

THE RAILROAD STRIKE.

A Train Wrecked Near Fort Worth—
Fresh Trouble on the Missouri Pacific.

St. Louis, April 23.—Another step in the aggressive warfare of the striking Knights of Labor upon the Missouri Pacific railway was taken yesterday morning at ten o'clock when the 500 employes of the Missouri Car and Foundry company stopped work and joined the strike in obedience to an order of District Assembly No. 17. This move had been contemplated ever since the Knights found that the companies were supplying repair material for the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain shops, where it is claimed by the strikers the new men are not sufficiently skilled to make their material. A committee from the Knights called upon the vice-president of the company and informed him that unless they ceased furnishing repair material to the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain companies their men would be ordered out. The vice-president replied that these two companies were among their best customers, and that they would continue as long as they were able to fill all of their orders. The committee then retired and issued an order to the Knights of Labor employed by the company to quit work yesterday morning. This order was afterwards sent to the executive board, who indorsed it, and the men struck. President McMillion, who was seen by a reporter, and in reply to a question as to his future plans, said: We shall try to run our works with a new force of men, but if we fail we shall open our works at Cambridge City, Ind., which have been closed for some time. If we cannot run our business there, as we see fit, we shall go out of the business altogether. I would rather see the works idle for five years than to accede to any demands like those made by the Knights of Labor.

The executive board, Knights of Labor, received yesterday up to noon for the strikers fund \$3000 in drafts and a telegram from the East stating that \$20,000 had been forwarded from sympathizers in that part of the country.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—The sole topic of conversation at the yards of the Lake Shore railroad early yesterday morning was the probability of an attempt being made by the company, with the assistance of Sheriff Hanchett, to move the freight which is blocking in the yards. The few strikers who were around at an early hour had not much to say to reporters, but whispered conversations among themselves went to show that they appreciated the fact that yesterday might bring on a determined struggle as long as no force is brought to bear by the sheriff. Everything may be conducted peaceably, but the introduction of Pinkerton's men it is claimed, may be the signal for bloodshed.

A Fort Worth, Tex., special says: A Missouri Pacific freight train was wrecked some distance below this city Wednesday. Two rails had been torn up and the engine and four cars left the track going over an embankment eighteen feet high, being completely demolished. Robert Barrett, the engineer, had noticed something wrong on the track but could not stop his train. He reversed his engine and the crash came, breaking his arm and burning him badly. The fireman, John Burns, in the fall was caught between the cab of the engine and the tender, his legs being fastened as in a

grip and it was some time before he could be released, when it was found he had lost all control over the lower limbs, and amputation near the trunk will be necessary. His chances for life are slim. Sam Conder, the head brakeman, was also badly bruised and severely shaken internally. The men live at Denison, where they were taken. It is known positively that four men left Alvarado before the disaster and have not been seen since. The State has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest of any man engaged in the dastardly work. The railroad company supplemented this by offering \$500 for each man caught who had a hand in it. It is claimed by many that the strikers had a hand in the outrage.

The special train over the Lake Shore road containing the deputy sheriffs and newspaper men bound for the yards at Forty-third street made a stop at Thirty-ninth street. Here a committee of the striking switchmen waited on Superintendent Amesden and asked him to allow one of the men to go into the rear car and address him. In accordance with the request Tom Codens got on the car and spoke as follows: "We want you men to hear our side of this matter. You have heard the company's side and you should hear both sides. Come over to our hall and hear us, and if you don't want to go there fix some other place. Come out and talk it over; this is a question between capital and labor and the time has come that the conflict has to take this shape. We do not want to injure the company and its property, but we want our rights." Codens then left the car followed by three of the imported switchmen and the cars were surrounded by the strikers.

WORKINGMEN'S PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

BILOXI, Miss., April 22.—The workingmen's Protective Association held another meeting Monday night with fully 200 persons present. Forty new members were enrolled and initiation fees were received from 85 members. A scale of prices for the government of the oyster canning factories was adopted.

The price for running or catching oysters was fixed at 40 cents per barrel by the association. A petition was received, signed by 71 boatmen, most of whom were present, stating that they desired that the price of running oysters be fixed at 30 cents per barrel, contracts have been offered them at that price for the summer season by the Bartaria Canning Factory, which expects to be in operations in a day or two. The association refused to lower the price and the petitioners withdrew in a body, declaring their intentions to run oysters at 30 cents per barrel.

Much enthusiasm prevailed and after the adjournment the workingmen paraded the streets, headed by the Home Brass Band, and serenaded the Mayor of the town and several other citizens.

THE VALUE OF SMALL BIRDS.

"Not a sparrow falls to the ground," etc. We all know the quotation. But there is another sense in which we should look at it. Not a sparrow falls to the ground that we do not suffer an absolute pecuniary loss in consequence. That sparrow if allowed to live would have eaten a million eggs or larva of butterflies or moths, which left alone would have developed into worms, or caterpillars, or whatever you choose to call them, and they in turn would have devoured enough vegetation to support the life of a man. This vegetation, taking the shape of cabbages,

turnips, fruit, etc. Now as a matter of selfish interest it is the duty of every man, woman and child to protect small birds, and to aid the American Ornithologist's Union in the task they have taken in hand, and at which they are so bravely working. No society or organization can accomplish this task alone, it requires a healthy, honest public opinion at the back of it to give it force. We make public opinion, and the duty rests with us to endorse their efforts.—Texas Siftings.

