospital and cared for the younger.

The two boys were playing outside the mill. A shaft that runs the sawwood extends through the wall. The boys were playing near this, and Archie allowed himself to get too close to the revolving shaft. His clothing was caught and he was whirled through the air at a terrific speed. Glen made a heroic effort to free his brother and save his life, and in doing so was struck on the head by his brother's belt and rendered unconscious. It was feared that the train was fractured, but the doctors stated last night that they were not sure whether this was so.

The frantic screams of the two boys attracted the attention of Mr. Little, and he ran out in time to see his boy spinning through the air at the rate of nearly 100 revolutions per minute. His arms and legs were striking the train at various objects near by, and it looked as if his life must be crushed out at one revolution. Flung into the mill, the father shut off the machinery and came out to unscramble his boy from the shaft. Both of his sons were by this time unconscious and apparently lifeless. Dr. W. W. Gentry was called, and it was found that life still existed. The boys were taken by the first train to the hospital. Archie's little form was so badly mangled that little hope was entertained of his recovery from the first. Aside from the blow on the head, Glen sustained no further injuries, and the doctor has hopes of his recovery.

TRUSTY BUNCE MISSING. Goes to Look for Man With His Money and Does Not Come Back.

Jailer Jackson, of the county jail, is anxiously seeking information concerning the whereabouts of J. H. Bunce, a young man who has acted as a trusty in the jail for some time past. The story told by Mr. Jackson, gained from conversation with Bunce, is that he lived with his parents in Leander, Wyo., and left there, going to Boise and Moscow. Here Bunce met a fellow named Weaver, and together they came to Portland. Bunce states that one night he drank too much and Weaver took \$250 of his money for safekeeping. The next day they arranged to board a train on the East Side and beat their way up the Valley. Weaver caught the train and it pulled out, but Bunce missed it and was left be-

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Land-grabbers and the Redmen. Omaha Bee. Senator Stewart, of Nevada, as chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, is said to be in favor of bringing up all the reservations and giving the white man a chance to take up the land by purchase or otherwise. Senator Stewart will have

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES. The Delineator announces that in the forthcoming May number will begin the serial publication of the late Mary Hartwell Catherwood's last completed work, "The Bols-Brules," which well deserves a place beside the popular "Lazarus." The impression created by the latter book is still fresh in the minds of the reading public; and the dramatization of the work by Otis Skinner and Aubrey Boucault, the former playing the title role, has proven the sensation of what, from an author's point of view, might otherwise be considered an eventless dramatic season. Mrs. Catherwood first outlined "The Bols-Brules" about four years ago, and then put it aside for later development and revision as it was her wont, finishing it only a few weeks before her untimely death. The characterization is exceedingly strong—photographic almost in the vividness of its presentation—and the passages descriptive of the Red River country—the scene of the story—show the power of the author as a word-painter. Lovers of good literature, as well as those who seek merely relaxation in books, will welcome "The Bols-Brules." DOWN EAST By the St. Lawrence Dramatic Club. It is not often that such a pretentious play as "Down East" is attempted by amateurs, but the St. Lawrence Dramatic Club, encouraged by past successes, has not hesitated to choose this heavy play for the evening of the 21st. Active rehearsals have been going on for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. Kate Ham and when the time for rendition comes the players promise that a real treat will be in store for the club's many friends. The play is replete with humor and many amusing incidents. The roles are all filled with the very best talent in the club, in fact, all the players have essayed prominent parts in the past. Following is the cast: Ezekiel Fletcher—Joseph Driscoll. Charles Desmond—Edward Murphy. Ralph Thorne—Charles Alphonse. Jonas Desmond—Andrew Cain. Will White—Ed Brennan. Bets Fletcher—Lottie Underwood. Hanna Fletcher—Kate Schneider. Myra Bigelow—Flora Jessop. STEAMER LURLINE. This favorite steamer, thoroughly repaired and renovated throughout, is regularly on the Portland-Astoria route, leaving Taylor-street dock daily, except Sunday, at 7 A. M. Armstrong Plays Sacred Music Only. BAKER CITY, Or., April 14.—(Special.) Pleasant Armstrong, who is confined in the county jail under sentence of death, for the murder of Minnie Emmeringer, amuses himself by playing on the violin. He says he does not enjoy playing anything but sacred music. He studiously avoids dance music. He used to be the leading violinist at all the country dances near Haines. The Sheriff says Armstrong is a most exemplary prisoner.

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