

THE PRINTERS' STRIKE.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE appears in a somewhat abbreviated form today, due to an unexpected, unnecessary, needless and absurd strike of its printers, who at a meeting held last night, voted to walk out at 7:30 o'clock this morning unless the management renewed the agreement with the typographical union for another year at once.

The Mail Tribune has always been a union shop. Its printers have always been paid the top wage. Although the scale has been \$3 a day for floor men and \$4 a day for linotype operators, the wages paid were \$3.50 and \$4.50 a bonus of 50 cents per day per man. Before the advent of the management there were no union printers in Medford and \$12 per week was the average wage.

The pay in the Mail Tribune office was above the union scale, eight hours constituted a day's work, and a light and airy office was provided for the men. It seemed as though no cause could be trumped up for a strike—or that the employees could better their condition by striking.

A week ago the Mail Tribune took a temporary contract to print the Medford Sun for a month. Having superior facilities and equipment idle a part of the day, it was supposed that it could do the printing cheaper than the Sun itself could, by lifting duplicate advertisements, etc. This was the excuse for the strike. If the Mail Tribune and the Sun had been one institution or owned in common, the union would have had no complaint. Being entirely separate, and legitimate competitors, exchange of matter is prohibited under union rules. Therefore, the effort of both papers to print as large and as excellent a paper as possible, through cutting out economic waste, has been thwarted by the printers themselves, who in the long run would be the chief beneficiaries.

The local typographical union, then, in spite of the fair treatment always accorded its members, in spite of the fact that the Mail Tribune paid the highest wages in the state outside of Portland, in spite of the fact that the paper was the first to recognize the union south of Salem, in spite of all this and much more, showed their appreciation by ordering a strike upon practically no notice at all.

Furthermore, the strike was one of the most absurd on record—it was for a scale of wages half a dollar a day per man less than that already paid.

The printers, it is needless to say, won their unnecessary strike, that is, the management signed the scale agreement and for three years will adhere to it strictly. The printers will receive just what the scale calls for and no more. Each striker succeeded in his effort to secure a \$3 a week reduction in wages and is the recipient of congratulations.

HIGHER PRICES FOR BARTLETTS

Recent Low Prices Have Materially Increased Consumption and This Will Tend to Force Prices Up With Better Quality Arriving.

Sgobel & Day of New York, under date of August 16, say: Sixty-three cars sold Monday, 35 Tuesday and 44 today, Wednesday, certainly show heavy receipts.

Bartletts—31000 boxes out of the above sold and we are glad to report a little higher market, more especially on the better quality of many of the pears now coming in from points outside of Suisun and the river. Today the best Bartletts of 135 to 165 sizes are in good demand at \$1.80 to \$2.20, others of lower grade and irregular packing and some well colored up sold \$1.45 to \$1.75. The low prices lately have materially increased the consumption and as we must expect better quality pears we believe next week will show a different state of things. This market, according to reports, continues above other markets in prices.

Peaches—Immense arrivals continue, 41,700 boxes sold since Monday and Elbertas made 75c to \$1.00, and Crawford's, Susquehanna's, etc., 75c to 90c. Some of the latter varieties are getting a better color. On the expected lighter arrivals we shall

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see better prices on peaches, but they certainly have been hurting this market lately for all other fruits. Grapes—About 7000 Malagas and 9400 Thompson Seedless sold since Monday, the former doing very well, were prime in every way and sold \$1.75 to \$2.00 on clusters and \$1.50 to \$1.75 on ordinary, but some dull looking and soft sold around \$1.10. The Thompsons sold mostly from 80c to \$1.10 and they are not going well, buyers complaining of their small size. If Malagas drop to \$1.50 Thompsons will go to 75c.

First three days of this week 142 cars have been sold against last year precisely the same number. In Jersey City today waiting are 65 cars, while due tomorrow and Friday 41 cars more. It is said the arrivals next week will be lighter and if so we hope for higher prices, especially on Bartletts, the consumption of which is very heavy indeed. Glad to hear that the first cars of Italianas have started from the northwest and if good they will do well.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. H. T. Haswell and E. N. Coffin, doing business under the firm name of Southern Oregon Produce Co. have dissolved partnership and I will continue the business under the same name. I will collect all accounts owing to Southern Oregon Produce Co. and pay all bills contracted by the firm. I will not be responsible for any account contracted by E. N. Coffin in the future. H. T. HASWELL. 120*

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