The Aufdemorte-Sheppard Case.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—The case of the United States vs. John H. Aufdemorte and Erasmus Sheppard, charged with conspiring to defraud the government, which has been occupying the attention of the United States Circuit Court since Monday, was closed yesterday. The jury after a few minutes absence returned a verdict of guilty as charged. Aufdemorte, late redemption clerk in the sub-treasury of this city, was convicted about a month ago of embezzling \$25,000 government money and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Sheppard was with Aufdemorte in Mexico and when arrested, had a portion of the stolen money in his possession, which he had received from Aufdemorte. The prisoners were remanded for sentence.

THE MARKETS.

MONROE MARKET.

[Corrected Daily.]

by Robert J. Nelson, "The Boss Grocer."

Sugar, W. C.	8
" Choice La.	7 1/2
Coffee, choice	11 1/2 to 12 1/2
Syrup new crop	75
Rice, choice	8
" good	6
Corn Meal	2.50@2.75
Flour, Fancy Patent	6.50
" Blanch Fancy	6.00
" Eagle Steam	6.00
" Choice XXX	5.25
Pork, Mess	12 1/2
D. S. Shoulders	5 1/2
D. S. C. Sides	6.25
Bacon, C. Sides	6.70
Lard, tierce	9
Soap	2.00
Starch	5
Nails	3.00
Tobacco	40
Bagging, 2 lb	11 1/2
Arrow ties	1.35
Shot, sack	1.50
Grits	8
Coal Oil, per gal	20
Salt, coarse	1.25
" fine	1.50
Axle Grease, per doz	1.00
Leunons	4.00
Powder	30c
Corn	65c
Oats	50c
Rust Proof	55
Bran	1.35
Hay	1.00

NEW ORLEANS

NOTION.

April.—23

QUOTATIONS	
Good Middling	9 1/2c
Middling	8 13-16
Low middling	8 5-16
Good ordinary	7 15-16
Ordinary	7 1/4c

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Flour, dull, Choice, \$4.25 Fancy, 4.60c Extra Fancy \$4.90, patents, \$5.50. Corn dull, mixed, 40c, white, 45@50c sacked, 48c. Oats firm, choice western 39c. Corn meal lower, \$2.05 firm Hay prime, \$16@17 choice, \$17.50@18.50. Lard quiet, refined tierce, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c. Bulk meats firmer, shoulders, 4 1/4c, long clear sides, 6 05 clear rib sides, 6 20c. Bacon firm, shoulders, 4 1/4c, long clear sides, 6c clear rib sides, 6.15c. Hams choice sugar cured, 9@9 1/2c. Whisky dull, \$1.00@1.25. Coffee, quiet cargoes common to prime, 6 1/2@9 1/4. Sugar, firm, open kettle, choice, 5 1-16c strictly prime 5 1-16 fully fair, 4 1/2c, good fair 4 11-16, to 4 3/4 good common, 4 5-16; common, 4 1/4@4 3/4, inferior, 2@3 3/4c. centrifugal plantation granulated, 6 1/2c, off clarified 6 3-16 choice white, 6c, off white, 5 1/2c greywhite, 6 1-16c: prime yellow clarified 5 1/2c, choice yellow clarified, 5 1/2c off yellow clarified, 5 1/2c, seconds, 4@5 1/4c. Molasses quit, open kettle, choice, 20c; strictly prime, 20@22c good prime, 30@32c prime, 20@22c, good fair, 17@18c, fair, 15@16c, good common, 14, centrifugal, good prime, to choice, 21@24c, common to prime, 16@20c. Rice steady, ordinary to prime, 3@4 1/4c. Bran lower, 75@77 1/2c. Cotton seed oil, lower, crude, new, 21 1/2@22 1/4c, refined, 26 1/2@27 1/4. F. O. B. cake, 19@19 1/2c, meal, 20c. Pork quiet, \$10.50.

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Flour steady, XXX, \$3.00@3.10, family \$3 15@3 25, choice to extra fancy, \$4.45@4.70, patents, \$4.85@5.25. Wheat, quiet, No 2 red Fall, 86c cash. Corn higher, No. 2 mixed, 33 1/2c cash. Oats, quiet, No. 2 mixed, 31 1/2c cash. Hay, quiet; prairie, \$6.00@8.00, timothy, \$11.00@14.00. Bran easy, firm, mill, 64c; east track, 64@65c. Corn meal quiet, \$1.80@1.90. Pork, steady, \$10.20 for old, and \$11.25 for new. Lard, steady, 5.80c. Bulk meats, shoulders 3.82c, long clear sides, 5.20c, short rib, 5 30; short clear, 5.50c. Bacon, should'rs 3.00c; long clear, 5.98c; short rib, 5.90@6.05, short clear 5.75@5.80c. Boxed lard, shoulders, 5.75c; long clear sides, 5.70@5.80c; short rib sides, 5.35@5.40c; short clear, 5.475.50c Whisky steady, \$1.10.

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