

RAIL STRIKE GETS BEYOND UNION HEADS

Government Leaves Matter Up to Officials of Labor.

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It is our purpose to support the integrity of these contracts by endeavoring to protect them to the fullest extent, in order that the republic may not be seriously inconvenienced," the letter said.

"We appreciate, however, that owing to present economic conditions, over which we have no control, and the fact that the situation has been grossly misrepresented by irresponsible persons, who have assumed dictatorship of an unorganized body of men, that it will be difficult for us to entirely relieve the situation until we have had further opportunity to meet and talk with our members. We believe the railroads will cooperate with us to that end."

Is Clear-cut Fight.

The strike has become a clear-cut fight between the recognized railroad organizations and the radical element among the rail workers, brotherhood officers said.

The question of wages and hours had become of secondary importance, according to John Grunau, president of the Chicago yardmen's association, which called the original walkout.

The fight has become one of supremacy between the new and the old unions, Grunau said. "We railroad men are tired of receiving nothing but promises from our leaders. We demand results."

Issue Final Statement.

CLEVELAND, O., April 9.—With a famine in foodstuffs threatening as a direct result of the Chicago strike, four railroad brotherhood officials here, Friday night, issued a final statement to curb the spread of the switchmen's walkout.

Fear of a food famine in the next few days was expressed by dealers who declared that only four or five days' meat supply is on hand. Impending danger was emphasized today when the New York Central and Nickelplate railroads reported a decrease of nearly five percent in freight movement in the local yards. Freight movement to Chicago and western points has been stopped.

Coal supplies of industrial and manufacturing plants are not seriously affected, it is stated.

A number of New York Central yardmen and switchmen went to a hall following announcement by posters that a meeting would be held today but found the place dark.

NILES, Mich., April 9.—Six hundred shopmen employed at the Michigan Central terminal here went on strike Friday. This is one of the largest central terminals on the line.

YARDMEN STRIKE.

DETROIT, April 9.—Twenty-five hundred yardmen—practically 100 percent of those employed in Detroit railroad yards—went on strike here today, according to officials of the railroads.

MANY JOIN WALKOUT.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Switchmen and yardmen on five railroads in New Jersey and New York today joined strikers of marine equipment of the railroads.

STRIKE GROWS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 9.—Railroad officials here declared that from terminal and railroad offices worked as switchmen here today in an effort to move passenger trains and perishable freight.

SALVADOR ADOPTS NEW COURT MOVE.

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shall deem it necessary and the other powers shall lend their aid as may be determined.

To Foster Friendliness.

"The court shall devote special attention to the enactment of adequate, uniform legislation among the signatory powers and to stimulate the friendliness possible relations."

"The executive is hereby authorized to offer the capital of the republic to the other nations in the event of any other chosen, for the first meeting, and to pay the necessary expenses."

"Immediately after the installation of the Latin-American court, the Central American court of justice at Cartago, the international bureau of Guatemala and the international bureau of American republics (the pan-American union) with its secretariat, shall cease to function should the court so decide."

SENATE HELVES COMPULSORY PLAN

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twice in annual maneuvers lasting two weeks.

Spirited Fight.

In substituting the voluntary for the compulsory training provisions, 22 republicans and 24 democrats supported the Frelinghuysen amendment. Seven republicans and two democrats opposed the substitution.

Advocates of compulsory training made a spirited final stand. Sen. Chamberlain, democrat, Oregon, declared that President Wilson had advocated the policy, but Sen. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, administration leader, and Sen. McKellar, challenger, the statement.

The senate vote eliminates compulsory military training from consideration in future development of the army reorganization bill. The house bill has no training provisions, compulsory or voluntary, and the enforcement measure, therefore, will not come before the conference.

WOMAN SEEKS OFFICE.

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.—Helen Curtis-Stallier, a Kalamazoo, Mich., formerly of Goshen, is a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the Third Michigan district. When a resident of Goshen, Mrs. Stallier was prominent in club life. Her husband, Dr. Herbert O. Stallier, a physician here, was identified with the republican party and served as city health officer.

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF STRIKERS

NEW YORK—Railroad officials estimated 2,000 yardmen and switchmen on strike in the New York district.

DETROIT—Estimates of railroad officials placed the number of strikers at 2,100.

