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COUNTY UNION A. S. OF E. MEET

Two Days Devoted To The Business of Order

Refused to Indorse Proposed New District Tobacco Association.

The Ohio County Union of the A. S. of E. met in regular session at the court house in Hartford, Friday, April 3, 1908. The meeting was called to order by the President, S. L. Stevens, who in a short but well worded speech called upon all for harmony and harmonious action. A motion for roll-call carried. A motion that local unions responding, give the number of paid-up members, carried. The roll-call showed twenty-four locals present. On motion the President appointed T. F. Tanner, Alney Tichenor, J. C. Hoeker and Lon Black a committee on resolutions. On motion the meeting adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

Promptly at 1 p. m. the meeting was called to order by President Stevens. While waiting for the committee on resolutions to report a motion was made that the body endorse the speech delivered by Miss Lloyd before the Law and Order League in Louisville, Sunday, March 30. Moved and seconded that the motion be amended directing the President to notify Miss Lloyd of such action. Amendment carried, and original motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Finance Committee of 1906 be required to assist in the settlement for tobacco pooled at Beaver Dam and Cromwell. Motion carried. The committee on resolutions reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That we condemn the Sullivan Bill abolishing the present school trustee system and creating a county school board of three members to control and manage all the schools in the county and the employment of teachers.

A motion was made and seconded that it be adopted. A motion to table the motion carried.

The committee reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That as we have a committee in this county to handle our stock, and as they report that they are unable to do any business from the fact that there has not been sufficient stock pledged to justify them in trying to do business, therefore we recommend that the local unions be instructed to take this matter up at once and make a thorough canvass with the stock pledge. And we further recommend that we turn over the sale of our wool and lambs to this committee.

A motion was made and seconded that the same be adopted. Motion carried.

The committee reported fully and on motion the resolutions were considered section at a time.

The following resolution was read and re-read and on motion same was adopted:

We, your committee on resolutions report as follows:
Whereas, The Law and Order League of Louisville has invited our co-operation in suppression of lawlessness in Kentucky, be it

Resolved, That we accept the invitation and pledge our support in favor of law and order, but would recommend to the league that it might be well to begin at Louisville, the home of our Governor, and of more crime than any other section of Kentucky. And we further offer our heartfelt thanks to Miss M. Alice Lloyd who so ably defended the "man in jeans" at the recent meeting of the Law and Order League in Louisville.

The following resolution was then read and its adoption moved:

Resolved, That we recommend that we devise some plan whereby we may receive cash for our products.

As substitute therefor it was moved and seconded we demand of our merchants that they pay cash for produce. Vote being taken, resulted in favor of the motion.

On motion meeting adjourned until to-morrow at 9 a. m.

The meeting convened Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by President S. L. Stevens,

who admonished the delegates to adhere to the business of the Society. Mr. David Moreland being present, he was called upon and in his usual happy and forceful way addressed the meeting. At the close of Mr. Moreland's remarks he submitted the following resolution and pledge:

Resolved, That this County Union in regular session April 4, 1908, do heartily endorse the late plan of selling our tobacco as sold and handled through our agent, Mr. D. Ford, for the A. S. of E., at Hartford, as entire satisfaction was given through Mr. Ford and if possible we want him to handle our tobacco in the same way in the future and that our selling committee work to maintain the same plan in the future or something better.

PLEDGE—We, the undersigned persons whose signatures appear below, for and in consideration of the benefits derived by co-operation in planting and selling, agree and pledge our word and honor not to plant more than ten thousand hills to the hand, males 15 years and up making a hand and boys twelve and up to 16 making half hand. We also pledge the tobacco that we may raise or control to the selling committee of the A. S. of E. of this county to be handled and sold as the Society may direct or designate and deliver the same to the person and place it may name, and the selling committee is to have complete control of the sale of same.

At this juncture Hartford Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and Hartford Lodge Knights of Pythias, through Hon. C. M. Crowe, tendered an invitation to the A. S. of E. of Ohio county, to designate a speaker to be present.

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PRESIDENT BARNETT OF EQUITY SOCIETY

Back From Michigan State Meeting, Where He Found Every thing Good.

