

GREAT CONVENTION OF UNITED MINE WORKERS

Upon Their Action May Depend the Fate of Union Labor for All Time—An Epoch Making Gathering.

(Journal Special Service.) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 16.—"To strike or not to strike?" This is the vital question to settle which delegates are pouring into Indianapolis from almost every coal mining district of the country in readiness for the great convention which assemblies tomorrow in response to the recent call of President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America. If the convention reaches an affirmative decision it will mean, so say the officials of the miners' organization, that 300,000 men will lay down their picks, not to resume work until their brethren in the anthracite field of Pennsylvania have obtained their demands. A decision not to strike will mean at the very least the breaking of the backbone of the miners' struggle in Pennsylvania and a serious blow to organized labor in general. In the settlement of this "lady or the tiger" question there is a conservative element among the union miners that is strongly pronounced in favor of the convention taking a compromise course. It would be better, say the leaders of this element, for the convention not to declare a strike outright but to delegate to the executive board of the United Mine Workers the power to call out the men on general strike at their discretion. This, it is pointed out, would give the advantage of a delay before the final card is played, while at the same time not detracting from the moral support given by the unions throughout the country to the Pennsylvania strikers. It is further argued in support of this course that it would help greatly the financial end of the struggle as it would enable the soft coal miners still at work to devote a large part of their earnings to the anthracite strikers and enable the latter to continue their fight indefinitely or until a successful issue was reached. Although President Mitchell has so far refrained from expressing an opinion on the subject of the convention and the proper course or to it pursue it is said by those intimately associated with him that he would prefer to let the convention delegate to the executive board the power to call the strike rather than have the issue brought to a climax at once. Meanwhile the delegates are pouring into Indianapolis from all directions and about the headquarters of the United Mine Workers they are to be seen in groups today discussing the situation, the latest news from the Pennsylvania field and the probable outcome of the struggle. For the most part they are extremely reticent so far as public utterances are concerned and it is a difficult matter to ascertain how they stand with

LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS

Great Central Railroad Is at Work.

Should anyone see Chief Engineer Kinney of the Great Central Railroad Company, trundling a flat car up Third street laden with maps and profiles, he need not think that there is anything strange about that. He is liable to be walking about with his pockets full of locomotives. He is in Oregon not merely for his health, which is pretty good, but to take his part in certain railroad enterprises now on foot. W. G. Steel is secretary of the Umpqua River Railroad—on paper—between Drain and Scottsburg. There are no head-on collisions on this line, because it has not yet been built. It was reported that the Great Central had purchased the maps and profiles of the Umpqua line, and Chief Engineer Kinney is able to furnish apparent evidences of this fact. Mr. Steel says he still has the same in his possession. To harmonize these differences of opinion gives one a touch of doubt. There is no doubt but that the newly-incorporated Great Central Land Company, with a capital of \$25,000, is a sister corporation of the Great Central Railroad Company. It will have charge of the land interests of the line, as has already been stated by The Journal. The first sister corporation of the Great Central Railroad Company was the Empire Construction Company, organized to build the line of the former. Then came the Commercial Trust Company, which recently purchased the Commercial block, at Second and Washington streets. The latter, The Journal predicts, will eventually be fitted up as the general offices of the Great Central. There is little doubt but that the latter is to be more than a mere local line to run from Salt Lake to Coos Bay. It will, most likely, in less than a month be definitely made public that this line is but a link in a new transcontinental system. Day crews and night crews will work in alternation and push the work of construction on the wharf and warehouse at Coos Bay. One crew of men left Portland last night for this purpose, and another goes tonight. The wharf will cost \$10,000, and upon it will be erected the warehouse. September 1 is placed as the limitation of time for the completion of the work.

NO GAMBLING ON "Q T"

Police Order All Playing for Money Stopped at Once.