BUFFALO—Unofficial estimates 1,200 out.

PITTSBURGH—1,500 yardmen out, according to claims of "rebel" union leaders.

TOLEDO—Strike leaders claimed 2,000 men idle, brotherhood officials, however, placed the number at 1,700.

LOS ANGELES—Estimated 1,200 men on strike.

FORT WAYNE—Three thousand Pennsylvania shopmen connected with the switchmen's walkout, was reported near settlement.

SYRACUSE—Two hundred and fifty yardmen and 100 freight handlers now idle.

SAN FRANCISCO—Unofficially reported 1,000 men out in the San Francisco district.

PURPOSE OF STRIKE

CHICAGO, April 9.—"Outlaw" switchmen of the Chicago Yardmen's association, which originated the strike now enveloping the entire country, are on strike for increases which would bring their wages up to approximately \$1 an hour.

The strike originated with the "bumping" of John Grunau, president of the association, from his job as service conductor with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, by a regular conductor.

The discharge was followed by a walkout of a handful of men in protest. This was quickly followed by a strike of switchmen demanding \$1 an hour pay.

MCCRAY STRIKES TAX LAW EVILS

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cause of action of the state board.

Mr. McCray further said he did not approve of the automatically and horizontal elevation of taxes. Blanket increases in taxation was a wrong principle, he intimated.

"I further believe in paying school teachers a salary commensurate with the character of the work in which they are engaged," the candidate said. "The advancing living cost has not been met by corresponding advance in pay. If the teachers, who next to the home influence, do more to mould the character of American youth as regards morality, civic duty and patriotism, are underpaid, then it will make for social unrest, bolshevism, and some of the other un-American disturbances which have caused us so much concern."

Campaign Promises.

"If I am elected to office, I shall try to solve the problems of government in a businesslike way. I shall insist and see to it that men of qualified business training are placed in offices, and my appointments will be measured only from the standpoint of efficiency. I pledge myself to the budget system and to use all my influence to see that this system is adopted in the state of Indiana."

Martin Talks.

A. E. Martin, the only other speaker of the evening, Mr. Martin dwelt at length upon Mr. McCray's activity in the war in which he successfully put over various drives in the measure. Cries of "Go on, go on" were heard from the audience.

The reception to Mr. McCray was given by various supporters and friends in the city. The gubernatorial candidate spent the day visiting with local republicans. His trip Friday concludes his primary campaign in this country.

HOUSE SAYS WAR IS AT AN END

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day, party support suddenly shifted. When Rep. Kelley, republican, Michigan, was recognized to oppose a resolution demanding that the senate ratify the republicans were massed yesterday when Rep. Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, declared his intention to vote for the measure. Cries of "Go on, go on" were heard from the audience.

Mr. Kelley and he was accorded additional time by the democratic leaders, concluding his address with an assertion that the resolution "proposed to strike hands with Germany and say, 'It's all over. Let's call it square.'"

"Not with my vote," he shouted, as he took his seat, and a roar of cheers came from the democrats.

Toward the close of the debate, both sides were reduced to speeches of half-minute's length in order to give opportunity to who wished to get into the congressional record. The house derived much pleasure, apparently from the bang of the speaker's gavel as it cut off men after men in the middle of a rolling oratorical sentence. Ironical cheers and handclaps came from the opposing faction in each case.

GRANGER

April 8.

Harry Shennabarger and family are spending the week in Battle Creek.

Mr. J. G. Head of Elkhart is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Mary Keegan.

The play that was to be given by the Edwards high school seniors at the Gleaner hall, April 9, is postponed to April 17 owing to the very bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson were in New York Saturday.

The Federation of Farmers met at the Gleaner hall Thursday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Myers and children of Elkhart spent the latter part of last week in the city.

E. M. Remley was in Gary on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lerner have purchased a home in Elkhart and expect to move there soon.

TEAMSTERS WILL RESUME STRIKE THIS MORNING

Employers Refuse to Make Any Concessions to Men at Conference.

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declared by the South Bend local of the International Hod Carriers' and Common Laborers' union and the Teamsters' union came to a head with the arrest of Otto Hinkson, 301 Oak st., late Thursday afternoon and his arraignment in the city court Friday on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and pointing firearms.

