

HANNA AND BISHNELL ARE AGAIN FRIENDS

Harmony in the Ohio Republican Camp for the First Time Since 1897.

PLATFORM DECLARES FOR CUBAN RECIPROCITY

It is Due Alike to Cuba and the United States That Proper and Reasonable Trade Concessions Should Be Made—The President and the Army Are Congratulated on Satisfactory Progress Made in the Philippine Islands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, May 28.—The Republican state convention nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of state—Lewis C. Laylin, of Norwalk.

Judge of supreme court—William B. Crew, of McConneville.

Food and Dairy Commissioner—Horace Ankeney, of Xenia.

Member of the board of public works—William Kirtley, Jr., of Defiance.

The convention, which has been a continued ovation all week to Senator Hanna, closed this evening with a great demonstration in his honor, to which he responded in a characteristic speech.

The senator at former state conventions has sounded key notes that were taken by Republican state clubs. He told them today to sing "Keep On Letting Well Enough Alone," in the campaign rallies this year.

The convention was distinguished for harmony in the chorus for Hanna in all that was done for the day.

Reconciliations was that of Senator Hanna and former Governor Asa A. Eushell, of Springfield. The latter had been here all week, but Bushnell and Hanna never spoke as they passed each other's quarters. They had not spoken since the name contest for the governorship in 1897.

Before going to the convention today, they met in the most cordial manner. The delegates who "got them together" gave glowing reports around the convention hall of the way they were calling each other "Mark" and "Asa" again.

Senator Hanna and George B. Cox, of Cincinnati, also had a friendly farewell tonight after a contest during the day over nominations.

What were called the Hanna men won on all ballots, but Cox supporters none of the winners. In making up the state ticket Hanna and Cox were on opposing sides today, the same as in the contest for the organization of the legislature last January, but good feeling prevailed after the convention was over.

While Senator Hanna was cheered as he entered the hall, as he announced the vote of his county delegation, of which he was chairman, as General Grosvenor and other speakers referred to him, and on other occasions, the mention of the names of President Roosevelt, Senator Foraker, Governor Nash and others were also cheered.

General Grosvenor was heartily received as the permanent chairman as was General Dick, when he read the resolutions which were adopted.

The Platform.

The platform, after paying a tribute to the memory of President McKinley and pledging Ohio Republicans to support President Roosevelt, congratulated the state on obtaining the businesslike services of Governor Nash and commends the assembly for its wise and patriotic legislation. Senators Foraker and Hanna are praised, and the record of Republican congresses, "especially those since the inauguration of William McKinley," is indorsed. On the question of capital and labor's relations it says:

To secure for labor the consideration it deserves, to uphold the dignity of toil, to create a healthy public opinion, the subject of labor and the justice of its receiving a full share of the value it creates to bring labor and capital together on common ground in the adjustment of such questions as may concern these two great factors in production, it is necessary that labor should be intelligently organized. We believe in few hours and larger rewards for labor, and in the laws which will harmonize the interests of labor and capital and tend to lighten the burden of toil.

In respect to Chinese exclusion, the following is said:

In our last declaration of principles we favored a renewal of the wise provisions by which the unrestricted immigration of Chinese has been prevented, and we now commend congress for re-enacting the Chinese exclusion law, thus insuring continued protection to American labor from Chinese immigration.

The resolutions favor a continuation of the liberal position policy established by the Republican party, advocating the extension of the postal rural free delivery service, "wherever its extension may be justified," recommend a substantial and uninterrupted increase in the strength of the navy, and urge legislation that will expedite the construction of the isthmian canal.

Concerning trusts, the following is said:

We recognize the necessity of co-operation in order to meet new conditions in the industrial world, and to compete successfully for the world's markets, but combinations that stifle competition, control prices, limit production, or unduly increase profits or values, and especially when they raise the prices of the necessities of life, are opposed to public policy and should be repressed with a strong hand.

The New Republic of Cuba is congratulated on the "final fruition of the hopes and struggles of her people for freedom and independence."