The sporting element of Portland is very disconsolate today. Yesterday Sergeant Church made the rounds of all the gambling houses and told those in charge of them that no "little quiet" games could be continued, and that all of them must be closed at once. Ever since the order closing gambling went into effect a person could get all the bank play he wanted at the Portland or Gem clubs, while the North End houses were dealing craps and "21." While gambling never has, and probably never will be, absolutely stopped in Portland, the police are going to do their best to carry out Mayor Williams' orders. The gamblers are not the only ones seriously effected by the new order. There are several big saloons on First street and several in the North End that will probably be compelled to close their doors. In conversation with a Journal reporter yesterday afternoon, a saloonkeeper, whose receipts were dependent on a good deal on the sporting class, said: "At 3 o'clock this afternoon my cash register showed the receipts to be \$3.70. That was for nine hours. Ordinarily \$30 for that length of time would not look big to me. I don't see where I am going to get off at under the new order of things. Guess I had better turn the house over to the bartenders and let them make it a co-operative affair and take their chances." One of the worst features of the social evil in the North End is the horde of worthless men supported by fallen women. This class is to receive a warning to either go to work or else leave town, and in the event that neither one is done, the rock pile is open to them. There is plenty of crushed stone in demand, and Chief McLaughlin is figuring on enlarging his plant. The crib women will all have to move uptown. This order also effects the larger houses.

Advertisement for Babcock Moyer Hodges Henney Bee Line. Includes text: 'PUTTING THEIR NAME ON IT IS THE SEAL OF SUPERIORITY in the VEHICLES OF OUR VARIOUS LINES Babcock Moyer Hodges Henney Bee Line Represent Genuine Vehicle Quality With an Established Reputation...' and an image of a bicycle.

THE MECCA OF CYCLISTS Atlantic City Full of Enthusiasts on the Sport.

AMONG THE WHEELMEN Six motorcycleists and three ladies rode down the river to Scappoose and back last Sunday. The day was ideal and the trip, barring two minor accidents, was greatly enjoyed. W. H. Brainard split the rim of his motorcycle in collision with a rock, and had to come home with his disabled machine in a wagon. C. F. Wright, on George Buckstone's machine, met with a slight accident from a similar cause, but repaired the injury sufficiently to make the return home.

A VICTORY OF OLDEN TIME

"Mad Anthony" Wayne Is Honored After Many Years.

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, July 16.—At Stony Point, where, just 123 years ago today, "Mad Anthony" Wayne and his American forces defeated the British, there was dedicated today a state park in commemoration of the historic engagement. The dedicatory exercises were preceded by an imposing parade of military and civic organizations, the former including Grand Army veterans, the West Point cadets and state militia. Governor Odell made the opening remarks and was followed by Judge Samuel W. Pennypacker, Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, who delivered the historical address.

Portrait of William R. Harper with text: 'WILLIAM R. HARPER of the University of Chicago, an institution which has just decided that young women students in future will be sequestered. President Harper will represent the university in the annual convention of the National Educational Association which meets July 8.'

DEAD OR ALIVE

Denver and Rio Grande Offer a Reward For Robbers.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—Manager Herbert of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, has authorized a reward of \$700, dead or alive, for the train robbers of the narrow gauge railroad train in Colorado. He says the express lost nothing and the passengers probably \$5000. He has also announced that work is to be commenced on extensive track improvements on the main line in Utah, including a double track between Salt Lake, Birmingham and Ogden.

Suit Over a Funeral Sermon.

A fine point has been raised by Mr. Charles Mitchell of Ellenville, N. Y., in his refusal to pay the Rev. Herman C. Fultz \$5 for preaching the sermon at the funeral of his—Mr. Mitchell's—little boy. The child was drowned, apparently through no fault of his own or his parents, but the reverend gentleman seems to have seen the working of the hand of Providence in the matter. In his funeral sermon he chided the bereaved parents for neglecting to have their son baptized while the body of his dead son lay before him.

Reduced Rates to Newport.

