

RELIEF OF THE POOR.

A Meeting of the Joint Committee Held Yesterday.

COUNCILMEN AND COMMISSIONERS

Battle With the Situation, Especially the Wage Subject.

SEVERAL HOURS WITHOUT RESULT.

Finally the Most Important Section of Mr. Dobbins' Resolution was Obiterated—The Subject of Wages May Come up at a Meeting This Afternoon—The Plan Evolved from the Committee's Session—The Trades Assembly's Praiseworthy Action, Starting a Fund.

The joint committee appointed by Mayor Caldwell and the president of the board of commissioners of Ohio county, to provide and recommend measures of relief to the destitute poor of the city, met with the following members present at Mr. Will Irwin's on the South Side, yesterday afternoon: Councilmen Richards, Dobbins, Maxwell, Morningstar, Gruse, and county commissioners Irwin and Tyson. Mr. Holliday of the gas board was also present. Commissioner Irwin was chosen chairman of the meeting.

The first matter taken up was the consideration of plans to reach the worthy destitute people of the city. It was suggested by Mr. Gruse that the policeman in the various wards be brought into service. The plan provided that the officers be furnished with printed blank certificates, addressed to the three boards, gas, water and public works and certifying that the person holding the certificate is in destitute circumstances, giving the number of persons dependent upon him and the length of his residence in the city.

It was suggested that council empower the gas board to make a loan large enough to cover the expenses of extending the system of gas mains, and give a number of idle men employment. In this connection Mr. Dobbins gave an instance of how a man had worked for the board of public works, and his entire earnings had been taken by the city for taxes. This it was thought would be entirely wrong in the present condition of things. Mr. Dobbins suggested that a loan of \$2,500 would be the means of the extension of mains and the consequent and desirable employment of men.

TWO CONSIDERATIONS.

Mr. Gruse said two things should be considered. The streets of the city should be cleaned from one end to the other. Then again several streets need grading badly. One instance was Market street from First to Fourth, on Jonathan's ravine. Another is Twenty-eighth street, on which grading should be recommenced. Then another public improvement that should be taken up is the filling in of certain portions of Caldwell's run.

Mr. Maxwell said there is an immense quantity of limestone in the unfinished cut at Twenty-eighth street, which could be used to advantage in macadamizing unpaved streets throughout the city. The county could break the stone and the city could haul it away.

It was first suggested that the work be done by quantity, but the sentiment was in favor of a certain rate per day for labor, and \$1.25 per day was suggested as about right, for eight hours work. Mr. Dobbins said that if the matter was left to the board of public works, \$1.75 per day would be paid, that being their regular rate established by council, and that in that way not so great a number of worthy unemployed would be reached. There was considerable other discussion regarding wages, and Mr. Morningstar said that recently when the big furnace at the Hobbs class house was torn down, fifty men were employed at \$1 per day, and that three hundred more could have been easily secured at the same rate. It was the sentiment that the wages should be placed at a rate so that the greatest possible number should be benefited.

TO GET THE MONEY.

Mr. Dobbins stated that the plan he had in view was for the three city departments, water, gas and public works, to apply to the county commissioners for a loan of \$2,500 each. He said that the board is in a position to do this at the present time. This would run the departments at least to the first of the coming year, when the new appropriations could be used.

A number of schemes for public improvement were talked of. It was suggested that the water board extend its mains to Fulton, where a number of consumers would be the result. It was stated by several present that the board has the right to extend its operations to that place. Mr. Richards suggested that the three boards meet this afternoon, with the council committee on finance, also that the latter committee meet this evening and that it make a report to council.

Against this motion it was cited that this would be taking away the business for the transaction of which the joint committee of the commissioners and council had been created.

Then there was further discussion regarding the loan to the board of public works from the commissioners. This board cannot make the loan, but it was stated that the mayor could make the loan for the board. Even if this course isn't legal, remarked one member, we have an emergency to face.

Mr. Gruse remarked that when the appropriations for next year are made, a considerable portion of the contingent fund can be appropriated to the board of public works, and thus allow them to give employment to the needy.