Touching on the question of reci-

procuity with that island, the resolutions contain the following:

Furthermore, we believe it is due alike to Cuba and to ourselves that in accordance with the Republican principle of reciprocity, proper and reasonable trade concessions should be made by our government to Cuba, in return for her concessions upon American products, so as to benefit those who have felt the burden of our national honor, whether expressed or implied.

The president and the army are congratulated on the satisfactory progress made in the Philippines in suppressing insurrection and establishing order, and the "policy of our government in those islands is unqualifiedly endorsed. Our title to the islands is as perfect as was that of Spain after 400 years of undisputed possession. We will give their people better government, better schools, more civil and political rights, and a higher civilization and broader freedom than is possible for them in any other way. Our flag is in the Philippines and there it will remain. The American army has taken up a work of establishing order and maintaining authority in the distant Philippines, and, while we deplore and severely condemn any instances of cruelty which may have occurred, we remember that our soldiers are fighting a barbarous and treacherous foe, who have often inflicted most inhuman atrocities upon their prisoners. It is the nation's army, drawn from every section of the country, keeping the nation's flag, and fighting the nation's battles under the nation's flag, and we resent with indignation recent Democratic efforts to drag its honor in the dust and to cast reproach on its fair name."

The doctrine of anarchism is denounced, and it is demanded that congress enact stringent laws against attempts on the life of the chief magistrate or of any person in the line of succession. Lynching and all forms of mob violence are also denounced.

Senator Hanna's Speech.

Senator Hanna in his speech after the nominations had been made, said the candidates nominated will receive the unanimous support of the Republicans of Ohio. Continuing, he said:

We had a motto in the last convention, "We are not going to let a man go off an amendment to this 'Keep on Letting Well Enough Alone'."

There has been consideration of state affairs, especially of the work done by the legislature of our state, which will appeal to the people interested in sound, economic government, and will also appeal to those who have felt the burden of taxation and have sought relief and found it. There are questions of great interest in this campaign, because we are called upon to elect members of congress, who shall support our strenuous president during the balance of his administration.

The senator referred feelingly to President Roosevelt, and commended his policy in the Philippines and in concluding said:

My friends, in entering upon this campaign in our state let us remember the martyred president, and inspired by the policies to which he had devoted his life, let us have courage, but also let us be prosperous, let his spirit guide us, and under that inspiration let us go forward every man, with a determination to vindicate the honor of our country.

A new era is dawning upon this country. Our great development has reached a point that has placed us in the front rank of the world, not only by the power and weight of our affairs, but also because we have become the greatest manufacturing and industrial nation of the world. That development is a national consequence of the evolution that is going on. Labor and capital are approaching each other in the proper spirit.

I believe in organized labor, and I believe in organized capital as well. These two great forces are working out the destinies of our country, and they must be friendly. They must be able to administer and they must be controlled.

Our prospects are bright, and as I said before, we have entered upon this contest with hope, because we are right, and we will get there.

KANSAS CONVENTION.

Ex-Congressman Bailey Is Nominated for Governor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wichita, Kansas, May 28.—The Republican state convention tonight nominated the following ticket:

Governor, former Congressman W. J. Bailey; lieutenant governor, D. J. Hanna; secretary of state, Joseph R. Burrow; auditor, Seth G. Wells; Supreme justices, H. S. Mason, J. C. Pollock and A. L. Greene, A. H. Ellis, F. W. Cunningham; congressman-at-large, S. S. Scott.

The feature of the convention was the strong Roosevelt sentiment. The friends of Mr. Bailey controlled the convention from the start. The platform endorses the national administration.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO PHILADELPHIA.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 28.—Senators Quay and Penrose called at the white house today, accompanied by Mayor Ashbridge, and a committee from Philadelphia, and extended an invitation to the president to participate in the ceremonies attending the dedication of the new high school building in Philadelphia in October. The president was unable to say whether he could attend or not, but will do so if his engagements at that time permit.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 28.—Arrived: Hohenzollern, Genoa; Majestic, Liverpool and Queenstown. Cleared: La Savoie, Havre; Puert Bismarck, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Sailed: Oceanic, Liverpool; Philadelphia, Southampton; Kensington, Antwerp. Queenstown—Arrived: Teutonic, New York. Southampton—Arrived: St. Louis, New York. Liverpool—Sailed: Germanic, New York via Queenstown.

