

LABOR STANDS FIRM ON WAGE SCALE NOW IN EFFECT IN THE CITY

Determination Not to Accept 20 Per Cent Cut Expressed By Building Council

While evidence of any back-tracking was not visible late Saturday, Monday is sure to produce some more or less interesting development to the controversy between the members of the building trades council and the master builders of the city. Yesterday afternoon Corresponding Secretary J. M. Maughlin, of the building trades council, issued a statement which very clearly defined the attitude of organized labor regarding the 20 per cent reduction in wages which the master builders proposed putting in effect March 1, Monday being the last day of the present wage agreement, some developments may be expected to take place then.

A walk out by sympathetic unionized workers may be expected if employers put the proposed lowered wage scale into effect and hire men at wages below the scale existing through Monday. This means that if members of the trade quit and refuse to work at wages they deem too low, and other men are hired at the lower wages to replace them, then other unionists not directly affected may quit work out of sympathy for those directly concerned by the wage reduction.

There is no sign of any weakening on the part of either party to the controversy; in fact, the visible signs are those of determination. The unionists have stood firmly against lower wages since the master builders announced what is approximately an all around reduction of 20 per cent in the pay schedule some time ago. And while the master builders, the contractors and employers, are doing little talking, it is easy to ascertain their attitude—they are going through with their reduction program according to schedule.

At the regular meeting of the building trades council, Thursday night, unanimous action was taken in favor of standing for the present scale of wages of each craft. "Also that any contractor who attempts to hire men at less than the present scale will be considered unfair to organized labor and all union men instructed not to accept employment with same contractor at any price," says the statement of Secretary Maughlin. The statement further asserts that communications have been received from the building trades at Asheville stating that they are taking the same action and quitting the present scale of wages in that city as follows:

Carpenters, \$7; plumbers, \$7; electricians, \$8; steel metal workers, \$7, and lathers, \$8.

Union workers contend that costs of living have not been reduced sufficiently to enable them to accept a marked cut in wages, whereas builders take the stand that retrenchment is due and that all concerned must stand the gaff.

It is on this basis that the fight is waged, and Tuesday promises to bring some rather interesting developments.

JOHN BARLEYCORN SENT THEM AWAY FROM TOWN

Influence of J. B. Evident in Recorder's Court

The influence of John Barleycorn prevailed in recorder's court yesterday morning, that is it prevailed sufficiently to give certain parties extended vacations away from the noise and turmoil of Wilmington. Recorder Harris sent 'em away from here following conviction under various phases of violating Mr. Volstead's well written statute. Dave and Carrie Eppes, arrested several days ago when a quantity of still beer was found in their home, faced a charge of manufacturing intoxicating liquor, and Carrie managed to wiggle out of the indictment, but Dave was caught in the crab hold of the statute and was given nine months on the county roads. Notice of an appeal was filed and bond in the sum of \$500 was named.

Ammie Carter, blind negro man, who unseemingly sold a pint of the ardent to Detective Faircloth, of the plain clothes squad, Friday morning, could do little other than plead guilty, and he was sentenced to serve a term of 12 months in the county jail, to be hired out by the county commissioners. Carrie Foster, mother of seven children, inhabiting the same residence as Ammie, also got twisted up in the charge and she went out there for a term of nine months in the hands of the judge. Thus, from one household John Barleycorn sent nine charges to the county, as the children must be cared for during the incarceration of the mother.

Andrew Stevens, negro, fetched a friend two quarts of pop head on the freight train on which he flags or brakes and the railroad detective nabbed him. Transporting old J. B. was the charge and conviction resulted in a fine of \$100 being slapped on the negro, who also sated the coast. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years in another transporting case against Stevens.

STOLE SOME FRUIT

A window in the establishment of A. Angeles, Fifth and Nixon streets, was broken about 6 o'clock yesterday morning by a negro boy, who secured a small amount of oranges and apples for his trouble. The crash of the shattered glass attracted the attention of persons nearby and the negro was frightened away before any great amount of stuff could be removed.

PRICE OF MILK DOWN THREE CENTS PER QUART

The price of milk is coming down. Effective March 1, milk will be reduced to 22 cents per quart. On the same date, special milk will be sold for 27 cents per 32 fluid ounces. This is a reduction from 25 cents on milk and from 28 cents on the special kind. Or three cents per quart either way.

The reduction is announced by a local dairy which wishes "to assure our patrons and the public that it always has been and always will be our policy to produce the best grade of milk to be had and then base our price on the cost of production."

Incidentally, this same dairy asks your investigation and solicits your patronage. Which is an indication that one dairy has knocked the "L" out of old H. C. L. Or, as pessimists would say, has started in that general direction.

SALLY LEAGUE PROPOSITION REMAINS UP IN THE OZONE

At an early hour this morning nothing had been heard from President Walsh, of the South Atlantic Baseball League concerning the inquiry from this city as to the chances of Wilmington entering that circuit. A telegram asking for information on the subject was forwarded to Mr. Walsh at his Charleston, S. C. office early Friday evening and a request was made to hurry the answer, but without result.

Last night another message was sent the sporting editor of the leading Charleston newspaper for information regarding the league's intentions of expanding to an eight club circuit, but a prompt answer from Wilmington is as much up in the air as ever. Local fandom isn't going to enjoy any afternoon sestas today, not unless news, favorable, is received and duly posted in some prominent place.

ENGLISH TEACHERS TO MEET IN GREENSBORO

Important Sessions Called for Next Friday and Saturday—Dr. Abbott to Speak

An important meeting of the North Carolina State Council of English Teachers will be held at North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, next Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, and teachers from all parts of the state are expected to be in attendance. The meeting will open Friday evening at 8 o'clock and will continue through Saturday, at a social hour at the Y. W. C. A. on the college campus will follow the first business session Friday evening, it is announced.

