

Large Standardization of Wages: Overthrow of "Gang" Politics Looms Large: Councils Shifting Pockets for Art: City News

PARADE DRIVE LAUNCHED TODAY

Independents Open Headquarters in Building at 1527 Chestnut Street

VOTERS' LIST LONG

The directors of the new independent party are today actively launching the campaign against the Vard-Smith ticket.

Chairman Thomas F. Armstrong of the campaign committee, said today that the executive committee and the membership of the campaign committee will be announced either late today or tomorrow.

Charles S. Calwell, president of the Car Exchange National Bank, who had been asked to accept the independent nomination for City Controller, has notified Chairman Armstrong that he will not join the movement.

Thousands of "pledge cards" are being sent out today from the new independent headquarters which are located in the same building from which the campaign was waged that defeated the Republican organization and elected Rudolph Blankenburg Mayor in 1915.

The pledge is placed in the hands of the voters of the city on record as supporting the platform adopted at the Academy of Music meeting last Thursday night.

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Retail Coal Price Under Garfield Order

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The Government plan will not reduce coal prices. They cannot be reduced as the situation is now. The Government plan will, if it does anything, permit the increase of prices.

"Dealers may put the price up twenty cents a ton under the Garfield schedule based on margins of profits in 1916 and July, 1917.

"The present price of pea coal at the mine is \$4.90. Add to this \$1.30 for hauling to the city, and you have \$6.20; that is what the retailer has to pay. The retailer is getting \$7.75. Some are getting a little more, some a little less; but \$7.75 is the average and it is what most are getting. Take \$6.20 from \$7.75, and you have \$1.55—that is the profit per ton of the retailer—on paper. Deduct from this what the retailer must pay for delivering, hiring drivers, investment in wagons, horses and other equipment, feeding horses, etc., and the retailer has left a profit of ten or twenty cents.

"That is his real net profit. Now, in 1912 we paid \$3.65 at the mine and got \$5 a ton from the consumer. Our paper profit was \$1.35, whereas our paper profit now is \$1.55, but our actual net profit is less because equipment, horses, feed, labor, etc., were cheaper then than now.

"Now, under the Government plan, as I understand it, we can add 20 per cent to our profit of \$1.55—that is, we can add forty and a half cents. This gives \$1.75 a ton profit we can charge now. This will mean a price of \$8.50 for pea coal in July, 1917. This would enable us to charge \$7.95.

"Prices will stay where they are, though in a few isolated instances there may be slight reductions—so few and so slight as to be of no consequence whatever.

"All who want coal or expect to want it had better buy it now, if they wait for a reduction they will be disappointed and when they do want it and want it badly they may find that the retailers are swamped with orders and cannot make deliveries quickly enough.

"If you order now you can get coal. We are keeping up with orders. If we get all the orders now they can all be filled within a few days, but if we don't get them until cold weather sets in we will be swamped and can't make deliveries in time.

"I am not a member of the Coal Exchange, but I am familiar with its prices as well as others and what I have said describes the situation generally.

J. E. Richards, president of the George R. Newton Coal Company, said:

"I intend to do nothing until I hear definite information from Washington. All I know is what I have seen in the papers. I can't even discuss what the price will be or whether they will be higher or lower."

At the William S. Lloyd Coal Company, Twenty-ninth street and Ridge avenue, it was said a coal price reduction could not result from Mr. Garfield's order, the price being set before the country commissioners, and a representative of the commissioners at once filed them in the Prothonotary's office.

The pre-emptors for the American party, James Burns, Jr., 238 South Fifteenth street; William L. Barr, 2797 Berks street; Robert Weir, 6416 Saybrook avenue; A. L. Winstok, 825 Brown street; and Theodore F. Zigler, 1215 South Wilson street.

Those filing the affidavits for the Liberty party were Harry F. Branson, 5513 Harmer street; Thomas W. Schmitt, 1257 Locust street; Guyard N. Salomon, 3559 Pearl street; Martin L. Foley, 392 North Fifth street; and Sam J. Healy, 248 North Lawrence street.

The official count has been completed for thirty-four wards in the city. It shows that John J. McQuaid, leading Joseph S. Royce for the fourth nomination for Mayor, beats the Democratic winner by 109 votes in the Twenty-ninth ward.

James G. Carey, Jr., in the Twenty-ninth ward, has been shown to have been nominated Council member by Brandenburg, candidate, by seventeen votes.

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NEXT DRAFT QUOTA FULLY PROVIDED

Many Aliens Likely to Be in Contingent to Go Friday or Saturday

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The 5 per cent quota of certified men for Camp Meade to go on Friday and Saturday will not include medical and dental students and veterinary surgeons, according to orders received by the local boards from State headquarters at Harrisburg, but it is very likely that many aliens will be called by the draft boards as the result of the hesitancy of the Federal Court to rule these registered men ineligible for conscription.

Reports from the two district appeal boards indicate an entire absence of the uncertainty and confusion that prevailed during the dispatch of the initial 45 per cent draft to delay in getting out the lists of certified men, calling of men out of turn and acting on appeals and claims. The second contingent from this city is already fully on the basis of the certified lists now in the hands of all the local draft boards, with one exception—that hoodoo section, District No. 13—and the fix on that board will be ousted in time for the entrainment of its quota on Saturday, when most of the other boards in the territory of District Appeal Board No. 2 will leave.

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