WILL MEET AT CARBONDALE IN MAY OF NEXT YEAR.

Protestant Episcopal Convention in Session at York.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

York, Pa., May 28.—The Protestant Episcopal convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania, after a day of solid business adjourned to meet the second Tuesday of May next at Trinity church, Carbondale, Pa. William H. Sayre, treasurer of the mission board, reported a deficiency of \$6,500 during the year. The parochial reports showed that all the parishes but six contributed to various causes as follows:

Archdeaconry of Reading, \$99,511.55; Harrisburg, \$49,414.88; Williamsport, \$52,187.33; Scranton, \$96,661.86.

A resolution was adopted recognizing the deaf mute commission as an auxiliary to the diocese. The report of the enrollment fund showed receipts to be \$5,852.54 from all sources. Rev. W. R. Bred and Colonel Fred Reynolds were elected delegates to the missionary council to be held at Philadelphia in October.

A resolution was adopted favoring the establishing at Washington, D. C., of a laboratory for the study of criminal, pauper and other defective classes under government auspices. It was resolved that the fund for the endowment of the Episcopal in the diocese be increased to at least \$100,000, not less than \$10,000 be raised by pledges, payable in five annual installments. This evening the fifteenth anniversary of the consecration as bishop of Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., LL.D., of Kentucky and of West Virginia, was among the speakers. The service was followed by a reception given Bishop Talbot by the parish at the country club. Tomorrow will be woman's day.

Proceedings of Congress.

An Agreement Reached by Senate as to Vote on Philippines Bill—Debate on Coinage Measure.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 28.—The house spent the day debating the bill to increase the subsidiary coinage by coining the silver dollar in the form of a nickel. The public necessities may require. The limit of subsidiary coinage is now \$100,000,000. The bill increases this to an indefinite amount, in the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. The bill aroused the opposition of the Democrats, who claimed it was only a step in the direction of striking down the silver dollar. The debate drifted into a general discussion of the silver question. Very little interest was shown, and Mr. Cochran twice made the point that no quorum was present.

Mr. Newlands (Nevada) finally offered an amendment to make subsidiary silver a legal tender, and this amendment was pending when the house adjourned.

An agreement was reached in the senate today which a final vote on the pending Philippine government bill and all amendments will be taken next Tuesday at 4 p. m. Pending the vote, the senate will meet at 11 o'clock each day except Friday, when the body will not sit, it being Memorial day. On Monday and Tuesday the debate will be under the fifteen-minute rule.

Mr. Burrows (Michigan) explained the bill at length today and urged its enactment, maintaining that it would advocate the interests and promote the prosperity of the islands. In his judgment it would be a mistake to accept the Philippines now self-government and independence. Such a proceeding could result, he said, only in disaster to the inhabitants and possible anarchy in the islands.

CUBAN LAW MAKING.

President Palma's Message Read to Congress—A Paper Censured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, May 28.—The house of representatives has reconsidered the bill which provided amnesty for Americans who were under sentence or in jail in Cuba and has added an amendment which provides that amnesty be granted to native born Americans only. In this form the bill was sent to the senate. The purpose of the amendment is to exclude from the proposed amnesty those naturalized American citizens who might be released under the bill and who might still continue to reside in Cuba.

The house has fixed the salary of the president of the republic at \$25,000, and that of members of congress at \$3,600.

President Palma's message to congress was read today. Considerable scandal has arisen from the fact that this message was published by a local paper last night, before it had been delivered to congress. Today the house passed a resolution to the effect that it considered the premature publishing of the paper a discourtesy to President Palma.

Wore Cleveland Uniforms.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cleveland, May 28.—The ball players, Lajole and Bernhard, who are in conference with the officials of the Cleveland club, did not sign contracts with the club today as was expected they would. However, it is said that there has been no hitch, and that there is no hurry in the matter of signing a contract. Lajole and Bernhard were to the local grounds today and wore Cleveland uniforms in their practice.