C. M. Barnett president of the American Society of Equity reached Louisville yesterday enroute to his home in Hartford from a meeting of the Michigan branch of the society at Reed City, Mich., and he was enthusiastic over the splendid showing made by the society in the North says the Courier Journal. While unable to attend the meeting of the Kentucky Law and Order League one week ago, Mr. Barnett said yesterday that he was in sympathy with the movement and hoped it would bring about the much desired results and forever put an end to "night riding" in Kentucky. He said the work of destruction accomplished in some of the tobacco districts of the State during the past few months had done much to injure the reputation of the State in the eyes of the people of other States. He said the people of the North who discussed the situation with him during the past week were under the impression that it was dangerous for a person to be on railroad trains in certain sections of the State for fear they would be pulled off and subjected to a whipping. He said in those sections of the North where tobacco is an unknown quantity so far as the raising of the weed is concerned, the people could not understand what was meant by "plant-bed scraping," and had an idea it meant that a body or "night riders" visited the home of a man and did him some personal violence.

Mr. Barnett said he did not know just when the document showing the strength of the American Society of Equity in the various tobacco districts of the State would be ready for publication but due to his anxiety to show to the world that in those sections where "night riding" has been prevalent the society was weak he would urge the State Executive Committee to hurry the matter up. He said the matter was left to J. Campbell Cantrell, president of the Kentucky Union of the Society and he supposed the serious illness of Judge Cantrell at his home in Georgetown had prevented Senator Cantrell from making any headway with the document.

This document Mr. Barnett said would show that in no section of the State where the Society of Equity had any strength had there been any destruction by the "night riders," while on the other hand, it would be seen that all of the deeds of personal violence and barn burning had been accomplished in territories where the society had very little, if any strength at all.

EQUITY PEOPLE DISAPPROVE PLAN

To Form Organization Independent of the A. S. of E.

Independent and Home Warehouses Are In Favor of It.

The regular A. S. of E. men are yet the uncertain quantity in the matter of forming the new organization says the Owensboro Inquirer. The district meeting of this body held on Thursday of last week suggested several changes in the proposed constitution and several of these were considered good by the conference of Friday and were accepted but the one which provided that the new organization should have added to its name the word "Branch of the American Society of Equity" was rejected. There are many who are unwilling to give up entirely their A. S. of E. organization and they feel that they would be doing this in taking a new organization without any phase of the respected name under which so much has been gained. Others are just as free to admit that the proposed Equity addition to the name would be only a subterfuge and that the new organization would not in reality be, as its name would purport, a branch of the A. S. of E. and that the name would therefore be a sham and only for the purpose of deceiving some into greater loyalty to the A. S. of E.

S. B. Lee national secretary of the A. S. of E., tobacco growers association said on the subject, "I am heartily for the new organization. It will benefit rather than injure the A. S. of E. The organization is sure to be formed. At least a large part of the A. S. of E. will go into it just as many A. S. of E. men sold their tobacco through the home warehouse pool the past winter. The independents are even more certain to join the new organization and almost en masse. Practically all the home warehouse people will go into it. What will be the effect then, if a part of the A. S. of E. should remain out, I think it would prove disastrous to the body locally. If it goes in there will be better feeling and the A. S. of E. principles will become better known and more generally adopted. There is not anything in the new constitution that is not consistent with equity. Is it not better to have the principles widely practiced and inculcated with out the specific name than to have the name preserved and the principles sacrificed or hazarded? I think so. There is one other matter worth noting in this connection. That is that heretofore it has been said that the people were anxious to get together and would do so if the leaders would only permit them. Now the leaders of the independents and of the A. S. of E., have agreed to get together and the people are invited to do so and if they do not it will be their own fault."

The conference did not agree on any argument or set of arguments to be addressed to the people but merely agreed to invite all to the mass meeting to be held on April 18. The constitution proposed for the new organization is of course only suggestive and there will be no obligation on those who will assemble on that date to accept the constitution as proposed. Any action desired by those who assemble on that date may be taken though there is a tacit understanding that the constitution as prepared will be accepted.

At first it was thought that the A. S. of E. men might object to Owensboro as the place for the mass meeting to be held but as it is a district meeting the A. S. of E. men who outnumber the other elements five to one in the district will have the distinct advantage except that some of them have to come an inconvenient distance to this city. There are only about two or three hundred stockholders in the home warehouse company and there are less than fifty of the so-called independent growers.

It is expected that when the whole situation is carefully gone over by all the elements and when the thinkers among these elements reflect on what has happened in the past weeks and on what may happen in other parts of the state before the date for the assembling of the growers they will

counsel strongly the coming to the city on that day.

Attempts to Blow up the Jackson Jail.

Jackson, Ky., April 6.—An attempt to blow up the county jail here was made Saturday night by Ike Jones. Jones was drunk and was placed in jail but it seems that in searching him the officers thought a stick of dynamite wrapped in a paper to be a stick of candy consequently it was not taken. When Jones reached the second floor of the jail he immediately began to go from one cell to another attempting to light the dynamite, saying that they would all go up together. The jailer was called by one of the prisoners and the dynamite taken away from Jones. He was under a \$300 bond for some other offense and was released again yesterday on a \$100 bond.

