

FACTS IN THE CASE GIVEN

Correspondence Between the Carpenters and the Contractors Published.

WHAT WAS ASKED AND WHAT WAS OFFERED

Demands of the Men and Concessions of the Bosses as Indicated by the Letters that Passed Prior to the Strike.

In order that the public may be informed in detail relative to the existing difficulties between the contractors and builders and the carpenters it was determined at a joint meeting of the Carpenter Contractors' Association and the Contractors' Exchange held yesterday afternoon to submit through the newspapers all the correspondence relative to the disputed matters which led up to the strike.

Committees from each organization, consisting of three members each, were appointed and by them the correspondence was prepared in the order of its progress. "The contractors have no desire to enter into a newspaper controversy regarding this matter," said a member of the committee last night, "but our purpose in producing the correspondence is that the public may be made in any particular. The different communications show the demands made by the labor union on behalf of the carpenters and the propositions the contractors made to them. Beyond the publication of this information we have nothing further to say, preferring to let the public reach its own conclusions. We wish to emphasize, however, the statement that has been circulated, however, declaring that a number of contractors have signed the scale and agreed to the demands of the strikers. We make the assertion that not one prominent contractor in Omaha has agreed to the demands of the strikers nor is paying the scale demanded."

**Demands of the Union.** Under date of January 2, 1900, C. E. Sparks, secretary of the Central Labor Union, forwarded the contractors a letter setting forth that at the last previous meeting of carpenters the scale of wages was increased to 40 cents an hour, to be paid on all work done on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and after 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturdays. But if two or more shifts of men were employed, the same to be allowed to work on more than one shift under any circumstances and six hours shall constitute a night shift. The wages for such shall be equivalent to eight hours during the day. Every journeyman carpenter shall receive his full pay each week on Saturday noon not later than 12 o'clock, but in case of discharge he must be paid at once on the job of waiting time.

All apprentices shall belong to the union and carry the current working card, but no one shall be allowed to work as an apprentice after having attained the age of 21 years. There shall be a steward appointed by the carpenters on each job whose duty it shall be to see that all carpenters employed shall carry the current working card issued by the Building Trades Council, and report any violation of the articles contained in this agreement. The foreman controlling any job shall belong to the union, carry the current working card issued by the Building Trades Council and see that all provisions of this agreement are strictly enforced. The property of the contractor shall be the property of the contractor and shall be used only for the purpose of the contract. Any violation of the provisions of this agreement by the party of the first part shall be considered a just cause for the party of the second part for ordering all carpenter work to cease.

**Demand for the Union Label.** The following correspondence was passed between the interested parties: February 26—Building and Trades' Exchange: Gentlemen—At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council a resolution was passed that all contractors be notified that in future no mill work will be handled by members of any union, and that the council not bearing the label of the Amalgamated Wood Workers' International Union. You are requested to take notice thereof and thus avoid unnecessary complications by having the label of the Amalgamated Wood Workers' International Union of America.

April 21, 1900—Carpenters' Union, No. 477: We the members of the contractors do hereby agree to pay your demand of 40 cents per hour, to be paid on May 1, 1900, on the following conditions: That as general contractors and builders we make contracts for all branches of the building trades as we may see fit and employ union labor on our work. But should the contractor in any branch stop with the contractor and refuse to work upon the same, we have no objection to his doing so, provided he will allow us to hire whom we please in order to carry on our work, and that you shall be allowed to buy all our material where and from whom we please, and that you do not refuse to work upon the same. Also that each contractor be allowed two days' vacation, which shall be allowed to him before having reached the age of 21 years.

