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STREET CAR EMPLOYEES GUARDED IN WHAT THEY SAY OF THE UNION.

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Most of the street-car men were very careful to whom they talked yesterday and what they said in the hearing of others about their new union. Among themselves they discussed the union and those who had joined talked to men who did not attend the meeting or are not willing to join the union. The union men as many stories regarding the attitude of the men toward the union as there are street-car employees. They contend that they have no grievance against the company and simply want to organize a union. A small meeting was held yesterday afternoon and other meetings will be held from time to time, to suit the pleasure of the organization. Chris Evans, local organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who is at the head of the movement, said last night that new men are being taken into the union. The street-car company and those who do not wish to join say that very few are being enlisted in the organization.

The officers of the union are: President, Samuel Thrasher; vice president, Clyde Hill; secretary, C. A. Luther; treasurer, Charles Leonard; and J. Evans, Recording Secretary. The union men are of the street-car company, issued the following statement: "A little more than one year ago about the same number of men formed an organization, and at their second meeting invited me to appear before them. I did so, and explained to them the many difficulties and the large amount of money required to be expended to build up the Indianapolis Street-railway Company's property."

The men very kindly listened to my statement, and desired to have my participation in the organization. I stated at that time, and wish to repeat now, that when this company has built up its property it will be its intention to raise the wages of the car-service men."

I said then that if they ever had a grievance to come to my office and that I would do everything in my power to adjust it. I repeat that statement today.

In answer to that question, made a year ago, no complaint or grievance has ever been presented to me. I realize there are a great many conveniences and comforts that we have not yet felt able to provide for the men, but I intend to do so as soon as I can. I am reading rooms and lockers for their clothes, etc.

It has always been, and is now, my hope to build up the best street-car service in the country. It has always been my intention to treat my men as well as better than any other company in the country, and I expect it to be my privilege when the proper time comes, to say what the compensation of the men shall be. I feel confident that I enjoy the good will of all my men.

"On my arrival from Cincinnati last night I was informed that a meeting of the men was to be held, and that the statement had been made at that meeting a year ago I had promised to advance the men's wages I sent an hour. It was my desire to be present, but I was unable to do so. They saw it to refuse me the opportunity."

The company, however, what it considers best for the public, the majority of its men and its own legitimate interests."

The instigators of the movement last night are men who have been discharged from the company's service for good and sufficient reasons. They are not men who are joining this organization to secure their own reinstatement. This would mean the loss of positions to men who are now employed. The justice of which the company fails to recognize."

It is not that the present movement is serious, as only a very small fraction of the men have entered the organization."

ELECTED AN EDITOR.

New Man at Head of the United Mine Workers' Journal.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers yesterday elected S. M. Sexton, of Blossburg, Pa., editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, to succeed W. C. Scott, who resigned. Mr. Sexton is a member of the organization and is an experienced newspaper man. He will assume the editorship of the Mine Workers' Journal the first of the month.

The board of directors and board members Fairley and Pendleton will go to Brazil tomorrow as a committee to attend the conference of the operators and miners to assist in bringing about a settlement over the powder question. There are 3,600 miners idle in the block-coal district pending this settlement.

President John Mitchell yesterday received a telegram from Springfield, Ill., his home, announcing the death of his father-in-law, Henry O'Rourke. He left for Springfield yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Edward McKay and James Boston, who will represent the executive board at the funeral.

The board will reconvene at the United Mine Workers' headquarters, in the Stearns building, tomorrow morning, when the settlement is accomplished at Brazil to-morrow.

TALK OF ARBITRATION.

Contracting Carpenters Hold Session Yesterday Evening.

The Contractors' Association held a session at the Builders' Exchange yesterday evening to discuss a settlement with the carpenters' union. Arbitration was talked, and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to select a committee of non-partisan persons with the consent of a committee representing the carpenters to decide the matter. No definite action was taken on any plan, and the situation remains the same. The union men are expected to stand by their original demand, a minimum wage scale of 35 cents an hour.

The Tailors' Strike.

The situation regarding the strike of the tailors is still unchanged. The journeymen say they will hold out until their demands are recognized by the merchant tailors, and that the nonunion men are showing a disposition to join the union. The Merchant Tailors' Exchange has not yet decided whether they will give in to the union. The journeymen say a settlement will be reached in a few days.

Pleased Two Audiences.

The Boston Lyric Opera Company closed its engagement at English's Opera House with two performances yesterday. Frank Daniels' great comic opera success, "The Idol's Eye," was given a clever rendition yesterday afternoon, the full strength of the company being employed. The evening performance, "The Fencing Master," was the offering and it was well received. The comedians were particularly successful in their performance of a number of jests with a local coloring. Comedian Harry Brown took a great deal of satisfaction in joking at the expense of a local theatrical writer who was not in the audience. It is understood that Thompson, who is at the head of the Lyric Company, was well pleased with the financial result of the engagement.

Dowie Meetings in This City.

The members of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, who teach salvation healing and holy living, are to hold a five-days' mission in the Magnolia building, corner Capitol and Kentucky avenues, beginning Wednesday, April 17, with meetings every afternoon and evening and three on Sunday. An order from Chicago will conduct the meetings. Dowie is general overseer of the church.

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