Among the inmates of the jail who were much alarmed at the prospect of being blown up were Beech Hargis Allen Creech, Henry and John Combe and Siguel Turner, all charged with murder.

NORTHERN MINERS REACH NO AGREEMENT

Joint Conference in Indianapolis With Operators Adjourns Without Result.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 7.—The conference of coal operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana and representatives of the Illinois adjourned at 11:15 o'clock to-day after being in session for two hours. No resumption of work in the mines of the States represented was ordered.

The next meeting will be held at Toledo, Tuesday April 14, when an effort will be made to revive the interstate agreement between the operators and miners of the central competitive field consisting of these four districts.

The Illinois miners left at once for Springfield to resume their joint district conference with Illinois operators. President Lewis left at noon for Kansas City to take part in the joint conference of the Southward field.

The Indiana mines are in operation and under a resolution adopted to-day will continue to operate. Western Pennsylvania and Ohio mines will remain idle until the Toledo meeting. There resumption will be the first question considered.

Illinois differences, will it is expected be adjusted at the Springfield conference now in session. It is probable the Toledo meeting will order resumption in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio about April 16. It is not expected that Illinois operators will attend the meeting.

National Secretary W. D. Ryan leader of the Illinois miners said to-day the operators of his State had made it clear that they would not participate in an interstate agreement this year.

There is a possibility that the Indiana operators may stay away from Toledo, but this is not probable and it is believed an interstate agreement for the three districts will be established, and the miners ordered to resume work. The present scale will in all probability be the basis of agreement on wages.

The result of the meeting to-day is expected to hasten an agreement in Illinois. President Lewis will stop at Springfield tonight on his way to Kansas City. The Toledo joint wage conference will be composed of about 500 miners and 100 operators. The formal call for the convention was issued to-day before the conference adjourned.

The motion for the joint conference was presented by H. L. Chapman, spokesman of the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania operators and it was favorably voted on by the miners and operators of those States and also in Indiana, who consistent with their stand from the first conference last October favoring re-establishment of interstate relations, acquiesced in these plans looking to that end, though narrowed by the nonconcurrence thus far of Illinois operators.

The selection of Toledo for the joint meeting was on the vote of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania operators and miners the Indiana miners and operators favoring Indianapolis. Detroit was also proposed.

Notice.
To all locals of A. S. of E. in Fordsville magisterial District I call a meeting at Fordsville Saturday April 14 10 a. m. I wish that each local be represented by a delegate.
J. C. OVERTON, Ch'm'n.

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY LAW PASSED

Labors Request Granted By House of Representatives

Law on Contributory Negligence is Relaxed Under Present Provisions.

Washington, April 6.—With only one vote recorded against it, that of Mr. Littlefield of Maine the House of Representatives to-day under suspension of the rules passed the Sterling employers' liability bill, after forty minutes' debate.

In brief, the bill establishes the doctrine that the railroad Companies engaged in interstate commerce are liable for personal injuries received by employes in the service of such carriers. It abolishes the strict common law rule of liability which bars a recovery for the personal injury or death of an employe occasioned by the negligence of a fellow servant.

It also relaxes the common law rules which make contributory negligence a defense to claims for such injuries. A provision, however, diminishes the amount of the recovery in the same degree that the negligence of the injured ones contributed to the injury.

The bill further makes each party responsible for his own negligence, and requires each to bear burden thereof.

The bill as passed by the House was transmitted to the Senate later in the day, and on motion of Senate Dolliver was laid on the table subject to being called up at any time.

Mr. Dolliver explained that the bill is quite similar to the measure reported to the Senate from the Committee on Education and Labor. Mr. Dolliver at an early date will probably move to substitute the Senate measure for the House bill.

The House bill is much more sweeping than the Senate bill, as it applies to all "common carriers," while the Senate bill applies only to common carriers by railroad.

In the debate minority leader Williams said he "welcomed the opportunity to illustrate to the country how quickly and how rapidly we can join in passing remedial legislation." The Democrats applauded the statement.

Continuing, Mr. Williams said the Democrats would be glad to be furnished with more like it, "and to repeat the illustration as such remedial bill is furnished to the House. It was," he said, "the first encouragement in some time."

Mr. Payne denounced the Democrats, led by Mr. Williams for delaying by a half an hour the passage of the bill by forcing a roll call on the approval of the journal.