April 27—Contractors' Exchange: Your communication of April 17th received and read before the contractors' union. In reply I am instructed to say in regard to your proposition that you are to be allowed to buy all our material where and from whom we please, we have no objection as long as you bear the label of the Amalgamated Woodworkers, and if we should not grant you any concession in the matter it does not in our power to do so. On our fair list here attached, in regard to apprentices, our constitution, as published by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, governs and limits the number of apprentices from 10 to 15. We have no objection to each contractor having two apprentices, the same to be between the ages of 15 and 21. In regard to your first proposition, that of general contractors and builders taking contracts for all branches of the building trades as you may see fit, we have no objection to your doing so, provided you carry a Building Trades Council working card. Your work being may arrive at an amicable settlement before May 1. We are respectfully,

**CONTRACTORS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA.** C. E. SPARKS, Secretary. **Contractors Who Have Refused.** Following are the names of contractors of the Contractors' Exchange and the Building and Trades' exchange who positively refuse to submit to the foregoing demand: Arthur M. Herd, Bassett & Perival, Christianson, J. M. Conaman, P. J. Cronan, C. E. Cushman, John Field, D. Finlayson, Henry Hamann, Hamilton Bros., J. H. Harbo, B. J. Jobst, G. Kenna & Co., P. J. Kunz, Thomas Lund, William Maier, T. McDonald & Co., Newman & Johnson, W. Parrish, Charles Anderson, A. Lundberg, Rowles & Co., Charles Kluge, C. W. Partridge, A. J. Pearson, Walter Peterson, Gus Petersen, Walter Phillips, John Philpott, John Rasmussen, John Richard, L. Robertson, "Harvey," L. D. M. Scott, Andrew Seastedt, P. Solenberg, Sam G. Stevenson, R. C. Stroblow, J. M. Swartz, J. J. Toms, J. I. Watt, Robert J. Waite, H. Walstrom, George Whitlock, J. J. Young.

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The four city assessors have now been at work over thirty days and their labors are nearing completion. Most of the lots and lands have been assessed and the balance will soon be finished. Interest in the assessment centers in the First and Fourth wards particularly. In the First ward quite a number of corporations are doing business with franchises to assess, while in the Fourth ward four parking houses and the stock yards are located. At a recent meeting of the assessors it was agreed to raise the assessment of all corporations in order to increase the valuation to a sum considered commensurate with the standing and dignity of the city. For a number of years past the valuation has been below \$2,000,000. After an extremely prosperous year in 1898, the assessors, who commenced work in April, 1899, found only a valuation of \$1,827,571.88. In consideration of the great improvements made to property in 1899 and the three months of the present year it is expected that the total valuation will run considerably above \$2,000,000. If the valuation is raised the levy will, of course, be lowered. It is the desire of the present republican administration to reduce the levy as much as possible in order to relieve the taxpayers as much as possible. A large proportion of the citizens feel confident that Mayor Kelly will keep taxation and expenses down as low as possible and to this end he will doubtless have the undivided support of the council and taxpayers generally.

**Choral Union Concert.** Tuesday evening, May 8, the South Omaha Choral Union will close its season with the presentation of the celebrated cantata, "The Rose Maiden," at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-third and N streets. The program follows: "Green Vale and Vine Clad Mountains," chorus; "The Flight of Ages," Miss Lottie Mendell; "A Maid More Beautiful," Miss Lottie Mendell; "Bloom on Bloom On," Miss Edith Foley; "Mid the Waxing Rose Trees," chorus; "Ask of You Ruled Castle," Miss Susan DeGraff; reading, "The Tenth," Miss Alice Howell; "Awake, Thou that sleepest," chorus; "Hail, Thou Wanderer," Miss Foley; Miss DeGraff; Mrs. Duncan; song, "So Saron Rose," Miss Bertha Reese; "This Thy Wedding Morning," chorus; solo, "Where Gloomy Pine Trees Rustle," James Duncan; reading, selected, Miss Alice Howell; solo, "Yes, E'en as Die the Roses," Mrs. Lechner and chorus. Prof. E. D. Keck will conduct the music and H. J. Beck will play the accompaniments.

**Death of Mrs. Larson.** Christina, wife of C. A. Larson, died at Sheridan, Wyo., a day or two ago of pneumonia after a short illness. Larson was formerly employed at Swift's in this city and resided at Eighteenth and M streets. A year or two ago he resigned to accept a responsible position with the Burlington road. He was a devoted husband and his death is a great loss to his family. The notice of Mrs. Larson's death comes to The Bee through George Karll, a former resident of this city, who is now engaged in business in Sheridan.