TO FULTON AND BENWOOD.

Mr. Richards suggested that the water mains be extended to Benwood, where there would be even a greater number of consumers reached than in Fulton. This was thought to be a good idea, especially as Benwood is about to contract for works of its own. The advantage to Benwood in securing Wheeling water is evident, in that it is taken from the river above the city, avoiding the sewerage which would be sure to more or less injure the quality of water taken from the river below the city. Mr. Richards proposed that the water board open negotiations with the Benwood authorities for furnishing that town with water, and in the meantime the three boards can be doing their work of laying mains, street cleaning, etc.

Mr. Holliday, of the gas board, said that possibly 500 men could be employed by the three departments. It was suggested by Mr. Gruse that all people employed be worked on half time so that the greatest possible number would be benefited.

Mr. Richards suggested that some one be employed to get up a list of the un-

employed. He was not in favor of having the policeman do this work, and advanced several reasons which he considered convincing.

Mr. Irwin suggested a system of registration, but several members advanced reasons against this, the most pertinent one being that no central organization could possibly know all the applicants for work and their worthiness.

A number of other plans were proposed and none seemed to have the necessary merit. Finally Mr. Richards, who had objected to every plan proposed, was asked what would be his plan.

Mr. Richards said that he would propose an advisory board, whose business would be to look into cases of destitution, and see that the work is equally distributed.

MR. DOBBINS' RESOLUTION.

At this point Mr. Dobbins introduced a resolution which proved to be the stumbling block upon which the committee "fell all over itself," figuratively speaking. The final action taken was the passage of the resolution with the section left out which in fact was the principal and all important one. As passed matters are left in a very mixed up and demoralized state. Had the resolution as originally framed been adopted the road to the employment of large numbers of the unemployed would have been easy going.

The resolutions as passed are given below, but here is the section that was objected to and the latter part obliterated from the paper: "That in order to afford employment for the greatest number if there are more applicants than can be employed, they be worked in relays, and be paid the same as the state law fixes for work of this nature, viz: \$1.25 per day."

Previous to this there had been some discussion on the wage question and Mr. Dobbins had quoted the opinions of several prominent labor people, who had told him that \$1 would be satisfactory. At that time Mr. Morningstar, of the committee, said that \$1.10 would be all right. When this section of the resolution was up for adoption Mr. Richards promptly moved that it be wiped out and was seconded by Mr. Maxwell. In the discussion which followed it was urged in behalf of the resolution as it stood that the rate named was higher than the labor people had stated would be satisfactory, and that unless a rate be named in the resolutions the three boards could do nothing but pay the city's regular rate, \$1.75, which would in a great measure defeat the primary purpose of the action proposed, viz: the greatest employment to the greatest number. However, Mr. Tyson, of the commissioners, and Mr. Morningstar supported Messrs. Richards and Maxwell and the provision fixing the rate at \$1.25 was eliminated. It was hinted that these members feared

TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY of fixing a rate of wages lower than is prevalent, and wished to throw it on someone else. They, in fact, did not seem to realize that this is an unusual emergency, and that had they voted for the resolution as framed, the laboring people of the city would have seen that their motive was for their best interests, in that a greater number of people would find employment at a time when it is badly needed.

Following are the resolutions as passed:

To the Hon. Mayor and Council of the City of Wheeling: GENTLEMEN:—The joint committee appointed by his honor the mayor of the city and of the board of commissioners of the county of Ohio to devise means and employment for the unemployed and needy of the city met and after considering many propositions beg leave to recommend the following:

That council by resolution authorize the water and gas board each to borrow \$2,500 and the mayor to borrow \$2,500 for use by the board of public works for immediate use and the loan of these sums be asked from the board of commissioners of the county of Ohio who seem to have the funds on hand.

The departments so provided with funds shall immediately proceed with the work of extending water and gas mains and the opening and improvement of streets.

That the water board negotiate to furnish the towns of Fulton and Benwood with water, and if contracts be made to proceed at once to lay the mains.