Gun-Toter Fined.

The testimony introduced by both sides indicated that feeling between the striking workmen and those still remaining on the job is running high. For this reason, Judge Gilmer in passing judgment fined the defendant \$25 and costs on the latter charge and ordered the revolver, which Hinkson turned over to the police, confiscated. Although Hinkson admitted carrying the revolver he maintained that it was unloaded and he carried it only for the purpose of frightening any one attempting to attack him, claiming that he had been threatened previous to the time of the incident which led to his arrest.

Judge Gilmer delivered a scathing denunciation of those responsible for the carrying of firearms and declared that his position was one of strict neutrality. He further denounced the practice of employers recommending the practice of carrying arms, clubs or the adoption of measures that would lead to violence. He warned both sides about resorting to radical moves and said that severe penalties will be imposed on offenders.

Quiet on Railroads.

All railroad shopmen and trainmen in South Bend were working Friday with no indications of a walkout. Local trainmen are affiliated with the Elkhart union and it was rumored in the local shops that a vote was to be taken in Elkhart Friday afternoon.

The Vandalla railroad reported all men working and no trouble or indications of a strike. No demands made by the trainmen and shopmen and it was expected conditions would run along smoothly for the present at least.

The New York Central reported all men working in the local shops but said the men had walked out at Kankakee and trainmen and shopmen of Elkhart were threatening to walk out.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO ANSWER TWO STILL ALARMS

Fire, originating from an overheated furnace in the basement of the store building at the corner of Main st. and Colfax av., occupied by the Brodbeck Bros. trainmen, caused damage estimated at \$400. The blaze had gained considerable headway by the time the fire department was called on the scene and some difficulty was experienced in fighting the flames on account of the dense smoke which poured through the windows from the basement. Chemicals were used at first, but the department was forced to resort to pouring streams of water into the basement.

A roof fire at the home of E. G. Kell, 111 Diamond st., at 8:25 o'clock Friday night resulted in damage amounting to \$350. The fire was started by roofs from the chimney and the blaze was confined to the roof and attic. H. M. Hartman is the owner of the house.

FIGHTING ELDER TALKS TO UNION LABORERS

Every Sunday evening at labor temple and shows pictures by request of some of the union labor members. Rev. Van B. Shumaker, known as Zion's fighting elder, who spent many years on a railroad as a locomotive fireman and engineer before entering the ministry, is delivering a series of addresses at the union labor temple each Sunday evening during April and May in the hope of aiding capital and labor to cooperate together by understanding the signs of the times from a scriptural and historical viewpoint. Each subject is illustrated with stereotypical views thrown on the screen.

START WORK TO RECOVER DIAMONDS

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.—A Pinkerton detective arrived here on Friday and started work on the Haines Egbert residence robbery, but there is little prospect of the diamonds, valued at \$10,000, being recovered or the thieves apprehended. Police here are convinced that the robbers spent considerable time in Goshen making a careful survey of the surroundings of the Egbert and Sanders homes preliminary to putting their plans into effect.

It is expected that a reward of \$500 or \$1,000 will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the thieves. The opinion is general that the diamonds have been disposed of in Chicago or Toledo.

Mr. Egbert, who was out of town when the robbery was committed, arrived home Friday night and held several conferences with Police Chief Rigney, Sheriff Sanford and the detective. A detailed description of Mrs. Egbert's jewels is being printed and will be sent broadcast.

PER CAPITA FIRE LOSS REPORT OF CITY

South Bend suffered a fire loss of \$4,000 per capita during the last year according to a report issued by State Fire Marshal, H. H. Friedley. There were 5,348 fires in the state in 1915 and they caused a loss of \$6,135,526 worth of property and directly imperiled more than \$15,000,000 worth of other property. Ninety-seven persons were injured.

WOOD BURNED.

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.—Twenty-five cords of wood on a farm west of Milford Junction were burned when fire that had been built by wood cutters who were working in the cold travelled on sawdust during the absence and reached the heart of the woodpile.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT.

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.—A complete freight embargo is on at the New York Central house as a result of the striking switchmen. Goshen shippers are unable to move any of their goods.



BOB JONES

Southern evangelist who will begin a series of revival meetings extending over a period of five weeks starting Sunday morning. Rev. Jones has had nearly 16 years' experience in the revival field, starting in his present work at the age of 29 years.