Will Respond to Strike Order.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hazleton, May 28.—At a mass meeting in Hazleton tonight the union and non-union pump runners, firemen and engineers employed by Cox Brothers & Co., unanimously decided to quit work on Monday if their concessions asked for are not granted. About three hundred men will respond to the strike order.

Mitchell Returns Tomorrow.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, May 28.—A dispatch was received at strike headquarters tonight that President Mitchell would arrive here Friday afternoon.

ANALYSIS OF STATE FIGHT

The Humanities of Politics Are with John Elkin and Against Senator Quay.

BATTLE OF GENERALS VERSUS MEN IN LINE

The Attorney General Played Fair with Quay and It Was Quay Who Played Tricky—Elkin the Comrade and Beau Ideal of the Boys Who Fight the Party's Battles; and the Boys, and Not the Ornamental Office Holders, Will Be in Control of the State Convention—Facts, Figures and Predictions—An Immense Crowd Expected.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, May 28.—This week and next will complete the selection of state delegates and by a week from Monday the theatre of political activities will be transferred from the various counties to Harrisburg. The prospects are that an unprecedented crowd will be here to see the fun. Every hotel room in Harrisburg has been bespoken; hundreds of lodgings in private families have been engaged; the corridors of the capital are to be occupied by cots and it may be necessary to set up circus tents for the accommodation of the overflow.

In spite of the claims of the various managers it is recognized here by practiced students of politics that the campaign for control of the convention will be close and probably not decided until the small hours of Wednesday morning, June 11. The assertions of the Quay leaders that Pennypacker will win easily, with more than 220 votes in convention, or more than enough to nominate are laughed at by those in the confidence of John Elkin, who seem fully assured that the Indiana plow boy will organize the convention and win the nomination.

The Outlook.

A state official said today: "Mr. Elkin's friends have looked well to his interest in every county of the state and he has a following which is faithful and the envy of the other candidates. The candidacy of Judge Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, has aroused little enthusiasm outside of his own city. He has secured twenty-two delegates, all but three from counties adjacent to Philadelphia, but he seems to have developed whatever west of the Alleghenies. In the far western counties the friends of the attorney general have secured a large majority of the delegates already voted for and they have every assurance that of those yet to be selected they will secure enough to place him in splendid working order on the floor of the convention." This official, who is a conservative man, not given to chasing rainbows, gives out the following tabulated estimate of the situation as it stands:

Sure for Elkin.

Armstrong 2
Berks 2
Blair 2
Bradford 2
Carbon 2
Chester 2
Columbia 2
Crawford 2
Dauphin 2
Elk 2
Franklin 2
Fulton 2
Indiana 2
Lancaster 2
Lebanon 2
Lehigh 2
Luzerne 2
McKean 2
Mercer 2
Northampton 2
Northumberland 2
Schuylkill 2
Susquehanna 2
Union 2
Wyoming 2

Total 112

Uninstructed—Favorable to Elkin.

Fayette 5
Lycoming 4
Pottsville 1
Potter 2
Total 12

For Pennypacker.

Delaware 7
Lawrence 3
Bucks 3
Schuylkill 3
Total 16

For Watres.

Lackawanna 8
Luzerne 1
Montour 1
Wayne 2
Total 12

Not Committed—In Doubt.

Adams 2
Beaver 2
Blair 2
Clinton 2
Columbia 1
Cumberland 2
Erie 2
Greene 1
Snyder 1
Sullivan 1
Warren 1
Total 28

Yet to Elect.

Allegheny 26
Bedford 2
Butler 2
Cambria 2
Cameron 1
Center 2
Clarion 2
Huntingdon 2
Mifflin 1

Montour 1
Perry 1
Somerset 3
Tioga 4
Washington 5
Westmoreland 8
York 6
Philadelphia 86
Total 119

Reviewing the Fight.

In discussing chances this official said: "It is wise to bear in mind that Elkin has an equal or better chance than Quay to capture uninstructed delegates. In this fight Elkin was the first and natural choice of all stalwart Republicans, young and old alike. For years he had been Quay's trusted lieutenant, in personal touch with the effective workers in every county. The workers could always see Elkin, talk matters over with him and depend on what he told them. In later years Quay has kept remote from the active men and in touch only with the big guns who have been accustomed to give orders."