**Anti-Saloon League Work.** Here is an item from the pen of Editor Merrill of the Presbyterian. "The anti-saloon league is no dream of vague indefiniteness, but one of well defined lines and purposes. It has no trumpet to blow or word for the press to publish; that sort of temperance work is done by saloon keepers, gamblers, managers of wine rooms, etc., should persist and continuously break good laws—the only decent and respectable lack the nerve to stop it. That is all; it takes said. Better get some."

**See Five Lodge Elects Officers.** See Five Lodge No. 184, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, elected their officers Thursday night: John Buchanan, worthy master; James W. Hastings, senior warden; John E. Schultz, junior warden; Eps Cory, treasurer; Bert Chandler, secretary. The district officers will be appointed at the installation of officers in June.

**Magic City Gospel.** See Ed Munshaw & Co. for lumber, Tel. 283. Carrier boys wanted at The Bee office in South Omaha. Charles Hutton, Nineteenth and J streets, is quite sick. Miss Jennie Graham is spending Sunday with friends at Hastings. Mrs. Fred Johnson is visiting friends in Blair for a day or two. Children's day at the Methodist church will be observed on June 10. All regular classes in Young Men's Christian association work closed last night. Delicious soda is served by an expert at Melcher's drug store. Don't fail to try it. Donations to the carpet fund at the First Presbyterian church are coming in quite rapidly. Dr. C. M. Schindler and wife are talking of taking an extended European trip in the fall. Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Minneapolis are stopping with Mrs. Dennis, Twentieth and I streets. The Hammond ball team will play the Originals at the Vinton street park this afternoon. The grounds about St. Martin's Episcopal church, Twenty-fourth and J streets, are being cleared. Lewis Aiken of Iowa has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. S. Harrell, of Twenty-third and J streets. Thomas Young of Blair will officiate both morning and evening at St. Martin's church today. Frank Clayton has a good street commissioner and has accomplished a great deal since his incumbency. "Clover leaf" camp No. 8 of the Royal Neighbors will give a dance at Modern Woodman hall on May 25. Young men to carry newspaper routes are wanted at The Bee office in the city hall building. Concert will be given at the First Methodist Episcopal church by the Canadian Jubilee singers on June 1. Rev. J. A. Johnson will occupy the pulpit at the First Methodist Episcopal church both morning and evening today. The severity of the Hammond strike is the cause of a great many carpenters being out of employment at the present time. Charles Knott, of Hammond, a trusted employee, has been promoted to a responsible position in the traffic department. The afternoon meeting of the Methodist church, Twenty-third and J streets, will be postponed until the next regular meeting. J. A. Flowers has severed his connection with the Hammond Packing company and is now representing an insurance company. Clerk Strigley has secured several hundred dog tags. The price was \$2 for 100 at last year. \$2 for 100 and \$2 for 100. Rev. George J. Buck of Omaha will speak at the Young Men's Christian association this afternoon. His topic will be "Sure Things." Frank Jones is taking hold of the sanitary work in good shape and it is predicted that he will make a first-class inspector. P. A. Broadwell & Bro. and Crosby & Rich have consolidated their business under the firm name of the Broadwell-Rich company. Rev. Dr. Wheeler delivered an address at the Young Men's Christian association at the United Presbyterian church Friday night. A social and religious service will be held at the Maxwell mission this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. L. Benson will be in charge. Ed P. Baker, leader of the Methodist church choir, has moved from Twenty-third and J streets to Twenty-seventh and H streets. Colonel E. P. Savage, candidate for lieutenant governor of Nebraska and the first mayor of South Omaha, is an uncle of Mrs. W. L. Holland. Dr. W. J. McCann has just experienced another runaway. As this makes the eighteenth time the doctor's team has

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MUSICIANS THROW BRICKBATS

Chanters of Sweet Melodies Recent an Interruption by a Non-Musical Resident.