BOWLING CONGRESS COMES TO CLOSE

South Bend Man Finishes Among Top Notchers on Peoria Alleys.

By Associated Press.

PEORIA, Ill., April 9.—The 1926 American Bowling Congress came to a close here Friday night with the Brucks No. 1, of Chicago, winning the championship with a score of 3,000, a new congress record. The tournament had been in session 20 days and 900 teams were in the championship fight.

Three of the championships go to Chicago, and the others to Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Toledo, Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and St. Louis bowlers were also big money winners.

Jimmy Smith, of Milwaukee, winner of the title in the all-events, was the only former champion to repeat his former triumphs. Champions of 1919 for the most part failed to reach the money winning divisions.

H. Morrison, South Bend, 1,860, received \$70.

WOOD SUPPORTERS WILL MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

Supporters of the Leonard Wood candidacy for the republican presidential nomination have called a meeting for Saturday night at the Hotel Oliver. The meeting will be in charge of W. C. Erler, county campaign manager for Gen. Wood, and will be held in the Turkish room.

Preliminary steps for the Wood league of St. Joseph county were taken several days ago. Headquarters were established on the parlor floor of the Oliver hotel, and arrangements made to mobilize more closely the Wood sentiment in this locality.

Persons are being made to hold a public meeting in the near future. At this meeting a national speaker will present the Wood platform and tell something of the campaign now being waged for the republican nomination.

CHARGE MICHIGAN CITIES ISSUE TOO MANY CERTIFICATES

LANSING, April 9.—Certain cities in the state have been called to account for alleged pernicious issuance of teachers' certificates during the present shortage of instructors, it became known Friday when a circular letter to these municipalities from Thomas E. Johnson, state superintendent of public instruction, was made public.

Johnson notified school superintendents that examination questions supplied by the state must be used in tests of qualifications for applicants for certificates. The state examinations will be held the fourth Thursday and Friday of June, 1921, he announced.

Citing the law of 1891 which allows to certain cities the privilege of issuing emergency teachers' certificates, Johnson said in his letter: "The privilege in many cases has been abused and we find many schools issuing certificates as an excuse to keep in the system poorly prepared or otherwise under standard teachers."

PREDICT AUTOMOBILE FEE.

LANSING, April 9.—Total of automobile taxes and fees in the state of Michigan will reach almost \$5,000,000, it was predicted at the state department Friday. Fees and taxes paid in to date total \$2,574,174.84 which is only \$145,258.55 short of the entire amount paid in during 1915.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

WANTED—At once—Experienced waiters only; best wages and working conditions. Apply Mike's Restaurant, 105 E. Jefferson.

WANTED—At once—Experienced waitresses only; best of working conditions. Apply Mike's Restaurant, 105 E. Jefferson.

STEPS TAKEN TO ORGANIZE MOTOR TRUCK DIVISION

Dealers Lay Tentative Plans for Demonstration and Tour This Month.

South Bend truck dealers last night took the first step toward a permanent organization and made the preliminary arrangements for a truck tour of northern Indiana and southern Michigan at a dinner held in the Pink room of the Oliver hotel. William Devall was elected chairman of the organization that probably will finally become known as the truck division of the South Bend Automotive Dealers' association and Frank Collmer was chosen as secretary.

Tentative plans made for the tour last night call for a start from South Bend on Monday, April 20, and lasting seven days. During this time the trucks that will be entered in the tour will be taken to all of the towns in northern Indiana and southern Michigan, where actual demonstrations of the value of the truck on the farm will be given to the rural residents. Every truck dealer in the state has signified intention of putting one or more trucks in the tour and it is expected that 20 or 25 trucks of various makes will be in line when the caravan leaves South Bend.

According to the plans made at last night's meeting, arrangements will be made at the various cities along the proposed route to have schedules of work ready for the trucks to do. Committees will be named in the surrounding towns to have a list of work the farmers of that place want done by the trucks, such as having grain to and from the town, across plowed fields, pulling plows and all of the other work that might be done by a truck on the farm.

