

SALARY AX HANGS OVER CITY WORKERS

Proposed Wage Reductions Would Affect Skilled and Unskilled Employees.

Reduction in wages of both skilled and unskilled laborers employed in the city street commissioner's and street cleaning departments will be sought by the Indiana state legislature in amending the public works bill, which was introduced in the city council tonight. Mark H. Miller, president of the board, announced today. The decrease amounts in some items to a maximum of 22½ per cent. Lower scales being paid by private contractors doing street work in which men of the same classes as are employed in the two city departments are used were the basis for the decrease, it was said.

The board of works waited until the municipal primary election was safely past before proposing the cut, which corresponds to a drop in wages of laborers in the city park department, made several weeks ago.

STILL FURTHER REDUCTIONS POSSIBLE.

If living expenses decrease and private contractors and manufacturers make further reductions city wages will go still lower, Mr. Miller predicted. The board of sanitary commissioners, which now has control of the city ash and garbage collection departments is expected to announce a similar reduction.

Approximately \$60,000 will be saved in payrolls during the rest of the year and 227 men in the street cleaning department will be affected, Mr. Miller said.

WORKERS AFFECTED BY SALARY AX.

In the street commissioner's department the proposed cuts are as follows:

Carpenters, foremen, from \$10 to \$10.64 per hour; carpenters from \$1 to \$2.24 per hour; painters, from \$1 to \$2.24 per hour; drivers of heavy trucks, from 60 to 55 cents per hour; drivers of light trucks, from \$2 to \$2 per week; drivers of tractors, from \$24 to \$21 per week; class C laborers, from 50 to 45 cents per hour; class C laborers, from \$2 to \$2.50 per night and team hire for all purposes, from \$1 to \$0 cents per hour.

The street cleaning department reductions are proposed as follows:

Heavy truck drivers, from 60 to 55 cents per hour; teamers, from 50 to 45 cents per hour; and laborers, from 50 to 37½ cents per hour.

The board of park commissioners some time ago reduced its labor rates to 40 cents per hour and team hire to 80 cents per hour. The current rate for day laborers in general industry is from 35 to 40 cents per hour.

LAD ACQUITTED OF KILLING GIRL

Columbus Boy Charged With Manslaughter.

Special to The Times.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., June 6.—Ross Graham, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Graham, in the Shelby Circuit Court Saturday evening of a charge of involuntary manslaughter. The jury reported its verdict after a deliberation of five and one-half hours.

The charge against Graham followed an automobile accident here Oct. 10, 1920, which resulted in the death of Miss Irene Weakley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weakley, who was an occupant of the machine which young Graham was driving. The auto had crossed the Big Four tracks on East Washington street just as a train approached from the south. In order to avoid being struck by the machine, Graham swerved the car to the left so suddenly that it turned over, pinioning the girl beneath the wreckage. Miss Emily Neu, who was also in the auto, suffered a broken right arm.

Graham, as the closing witness in the case, testified the train struck the left rear of his car giving it the impetus that caused it to turn. Witnesses for the State had testified Graham was driving with such speed that it caused the car to turn over. Graham testified his car was being driven about fifteen miles an hour while witnesses for the State declared he was driving about thirty-five miles an hour.

'SAFETY' STRAPS FATAL TO FLIER

Assign Cause of Champion Aviatrix's Death.

Special to The Times.

NEW YORK, June 6.—Loose safety straps which allowed the wearer to slip from her seat were today held responsible for the death of Miss Laura Bromwell, American aviator, in a fiery plane crash.

Miss Bromwell was only 22 and was engaged to be married. Her fiance, George Davis, was at the Mineola flying field, fainted when the airplane crashed.

Baseball Players Robbed While at Game

When the members of the Rockwood Manufacturing Company, a baseball team player for the future they will employ a policeman to guard their clothes and valuables. At Garfield Park yesterday where the team was playing everybody was so interested in the game that they failed to observe a thief ransacking the pocket of the baseball players clothing that had been left in an automobile parked near the field.

The thief took one suit of clothes, and also \$70, belonging to Sheldon Sayles, 1321 North Meridian street, and a ring owned by Whelton Stockton, living at the Colonnade apartments. Other baseball players lost jewelry and money.

Miners and Colliery Owners Will Confer

LONDON, June 6.—The executive committee of the Federation of Miners today accepted an invitation from the colliery owners for another conference to attempt to settle the national coal strike by compromise.

R. I. LINES NOT AFFECTED.

D. J. Birmingham, general agent of the Rock Island Railroad in Indianapolis received telegram from headquarters in Chicago today, declaring that the line's western division was not affected by the flood in Colorado and that the railroad service was still being maintained. Mr. Birmingham said a herd had existed among many that the high waters had dried up the road.

COAL BOUGHT FOR SCHOOLS.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., June 6.—Contracts for 800 tons of coal for the Shelbyville schools and the public library were awarded by the school board at its meeting held Saturday. Local firms were the only bidders on the contracts for the coal, which was purchased in mine run egg and lump grades at \$6.05, \$6.55 and \$7.05 a ton, respectively.

8 Caught in Gaming Raid Pay \$5 Apiece

Ben Brown, 728 North East street, arrested yesterday with seven others in a raid on a house, and charged with keeping a gambling house and gaming, was fined \$5 and costs on the latter charge by Judge Walter Pritchard in city court today. The charge of keeping a gambling house was dismissed on motion of the State.

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O. K. S. \$1,430,880 ISSUE OF BONDS

State Tax Board Denies Petitions for \$26,600

Others.

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proved and issues totaling \$80,000 were denied by the State board of tax commissioners today.

Of the bonds approved to put out in the city of St. Joseph, County, comprising ten issues.

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Arrangements are being made for the building of Pueblo's levees along the Ar-

senal, Colorado, and Federal financial

cooperation to reconstruct the levee

which gave way during Friday's cloud

burst was planned.

They hope to build an impregnable

wall against the fury of the mountain

streams.

Following a conference here late Sun-

day between Governor Shoup of Colorado

and leading citizens, R. S. Gast, presi-

dent of the city of Pueblo, was de-

legated to work out the plan of financial

co-operation.

Much is expected locally from President

Hoisington's personal offer of Federal as-

sistance. Governor Shoup, in his man-

ner, had called police Commissioner

Edgar S. Stahl, to hold a

meeting with the city hall.

However, they did not know this and

the city hall man was brought in.

Two men giving their names as John

Smith, 28, and Mark Smith, 28, and

Lillian Davis, 36, were arrested on statu-

tory charges.

Attorney Gast in discussing Pueblo's

need of financial support in the levee

building project, said:

RIVER NORMALLY

MORE LIKE BROOK.

The Arkansas normally is more like a

brook than a river. But from its narrow

bed it spread Friday to a torrent a mile

wide.

"The flood washed out our best busi-

ness district. It has left the city with-

out public utilities, endangering the pub-

lic health. As long as the levee remains

unprepared or too weak to withstand an-

other shock, the same disastrous things

can happen. But we are not in a position

to do anything but wait for a major

disaster.

Swallows have themselves

found a home in the city.

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