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Stricken Arbitration.

The strike which for the past two months has paralyzed the building interests of Chicago has ended, and it is expected that to-day building operations in that city will be generally resumed.

The conflict practically had its inception on the 29th of last April, when the bricklayers' union passed a resolution demanding payment for their labor on Saturday every two weeks, instead of Tuesday as had been the practice.

The employers asked for time to consider the unexpected proposition. The argument of the men in support of their demand was that they could make purchases to better advantage on Saturday than on Tuesday, and that they required the money to take their families out for recreation and amusement on Sunday.

The employers rejected the demand on the ground that it would entail hardship on the small contractors, whose business did not warrant them employing bookkeepers, and they could not make out the pay roll in time to pay on Saturday.

The union suggested a plan to avoid this difficulty, but the master masons speedily resolved that having for years yielded to demands which they regarded as absurd or burdensome they would submit no further.

They determined to fight the union, and a meeting of the various trades engaged in the building line was called with a view to making common cause. This was accomplished, the other trades agreeing to give their moral and material aid to the master masons' association during the contest.

The bricklayers' union having been in formed of the rejection of its demand, a strike was immediately ordered. Over four thousand bricklayers were thrown out of work, and when building ceased thousands of other workmen became idle.

The total number affected being about 12,000. The strike was kept up on both sides, work being done on both sides. There were daily meetings, a large expenditure of oratory in which the respective rights of the parties to the issue and the relations of capital and labor were discussed, while there was a constant flow of addresses and proclamations to the public.

The feeling became very strong, and for weeks both sides manifested the most obstinate and uncompromising temper. "No surrender and no compromise" was the war cry of both parties. Fighting cannot continue always, however, and brave words "but no parsnips." The president of the union one day sent a letter to the master masons' association proposing the appointment of an arbitration committee.

The proposition was tabled by the master masons' association. This gave the union a fair opportunity to create public sympathy in its favor, which it accomplished to do with commendable skill.

Finally it rescinded the resolution demanding a Saturday pay day, and declared the strike off. The union having asked for arbitration and withdrawn the demand which primarily caused all the trouble, the master masons' association was put into the position of having to accept arbitration or continue the lockout, and after some deliberation it concluded to adopt the former alternative.

A committee was formed consisting of five members of each organization, and this joint committee selected Judge Tuley as umpire.

The arbitrators met on the morning of the 4th instant and held daily sessions until a satisfactory arrangement was reached on last Friday afternoon.

The report of the committee recognizes the hardships and the strike was consequently upon the strike and admits the existence of mutual interests between the employers and employees, which it should be the aim of both to conserve.

Finding the main cause of trouble in the efforts of the separate organizations to lay down arbitrary rules for the regulation of matters which were of joint interest and concern, and which should be regulated only by both organizations by some species of joint action, the committee submitted a project for the institution of a joint standing committee with power to hear and determine all differences and grievances. It was decided that eight hours should constitute a day's work and that Tuesday should continue as pay day. In reference to this last matter the report says it was not considered of vital importance, while one of the arguments in its favor was that it had worked more beneficially to the workmen and their families than the Saturday pay day.

Good Business Work.

The evidence seems to be conclusive that the administration of the pension bureau by Commissioner Black has been careful, prudent and in the lines of good business principles.

The facts for the past year show that a great deal of work was accomplished, comparing most favorably with that of any previous year since the bureau was established, and it must be remembered in any comparison that in some directions this work every year grows more perplexing and difficult.

Twenty-two years have elapsed since the close of the war, and it is easy to see that the difficulty of establishing claims for pensions has very greatly increased. When, therefore, the fact is stated that the original allowances of the bureau last year were larger by five thousand than for any previous year, it makes a most creditable showing for the work of the bureau, particularly when it can also be said that the requirements in all other directions were fully met and a great deal of business that had been in arrears was disposed of.

Only excellent system, thorough discipline, and the exactness from every employe of the bureau of a full and faithful performance of duty could have achieved these results, and it is conceded that Commissioner Black has required all these conditions.

Another interesting fact, and one probably without precedent, is that of the appropriations for the expenses of the bureau, salaries, etc., there is a balance of \$75,000 to be turned back into the treasury. So that not only has more work been done by the bureau than in preceding years, but at considerable less cost to the people. This has involved less leisure and liberty to those retained in the service, the number of whom was fewer last year than in the previous year, but the country has not heard of anyone resigning because of overwork. It is very likely that some of the old employes of the bureau have found the new order of things, which requires them to be at their post of duty when there is no legitimate reason for being elsewhere, somewhat grinding and oppressive, in contrast with former conditions, but they do not run away from it. It is furthermore to be said to the credit of the bureau that there are no longer delays in forwarding the drafts of pensioners who now receive them promptly at the time due.

This is a departure which the great majority of pensioners know how to appreciate. There is no other work which system and promptness are more necessary, or in which carelessness and delay would work greater embarrassment to those dependent on it, than in the pension bureau, and the present commissioner is to be commended for showing an adequate appreciation of this.

The Texas Train Robber. The fact that "necessity is the mother of invention" is being very forcibly demonstrated at the present time in the state of Texas. The Lone Star state it seems is about the only state where the business of train robbing is being carried on at the old stand. There was a time when the train robber would qual in the presence of long hair, a brace of pistols, and an Arkansas toothpick, such as was the fashion in Texas some years ago; but since the march of civilization has brought to that state a law abiding population, it does not seem to have driven the train robber completely beyond the borders of the state.

The state authorities, together with the presidents of the railroads, have agreed upon a plan by which the train robber will have to go to Walnut, Iowa, was drowned while bathing in the Elkhorn, near Norfolk, last week. The body was found in a shallow stream, he was overburdened with beer and sank in midstream. The body was recovered.

Charles H. Richards, charged with the murder of George McFarlin, in Dundee county last February, was tried by Judge G. H. Smith, and his life sentence with hard labor thrown in without extra charge.

James Harrington, of O'Neill, while scouting round the race track on the night of the 2nd inst., was killed by a bullet from the side of a horse, which struck him in the chest and passed through his brain, left a hole in the forehead, and left several yards of sinews on the bars. He was recovered at last accounts notwithstanding the efforts of the doctors.

The cemeteries of Webster county are populating rapidly. Within a week three persons were violently hurled to the hillsides—two by lead and one by lightning. The coroner, undertaker and sheriff are doing a rushing business.

One of the "one dollar" boys sent a leaden pin through his brain, left a hole in the forehead, and left several yards of sinews on the bars. He was recovered at last accounts notwithstanding the efforts of the doctors.

The eight-year-old daughter of Casper Duennerman, living near Grand Island, swallowed a needle which she had in her mouth, and died in five minutes. Her mother, who was sitting by her side, should be a warning to young and old to shun the pin cushion and stick to gum.

Nebraska City papers appear tickled over the threatnings of the Omaha and Des Moines companies to scoop in the city in its wild race for patronage. The managers possess a wealth of imagery as boundless as the west, but it will require time to mature and develop such gigantic projects.

The Kansas City & Omaha railroad workers generously agree to build from Alma to Colbertson if the towns put up a bonus of \$150,000. The Kaw river crowd for his week and next,