That the board of public works open, grade and macadamize Market street from Fourth to First street; that Twenty-eighth street be opened through east and macadamized; that in order to afford employment for the greatest number, if there are more applicants than can be employed, they be worked in relays.

That in order to ascertain the unemployed who are residents of the city we would recommend that a book be opened and kept in the office of the chief of police where any person wishing employment under either of the departments shall register his name, place of residence, number of persons depending on him for support and how long he has resided in the city.

That the register shall be under the control of the lieutenant of police, who, after being satisfied that the applicant is a resident of the city, needy and worthy, shall issue a ticket directed to one of the departments stating said facts.

That the board of commissioners at once let contracts for breaking stone on that part of the river road known as Slacktown, and in the cut at Twenty-eighth street.

A communication was received from an unknown person asking that Market street through the Baltimore & Ohio railroad yards be opened up, but as the city has no jurisdiction there, this course could not be done. Aside from this, the opening up of that thoroughfare at that point would not give a great number of men employment.

After considerable discussion without result the committee decided to request the attendance of the members of the three boards, together with the committee, at a meeting to be held

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city building at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when possibly the question of a rate of wage will be reopened.

THE TRADES ASSEMBLY

Appropriates Money to Start a General Relief Fund.

A special meeting of the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly was held yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The main business was the relief work plans. All the delegates present reported as to the condition of people in their trades, and most of them said there was much want. One delegate said he knew thirty families in pressing want. One or two said their fellow workmen were in good shape, and able and ready to join in the relief of their less fortunate brethren.

Messrs. Dobler, Hoeking and Grogan, the committee having this matter in charge reported progress. Mr. Hoeking said the joint committee was then in session. Why this body's committee were not included he did not know.

Mr. Dobler said this assembly had started the good work and he was in favor of following it up. There was much favor shown for the tunnel project and it was said after the two ends were open 250 or 300 men could find employment in it all winter.

After much discussion Mr. Burr offered the following, which was adopted: WITNESSES, The reports of our delegates show an alarming state of affairs in the city and surrounding towns, and we believe that it is imperative for us to start a fund for immediate relief and a suggestion for distribution, believing that our press has the good welfare of the community at heart, we take the liberty to enlist them in the service and make them the active agents for the collection of the same.

Resolved, That we appropriate the sum of \$200, this to be divided into four parts, and one part to be given to each of the city daily papers as the start of a popular subscription to be raised for the immediate relief of the needy and unemployed, and that the four editors be requested to name one citizen from each ward to compose part of a committee of ten, of which the president of this assembly and the president of the chamber of commerce shall be members, for the purpose of distributing the contributions, under such rules and regulations as they may agree upon.

Other Business Done.

The delegates of the plasterers' union presented their credentials and took the obligation.

The arbitration committee reported the settlement of the Elm Grove miners' strike.

The dispute between the miners' union and the team owners was discussed with great spirit for an hour or so, and the withdrawal of the team owners' union from the assembly was accepted. The whole Monongah coal struggle was again gone over in detail.

An Excellent Suggestion.

A large number of plans for employing the needy have been suggested, and the latest one was proposed to the INTELLIGENCER by Mr. W. F. Krieger. His idea is to employ men in setting out trees on the hillside east of the Second ward. This would not only beautify the city's property there and furnish a much needed breathing place, but would stop the great damage now done by the washing down of the earth from the hill by every considerable rain. Mr. Krieger offers to give the benefit of his experience free of charge if this plan is adopted.

A Worthy Act.

Last evening Mr. Charles E. Van Keuren, the Twelfth street restaurateur, informed the joint council-commissioner committee on relief for the unemployed that he would donate to the committee one hundred meal tickets good at his restaurant. The committee thankfully accepted his offer. If every man would contribute equally as much the food problem would be easily solved.

Public Speaking.

This is one of the heaviest strains that comes upon any man or woman. A little cold, a little hoarseness, and the work is done. The best of ability is rendered absolutely useless.

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