H. C. Ridgway, the tour organizer, who has had considerable experience in tour of this kind in various parts of the country, explained the value of the tour both to the truck dealer and the farmer. Motion pictures of the national truck tour made through seven states last fall were shown to the dealers to demonstrate the work that will be done for the farmers on the tour. Mr. Ridgway will be assisted on putting on the tour by E. J. McCreedy, the tour director, and Jerry Wolf, who will go ahead of the trucks to make arrangements for them in the surrounding towns.

Committee Named.

An executive committee composed of E. A. Bennett, chairman; W. R. Hinkle, H. O. Grieger, Howard Hagedorn and E. S. Walters, was appointed to take charge of the tour. It is probable that a band will be secured to accompany the trucks on the trip.

The tentative route adopted by the dealers at last night's meeting includes the following towns: South Bend, Niles, Buchanan, St. Joseph, Baroda, Goshen, Elkhart, Milford, Middlebury, Bristol, Elkhart, Oseola, and Mishawaka.

A meeting of all of the automobile dealers in the city, both passenger car and truck men, has been called for Monday evening, the business session to be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

High School Notes

The Northern Indiana reading contest was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the high school auditorium with a group of 100 contestants. The readings were as follows: Gentlemen, the King, by Hershew; "Christmas in a Mining Camp," by Marjorie Lee; "The Soul of the Violin," by Sorensen; "Lullaby," by Adelade Stein; "Patsy," by Irene Healey; "Comme ça va," by Grace Griffin; and "Thou and Country," by Edith Feiwel. Those who acted as judges were Miss Virginia B. Tut, Mrs. H. J. Miller and Mrs. W. E. Miller, while the coach was Miss Hattie H. Milne.

Francis Thomas Leach.

Francis Thomas Leach, four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Leach, died Friday morning at 6:10 o'clock at the residence, 1402 Miami st. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Elmer, and a sister, Carrie. Burial will be held at the residence Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. B. D. Beck officiating. Burial will be in Bowman cemetery.

MELVINA MITCHELL.

Melvina Mitchell, 44 years old, died at home Friday morning at 1:15 o'clock, following an illness of cancer. She was born in Fulton, Ind., Oct. 20, 1876 and came here from Upland, Ind., two years ago. She is survived by a daughter, Carrie A., and a son Chester, and by two brothers. The body will be taken to Goshen, Ind., by special car Sunday morning. Funeral services will be held at the West Goshen church, Sunday afternoon. Burial will be in West Goshen cemetery.

REPORT HOLDUP.

GOSHEN, Ind., April 9.—Leroy Steffey, of this city, 18, was held up by a lone bandit on Pike st., not far from the Steffey home, at one o'clock Friday morning. The robber pointed a gun at Steffey, who was carrying a satchel in a sack. The order was obeyed, but the thief took flight and fled.

POPULATION FIGURES

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The census bureau made public the following 1920 populations: Portland, Maine, 69,196; Biddeford, Me., 18,008; Quincy, Mass., 47,611; Lancaster, Ohio, 14,706; Wells, Ohio, 8,899; Wooster, Ohio, 8,204; Milford, Ohio, 1,535; Bethel, Ohio, 1,340; Bates, Ohio, 1,088; Williamsburg, Ohio, 969; Saco, Maine, 6,817; Brewer, Maine, 6,064; Maynard, Mass., 7,086.

INCREASES OVER 1910.

1920 1910 1900
Biddeford 19,625 or 18.1; Biddeford 229 or 5.1; Quincy 14,069 or 45.9; Lancaster 1,813 or 12.1; Wells 1,130 or 14.5; Wooster 2,068 or 33.7; Milford 294 or 15.1; Bethel 139 or 11.6; Batavia 54 or 5.2; Williamsburg 21 or 2.2; Saco 234 or 3.4; Brewer 397 or 7.00; Maynard 696 or 10.9.

Michigan Clubs Give Enjoyable Musical Program

Graduates of the University of Michigan and former students of the Wolverine educational institution gave a program of songs and glee which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience in the auditorium of the high school Friday evening by the combined glee and mandolin clubs of the university. A program of songs, glee and varied of contents was presented by the capable organization that brought rounds of applause as each number closed. The audience immediately after the opening number caught the swing of the lighthearted and gay college atmosphere that marked the rendition of the well selected program and the rolling melodies of the glee club and the more sedate and classical selections of the instrumental section carried the old grads and others back to the golden days.