Commencing June 15, the Southern Pacific Company will sell round-trip tickets, Portland to Newport and return, good via either East or West Side divisions, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. Three-day Sunday excursion tickets, good going Saturday, returning Monday, \$4.50. Season tickets, good returning until October 10, \$8. Baggage checked through to Newport.

Not Quite Sure Which.

"After all," he remarked, "it is youth alone that has real courage." "I don't know," returned the elderly spinster with acerbity, "whether it should be called courage or foolhardiness, but it is unquestionably true that the girls who marry at all usually marry quite young."

STRENGTH OF STEEL TRUST

Unconceivable Wealth Held by Schwab's Company.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEWARK, N. J., July 16.—The steel trust has filed an answer to the suit brought by certain of its stockholders who protest against the conversion of two hundred million of the company's preferred stock into bonds. The document gives a full inventory of the assets of the company which are shown to be one billion four hundred million dollars. The net profit during the first year amounted to almost ninety-nine million dollars. For the second year almost \$100,000,000. Schwab states the profits will probably exceed one hundred and forty million dollars.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

But little business was closed up at the meeting of the Board of Public Works held yesterday afternoon in the City Hall. The edict was given out that city horses were in future to be denied to persons wishing to use them for celebrations and Shee Bros. received a small contract for painting at the City Hall. A number of bids for city work were opened. They were as follows: Bids for construction of a sewer on East Main street were: Jacobson, Bade & Co., \$3215; John Tays, \$2550; J. B. Stemmmons, \$2865.50; J. W. Sweeney, \$3425.50. For the sewer on Main and King streets bids were: Jacobson, Bade & Co., \$1157.24; J. B. Stemmmons, \$1166.20; J. W. Sweeney, \$1150.20. For improvement of East Seventeenth street bids were: Reilly & Stevens, \$4762.04; Dan Kern, \$5839.56. A discussion of the state of the city streets and bridges was participated in generally by the members of the Board and City Engineer Elliott. The condition of East Water street received the most attention and the city engineer was directed to sound the owners of abutting property as to their willingness to pay part of the cost of a fill. It was decided that no action could be

DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Journal Special Service.) GREENSBORO, N. C., July 16.—Democrats of North Carolina assembled in convention here today and were called to order by F. M. Simmons, chairman of the state executive committee. Candidates are to be named for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Superintendent of Public Instruction and one member of the State Corporation Commission.

SPECIAL COMMUTATION SEASON TICKETS

On Sale Between Portland and the Beaches Via A. & C. R. R. July 1st. On and after July 1st the A. & C. R. R. will sell five-ride season commutation tickets between Portland, Clatsop and North Beach points at the rate of \$15, return limit expiring October 15th, and interchangeable with all boat lines between Portland and Astoria.

CLEMENT TO RUN

(Journal Special Service.) BURLINGTON, Vt., July 16.—The high license and local option Republicans who bolted in the recent convention which nominated General McCullough met in convention here today and named Percival W. Clement of Rutland, who is president of the State Local Option League, as an independent candidate for Governor. A thorough organization will be perfected and many believe that Clement has an even chance of beating McCullough.

RENOMINATES LACY.

(Journal Special Service.) NEWTON, Ia., July 16.—The Republican Congressional convention of the Sixth district held here today was extremely short and harmonious and resulted in the renomination of Major John F. Lacey of Oskaloosa without opposition.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

(Journal Special Service.) BRIDGETON, N. J., July 16.—Bridgeton is entertaining the largest convention in the history of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union. The gathering was formally opened today with every local union in the state represented. During the two days the convention will be in session there will be addresses by speakers of note, while the musical features of the program are to be provided by a trained choir of 2000 voices.