A hearing in police court, started out bravely yesterday as an assault and battery case and closed as an indignation into the merits of musical composition. Originally the defendants were Jim Cunningham, Charles Sullivan and Charles Fisher, but later in the proceedings they gave way to "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You" and "I Guess I'll Have to Telegraph My Baby." The judgment of the court was that the happy home song, while good enough in its way, is not a suitable selection for street purposes on a Sunday night. As to the telegraphic ditty, he declined to pass sentence, as in his opinion its interest feature brought it within the jurisdiction of the federal judiciary. The three original defendants were discharged.

Richard Breitung, treasurer of the Newton Land company, who lives at 214 South Twenty-eighth street, was assaulted last Sunday night by a gang of masked thugs who had gathered in the street opposite his home. He went out to disperse them, whereupon they threw bricks at him, hitting him twice upon the head. Three of the revolvers were afterward arrested. The witness admitted that there were eight in the party and that they sang the songs mentioned to an accompaniment of rattling tin cans, a tin horn and a home fiddle. Witnesses for the state testified that the assault was a deliberate one, while witnesses for the defense averred that the music was nothing and restful.

A carpenter named O'Clair said that he and his family gathered on the porch to listen to it, having remained home from a church service. The witness declared that he would rather hear a tin can obligato and horse fiddle lullaby any time than the best pipe organ that ever bellowed. The harmony in the street that night was edifying and appealed to his highest spiritual senses. He did not blame the musicians for throwing bricks at the heightened tempo.

From this point on the witness and attorneys discussed the propriety of singing the two popular airs in the street of a residence district on Sunday night, and when it was time to adjourn court, Cunningham, Fisher and Sullivan were told that they could go.

TREASURER WAS ASTONISHED

Thought Police Clerk Prior Must Be Turning in Part of His Salary.

Surprise was depicted on the face of city treasury clerk when L. E. Grier, the new police court clerk, turned in his first month's fines and costs, as the amount was almost twice as great as had been turned in for any one month since the close of the exposition. The explanation of this is not apparent, as the court was presided over by the same judge as formerly and the only new officers are L. E. Grier, clerk, and J. J. Grier, deputy.

Water Company May Sue County.

It is an unusually quiet court house, but a noisy one, as the water company attorneys are busy with the case of the water company against the county for taxation, in which it is alleged that the county failed to pay the water company for the use of its water. The case was argued yesterday in the county court.

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CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

Workmen Who Are Dissatisfied with Present Political Situation Will Meet Today.

At 2 p. m. today there will be a meeting at Garfield hall, 1517 Howard street, looking to the organization of an independent workmen's political club, to be composed exclusively of men laboring most of the call addressed to all members of organized labor unions in good standing who believe that the two old parties are not working in the interests of labor and that the time has come when they should take some action on the political situation. The meeting was called by the last convention of the American Federation of Labor.

The organization of this club contemplates the taking of such independent political action in the coming county and state campaigns as may be considered advisable for the interests of labor, or such other action as it may be considered best to take to meet existing conditions that are oppressive to labor. Among the prominent factors in this movement locally is Asa Taylor, president of the Central Labor union. The impression has gone out that this is a movement for the organization of a new party, but such does not appear to be exactly the case. It is simply the organization of a club that shall be independent of both of the old parties; it may in time lead to the organization of a new party. As yet it has no declared principles and no well formulated plan of operations. The initial meeting will be behind closed doors and no one will be admitted who is not a member in good standing of some labor union and who has not signed the call indicating his independence of existing political organizations.

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Suit for Accounting Filed.

Frank E. Coulter has filed suit in the district court against the Omaha Gas Lighting and Motor company, asking for an accounting of stock in the defendant organization. The petition was accompanied by application for a temporary restraining order to prevent the management from disposing of any of the assets of the company, as the suit is being judicially investigated. Judge Dunning granted the restraining order, making it returnable May 22 in county court.