"Now, if Elkin had tried to use this acquaintance to build up a machine against Quay; if he had been treacherous to his chief, he could not expect much from the stalwarts in control of the various counties. As a matter of fact, he was loyalty personified; so loyal that the only charges his opponents can bring against him arise from what he did when working under orders in Quay's behalf. The stalwarts know this. They also know that it was Quay who tried to throw Elkin and then, not fairly, but by a strange hold, Elkin had told Quay early in the game that if the leaders didn't think it wise for him to be a candidate he would step aside. He was told to go ahead and make his fight. Durham assured him support in Philadelphia. Quay promised, if not open help, at least neutrality. Both promises were broken, virtually without warning, after Elkin had won 17 out of 19 counties, the two others being given to Watres without contests, largely on Quay's recommendation."

"These facts, and many more, are or will be known to every county leader in control of uninstructed delegates. In some counties men friendly to Elkin were chosen delegates without instructions because their past relations to Quay would make any instructions embarrassing. In other counties the precedents of years amounting to an unwritten law are against instructions; but the delegates elected have voluntarily assured Elkin of their support; have without solicitation said so in standard white papers. Quay gives no disappointment, but it is hardly likely that men who go out of their way to tell Elkin that they are for him and who have nothing to expect as a consideration will in considerable percentage go back on their own engagements."

The Personal Equation.

"There is another factor which is giving Senator Quay real concern. Elkin has the enthusiastic support of a great majority of the county organization workers, the men who do things. They are working for Elkin from sheer admiration for the man and his fight against ingratitude. Quay has tried hard to get them back into line, but without result. The workers whom he has for Pennypacker are mainly graduates from the active ranks, superannuated, so to speak. They were once in the ranks, but now they are long on the shelf. They are for Pennypacker. Why? Because they care a rap for Pennypacker? Certainly not. Many have never seen him. Some hold federal office under Quay. Some have personally kindly, and Quay would direct appeal from him, have consented to lend a hand. The only man in Quay's whole outfit who is personally in earnest for Pennypacker is Durham, of Philadelphia; and Durham at heart is for Elkin, but because of local influences he cooperates and orders had to change front in self protection."

"You are going to see some lively surprises on the evening of June 10. I think the average reader of newspapers not personally conversant with politics and the ties of friendship and affection which develop among soldiers in hard fought political campaigns are unable to understand the intense fealty which exists among the stalwart privates, corporals, sergeants and lieutenants of Comrade Elkin. John has stood shoulder to shoulder with them in a hundred desperate battles; he has been the one long patience or temper; who, when overcome at one point, was up and down at another; who gave and took hard knocks without malice or personal resentment and who, in strategy, pluck and loyalty never had a superior. The men in the firing line know and appreciate this, and they are going to be in the saddle June 11, mark what I tell you."

Deputy Attorney General Fleitz left today for Tioga county, where Attorney General Elkin is making the most anticipatory of Saturday's open primaries.

GROW PREDICTS ELKIN.

The Sage of Glenwood Thinks Plow Boy Will Win.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Atlantic City, May 28.—Congressman Galusha Grow, the representative-at-large from Pennsylvania, is here for a few weeks' rest. When questioned as to whom he regarded as the probable winner of the gubernatorial contest in Pennsylvania, he said:

"I have given the fight between Attorney General Elkin and the state machine a great deal of consideration. I have also talked with all of the leading politicians of the state and it is my honest conviction that Elkin will secure the nomination for governor."

Candy Factory Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 28.—J. J. Malchetta & Co.'s candy factory, a six-story structure in Brooklyn, was burned today. The loss is estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000, covered by insurance.

Postmaster at Canton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 28.—The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Louis G. Thomas to be postmaster at Canton, Bradford county, Pa.