The glee club soloist, Robert Dietrich, baritone, displayed a wealth of vocal quality that showed careful training and preparation. In the "Garden of Eden" song, from "The Cross of Fire" assisted by the glee club ensemble he sang at his best and made a distinct sensation. He was recalled for an encore. H. H. Brown, the violinist of the mandolin club, was heartily received, playing an exceedingly melodious selection that had plentiful opportunities for displaying his masterful technique but he failed to take advantage of the tonal possibilities of the number.

Although the director selected a well balanced program of classical and semi-classical songs, the devotees of jazz music were not forgotten and a group composed of popular dance music and the "sob stuff" of Irving Berlin and contemporaries kept up with a zest and a display of pep by the All-Campus jazz orchestra, made up of seven capable young instrumentalists. The program was closed with a group of tickling college airs and several of the famous Michigan university yell. The alumni in the audience joined the students in giving the old-time yell.

DEATHS

CURTIS A. BENDER.

Curtis A. Bender, 57 years old, died at his home, 516 S. Williams st., Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of complications. He was born at Shipshewana, Ind., Sept. 3, 1862, and came to South Bend 15 years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hazel James, Mrs. Ivan James and Mrs. Jacob Hotz, all of Goshen, and a son, Ross Bender, of Shipshewana, and by three brothers, John, George and James, and a sister, Mrs. Grace Smith.

The body may be viewed at the McGann undertaking rooms from 2 to 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Funeral services will be held in Shipshewana Monday.

MICHAEL O'BRIEN.

Michael O'Brien, 33 years old, died Friday morning at 5 o'clock at Heathen hospital, following a two months illness of tuberculosis.

Funeral services will be held at Holyoke, Mass.

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WATER DEPARTMENT WILL ASK FOR LOAN

Failure of Bond Sale to Materialize Places Board in Serious Plight.

With the failure of the city to successfully find a market for the sale of \$100,000 bonds to be used in the extension of the water systems and pumping stations, the water works department finds itself in a serious plight financially and is prepared to ask before the council a loan to carry the extension of the water system for the purpose of asking for a loan to carry the extension until finances are recuperated through the sale of the bonds or a loan from one of the banks.

Water department officials point out that they affected a considerable saving by purchasing materials and equipment shortly after the plan was adopted for the extension at a time when the market was comparatively low. Since the purchases were made, on promissory official demand, it is also feared that future deliveries will be delayed unless payment is made at once and the city will suffer financially through the loss of time in closing the contracts.

PERMISSION ASKED.

Plans are now under way to secure the permission of the state tax board to raise the interest on the bonds so that the bonds can be sold. The paper was refused by accredited bond firms on account of the low rate of interest that was offered and the hope has been expressed that the necessary permission will be secured in the near future so that the contemplated improvements can be completed in the least possible period of time.

CONSERVATIVE LIFE HOLDS ANNUAL MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Conservative Life Insurance company, was held in the home office of the company, Thursday, and the reports of the officers presented showed a year of prosperity, the company writing \$1,172,000 in policies, a gain of 24 percent over the preceding year.

The following directors were re-elected: Dixon W. Place, Gabriel R. Summers, William M. Jacob, Woodworth, J. H. Stephenson, Samuel Parker, William J. Albert, F. H. Hays, A. D. Burkhardt and John G. Vealey.

Immediately after the stockholders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Dixon W. Place, president; Gabriel R. Summers, vice-president; A. S. Burkhardt, vice-president and general manager; William M. Jacob, secretary; Joseph M. Stephenson, treasurer; Frank G. Haight, consulting actuary; Samuel Parker, general counsel.

FRUIT DAMAGE IS SLIGHT, SAY REPORTS

Fruit buds in the central and northern part of the state were little affected by the recent cold wave, say reports. A slight delay in the opening of the buds was noted, but the buds were not damaged to a greater or less extent by the cold wave. However, fruit in the southern part of the state where the buds were more advanced, were damaged to a greater or less extent by the cold wave.

Improvement in winter grains and grasses was general and the snow cover afforded protection from the low temperatures of the last week. Only about half the usual amount of maple syrup was taken this year even in the best favored localities.

DR. BURKHART

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