Advertisement for Columbia Standard Bicycles. Includes text: 'Columbia STANDARD BICYCLES SIMPLICITY SOLIDITY SECURITY Made Right Sold Right Run Right Equipped to suit the rider \$40.00 to \$85.00 HARTFORD'S, \$35.00. MONARCHS "Ride a Monarch and keep in Chainless Construction—only \$60.00. Chain Models, \$25.00. F.P. KEENAN 126 First Street, Near Washington'

PLUNGER PHILLIPS IN NEW YORK Speculation, He insists, Will Help the Farmer and the Entire Country. George H. Phillips, the neat sensational corn and wheat operator on the Chicago grain market since Joe Letter's famous corner, is now reaching out for New York business, the young operator having opened offices at No. 16 Beaver street, on Friday, in such unobtrusive manner that few knew of his arrival in the metropolis. Phillips, who held one line of over 14,000,000 bushels of corn in his great coup of 1896, makes the prediction that the grain crop of 1902 will average 30 cents a bushel. "I'm with the corn farmers especially," said the young commission merchant. "I'm with them because corn cannot but remain up. Reason? Well, 1,000,000,000 bushels of corn are grown in this country. We export much, but millions of bushels are exported which don't count as corn. Fat, corn-fed cattle, for instance. Today there are something over 50 distinct products made from corn, and for many of these products there is a constantly growing demand. Thousands of bushels of corn sent abroad come back to us each year in the shape of cases of 'olive' oil. It's better than the best olive oil. The finest soaps are now made from corn oil, and in Chicago an establishment is making vast quantities of smokeless gunpowder from corn. This constantly growing demand is going to keep the price up. That is good for the country, for, say what you will, it is the farmer who holds the Nation together. Today go West and see the farmer. He'll land you money, for he's got plenty of it. But he doesn't hoard it. Good prices for wheat and corn mean good times for all the Nation. The manufacturer and all tradespeople get it. The Wall street millionaire has an easier time. J. Pierpont Morgan has less worry over the railroads he controls when the farmer is prosperous, for poverty breeds Populism, and when the farmer can't get a big enough price for his wheat or corn to pay freight rates to Chicago he shrieks at his luck and demands that the Nation take the railroads. When he's prosperous he forgets Populism. "I don't only believe, but I know that big prices and a speculative grain market help every man in the land, and I'm here to see if I can spread that belief and excite an interest in New York in grain speculation, as there is an interest in stock speculation. I don't do the trading for the millionaires, though I would be glad to get their trade, but I want to get about 1000 customers who are fair dealers—men who handle the stuff, say in 5000-bushel lots. If I can do that I can handle say 5,000,000 bushels a day, and I believe that volume of trade would put 10 cents a bushel on wheat and corn in the Chicago market. "That's what makes prosperity. It's speculation—the good prices that come from speculation—the constant flow of wealth. "It wasn't McKinley who made prosperity when his friends credited it to him. Joe Letter had as much to do with it as any man in this country, but Providence gave us a big crop and Fate gave Europe a poor crop. Then Letter rushed in and bought millions of bushels of grain. He sent the price up 10 cents a bushel; corn followed up in sympathy, and the value of the crop went up not less than \$100,000,000. The farmers got a share of that, and the railroads and the elevator owners and the millers and the grocers. Don't say somebody had to be the loser. Nobody loses when money floods the country, for in the flow and ebb all get a portion of it."—New York World.

Just Like a Woman. "I picked this up in a pawnshop," said the head of the house as he proceeded to extract a piece of antique bronze from an old newspaper. "Why, John," exclaimed the other half of the labor union, "how did you manage to swipe it without the pawnman seeing you?"—Chicago News.

Her Theory. She—Husband and wife are considered one in the eyes of the law. He—Yes, but the all-important question is, which is the one? She—Why, the wife, of course. The woman in the case must be won, you know.—Indianapolis Sun.

The Greedy Man. "Grabber is the most avaricious man I ever met." "I should say so. If he got the chance to go to paradise he would take a chisel along to take up the gold that the streets are paved with."—Town Topics.