STRIKE SITUATION IS REVIEWED

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Careless Handling of Firearms Results in Tragedy at Pittston. Dan Lewis Fatally Injured.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, May 28.—Daniel Lewis, of Delaware avenue, West Pittston, was engaged in cleaning a revolver about 8 o'clock last evening. He laid the weapon upon a table for a moment when Mrs. Lewis picked it up and pointing it at his head playfully called upon him to throw up his hands. Alarmed at the same instant as her finger pressed the trigger there was a flash, a loud report, and her husband sank to the floor with a 32-calibre bullet in his brain.

Dr. Piedost who was called discovered that the missile had struck the bridge of the victim's nose and had taken an upward course lodging in the brain.

Mr. Lewis was alive at a late hour this evening, but no hopes of his recovery are entertained. He is 45 years of age.

MONT PELEE WARMS UP

Anxiety for the Safety of Geologists Is Caused by Explosions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Port de France, Island of Martinique, May 25, 5 p. m.—A tremendous explosion of very black smoke from Mont Pelee, at a quarter before 8 o'clock this morning, accentuated the fear entertained for the safety of George Kennan, the American author, who, with a land party, has been examining the northern part of the island. The governor of Martinique, M. L'Hurte, was at once seen with the object of arranging for a rescue party to proceed by land, in connection with the voyage along the coast of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, should such steps appear necessary.

At about 11 o'clock this morning Fernand Clerie, a wealthy land proprietor of Martinique, landed here and announced that Mr. Kennan and his party were safe on a plantation at the north end of the island.

Prof. Robert T. Hill, United States government geologist and head of the expedition, sent to Martinique by the national geographical society, who left St. Louis on Monday, returned here this morning. He was completely worn out by this trip.

Prof. Hill made a thorough examination of the district through which he passed and obtained some data of importance.

The explosion of this morning was accompanied by an enormous column of smoke, which rose fully three miles into the air, but which was largely hidden from the view of the people of Port-de-France by a heavy cumulus. There was, consequently, no panic here. The column of smoke was seen from the British cruiser Indefatigable, while she was at sea. The indefatigable arrived here this morning to make another attempt to recover the body of the British consul, at St. Pierre, Mr. Jopp, and the arches of the counsel. With this end in view, the British cruiser proceeded this morning for St. Pierre, but the explosion of this morning has probably made it impossible to anchor a landing there.

An Italian warship is now coming to the harbor.

So many people have left Port-de-France that the town is almost empty.

CUT IN TWO BY A SAW.

Awful Fate of Emanuel Schoch at Wernet's Mill.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Stroudsburg, Pa., May 28.—Emanuel Schoch, who was unmarried and about 40 years of age, was literally cut in two at Frank Wernet's mill, just below Pimple creek, this county, by falling across a circular saw. Schoch was saving lumber, when his foot was caught by the machinery, and he was slowly drawn against the saw and cut through from the hip up across the abdomen.

He called for the fireman to shut off the power while being drawn toward the saw, but it was too late. Deceased was one of the best mill men in the west end of the county.

OMNIBUS BILL INCREASED.

Scranton's Appropriation Raised to \$90,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 28.—The Mercer omnibus public building bill has been agreed on in conference. The bill carried \$15,500,000 when it left the house. The senate added \$2,500,000. In conference the senate amendments were reduced about \$1,500,000. Among the items in controversy, as finally settled are the following:

Scranton, Pa., increased to \$90,000.

Atlantic City, increased to \$125,000.

Westchester, Pa., increased to \$60,000.

Sixty-one Ladies Take the Veil.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, May 28.—At Malinkrodt convent today sixty-one young ladies from Germany and different parts of the United States received the white and black veils. Bishop Hoban officiated.

Comparatively Few Engineers, Firemen and Pumpmen Will Fall to Obey Strike Order.

He Believes That a Sympathetic Strike in the Bituminous Coal Fields Will Occur Unless Present Difficulty Is Arranged in Eight or Ten Days—Has No Fear That the Strike Will Spread Among the Railroad Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, May 28.—The officers of the United Mine Workers' assembly of this city held a meeting here today and reports were received from committees appointed to interview the engineers, firemen and pumpmen employed at the various collieries in this city and vicinity. These reports, so it was stated after the meeting, went on to show that very few firemen and pumpmen were found who were unwilling to join the striking miners next Monday unless they were granted an eight-hour day