"The gentleman from Mississippi," he said, "seems to think he will make the country believe that the way to facilitate legislation is by the useless demand for roll calls and delay in performing the functions of the House and passing the supply bills that must be passed."

He declared that Mr. Williams had no more to do with the bringing about of the report from the committee or the consideration of the measure than the boys on the street.

It has been, he said the settled purpose of the majority to bring the bill before Congress. Mr. Payne feared the bill would meet the same fate with the Supreme Court as did the former law, but he said he would vote for it, nevertheless as he had voted for the previous bill.

"And," he added, "we will go on with the legislation of this country, and the majority will decide in their own time and without any let or hindrance from the gentleman from Mississippi and the voting trust which it is reported he organized last Saturday to stop legislation."

The Republicans would go on just the same, he said, and write in the statute books just what they desire to write. The bill passed by a viva voce vote but in order that members might be recorded the yeas and nays were ordered.

Surprise Birthday Dinner.

Mr. E. D. and J. N. Oldham gave their mother Mrs. John Oldham a surprise birthday dinner on the 2nd, inst., at the home of the latter at Beaver Dam it being Aunt Kit's (as she is commonly called) 81st, birthday. Those present were Mr. E. D. Oldham wife

and little son Estil, Mr. Robert Bosley, of Cecilia, Ky., Mrs. Oldham's father Mr. Latua Oldham and wife, Mr. Joe Sandifur and wife, Mr. Will Leach and wife, Mrs. Olie Chinn.

Aunt Angeline Leach who is 64 years old, Aunt Caroline Plummer who is 70 years old and is Aunt Kits only sisters All had a pleasant time and enjoyed the day.

MRS. LATNA OLDHAM.

Twenty-Five Dollars Given Away.

To the boys and girls of Hartford and vicinity: It will be to your interest to be at my office by 8 o'clock sharp next Saturday morning. I have a \$25.00 present that some girl or boy will get. Particulars made known at the time. R. W. KING Jeweler, Hartford, Ky.

ST. CLAIR'S FAMILY OFFER REWARD

Governor Willson Also Asked to Offer Reward For the Guilty Party.

There has been considerable development in the matter of Estil St. Clair's death, which we reported last week. A physical examination of the body, which was made by Dr. M. T. McDowell, of Dundee, after our report, showed that the young man's skull had been badly fractured and at one point on the right frontal bone there of a hole the size of an ordinary man's thumb had been made, evidently by a blow from some hard substance with a protrusion thereon.

Instead of the young man coming from Owensboro, with Mr. Joe Funk's folks as we reported, it is now reported and practically certain that he came from there on the train to Narrows, the first Monday night in March. It is authoritatively reported that he ate a lunch in a store there that night after leaving the train and also purchased a lantern with which to light himself home from that point he leaving there in the early night.

The hat that he wore on that occasion has been found a short piece from Narrows, and thoroughly identified. It is also reported on good authority that on the night that young St. Clair got off the train at Narrows suspicious looking and acting characters were seen near the place where his hat was found in fact such characters were seen about that time quite frequently in Narrows, near Dan Station and other points in the immediate neighborhood. It is also reported that men fighting were heard on the night in question at or near the place where young St. Clair's hat was found.

The reports account for the tough characters being in that neighborhood by reason of other questionable characters being there. It is said that the parties to whom suspicion points as being guilty of the dastardly crime who had been loafing around in that neighborhood for several days previous thereto immediately following the night took their departure and have not since been seen or heard of. They were not residents of that neighborhood and it is uncertain as to where their residence really is.

Young St. Clair's family have offered a reward of \$500.00, for the capture and conviction of the party or parties guilty. The money is now on deposit in the Dundee Deposit Bank, and is payable to anyone that will detect and bring to justice the guilty parties.

Judge W. B. Taylor, has petitioned Governor Willson to also offer a reward for the apprehension of the refugees. The petition on which the reward is asked is as follows:

To his excellency Governor Augustus E. Willson, Frankfort, Ky.

Whereas Estil St. Clair a young man resident of Ohio County Kentucky was found dead in our midst, Wednesday April 1st, and it being the belief of all the people of the county and likewise of your petitioner that the deceased came to death at the hands of a murderer or murderers unknown to the people of this county and your petitioner, and

Whereas the relatives of said deceased have of their own funds offered a reward of \$500.00, for information leading to the detection and conviction of the unknown murderer or murderers.

I therefore petition your excellency to issue your proclamation offering a reward for the apprehension of the guilty parties. Yours very truly,

W. B. TAYLOR, J. O. C. C.
Hartford, Ky., April 8, 1908.