The executive committee of the council has prepared a practical and definite program that they hope will appeal to any one interested in English work. Dr. Allan Abbott, of Teachers College, Columbia University, a well-known scholar and expert on English teaching, will be the central speaker of the conference. Such problems as the advisability of teaching the history of literature in the high school, known scholar and expert on English teaching, will be the central speaker of the conference. Such problems as the advisability of teaching the history of literature in the high school, known scholar and expert on English teaching, will be the central speaker of the conference.

Each teacher will be urged to present any special problem desired, and to take part in this meeting, whether a member of the council or not. Alumnae of the North Carolina College for Women will be accommodated in the dormitories; other visitors will be taken care of in the immediate vicinity of the college. Those desiring rooms and accommodations should write to Miss Annie Beam, Greensboro high school. Representative college and high school teachers will lead discussions and the present condition of English teaching in the state will be studied.

SPRING SCOTTISH RITE REUNION HERE IN APRIL

Three Days of Big Masonic Gathering in City

The annual spring reunion of the coordinate bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons will be held in this city on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28, 29 and 30, when degrees ranging from the fourth to 32nd, inclusive, will be bestowed upon a large class of candidates. The reunions, important events in Masonic circles, always bring to Wilmington a large number of visitors from various parts of the state, and the coming meeting is expected to be one of the best in the history of Scottish Rite Masonry.

CANNOT SELL PROPERTY OF SLEEPER, JUDGE DECREES

Federal Judge H. G. Connor has signed an order restraining any official of the internal revenue department from selling any of the property or household effects of E. L. Sleeper, well known farmer of the Castle Haynes section, on whose place a large amount of grape wine was found several weeks ago by the prohibition officers.

It is understood that when the officers entered the Sleeper place to make an investigation the owner left and has not returned and on the grounds that no effects could be sold before the man had a hearing John D. Bellamy, Esq., and A. G. Ricard, Esq., of this city argued their case before Judge Connor in Raleigh Wednesday. The result was that the restraining order was signed by the judge.

On March 7, the official of the internal revenue department will be given an opportunity by Judge Connor to show cause why they should sell the property and goods.

HOLD FUNERAL TODAY

Mrs. Mary A. Outlaw, a well known resident of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Ward, 313 Meares street, Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock, after an illness of some little time. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. S. A. Calson, Mrs. A. F. Rhine, Mrs. J. T. Hickman and Mrs. Willie McDowell, of Brunswick county; a son, J. K. Outlaw, of Brunswick county, and the husband. Funeral services will be conducted at the home this morning at 10:30, following which the remains will be carried to Brunswick county for interment.

SOUTHSIDE SERVICES

Services at the Southside Baptist church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, will be held at the usual hours today, 11 o'clock this morning and 7:30 this evening with sermons by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Hall. Rev. John H. Jones, assistant to the pastor and evangelistic singer, will have charge of the music, and there will be special selections by the choir and quartet. Preceding each sermon will be a snappy 20-minute service. Baptism will be administered at the evening service.

SCHOOL OF EXPRESSION

Mrs. Harry Travers Lewis announces that on March 1 she will open a studio of expression, especially for young children, at her home, No. 11 North Seventh street. Mrs. Lewis has had much experience in this line and is well fitted for the work she is undertaking. Hours for attendance can be arranged by communicating with Mrs. Lewis at her home.

NEW FORM OF RULE PROGRESSIVE LAWS TO PASS, SAYS BELLAMY FOR CITY SURE TO PASS, ASSERTS M'GIRT

Good Roads Leader, Back From Raleigh, Gives Views on Pending Legislation

W. A. McGirt, president of the North Carolina Good Roads association, returned from Raleigh yesterday and reported that the Doughton-Connor road measure carrying a \$50,000,000 bond issue for state highway construction and approximately \$2,000,000 for maintenance, had passed the senate. This measure was voted on in the house last week and carried by an overwhelming vote. The \$2,000,000 maintenance fund will be derived, it is explained by Mr. McGirt, from the tax on automobiles, which North Carolinians own by the thousands, and a one cent tax per gallon on gasoline. It is tantamount to a foregone conclusion, it was pointed out by the good roads authority, that the bond issue measure will be passed and the state will be lifted out of the mud just as fast as competent contractors can put down the hard surface arteries and the improved highways of minor importance.

The Brunswick county stock law passed the house on second reading according to reports received from Raleigh yesterday and Representative Smith objected to the third reading. This measure will come up for final consideration in the house Monday. Mr. McGirt further pointed out that Senator Burgwin introduced the measure providing for stock law in Brunswick county when he found, by reading the measure carefully, that that county had not been included in the state-wide measure. The fight for this measure is being led in the house by Representative Bellamy, Mr. McGirt stated.

COMMISSIONERS GOVERNMENT LIKELY

The bill, which, if passed, will give Wilmington a real commission form of government with three full time commissioners on the job instead of the present city council, will come up for the third reading in the senate early this week and Representative Bellamy believes that it will go through the general assembly at this session.

Representative Bellamy is somewhat dubious as to the bill which would annex Toppal township, of Pender county, to New Hanover county. He says that it will come up first thing Monday morning, but as it is a roll call bill, it will have to come up in the house three times and in the senate three times. The New Hanover legislator is not sure that this can be done and get the measure through at this session.

It is not believed that there will be any trouble getting through at this session the proposed new pilotage bill, which will form into a single association all of the Cape Fear river and bar pilots. Representative Bellamy declares that everyone has agreed to the measure that the bill contains, and that it should be passed within the next few days.

Representative Bellamy says that the state revenue bill has passed the house and is now in the senate. He declares that it does not provide for any ad valorem tax for the coming year, and that the only tax that the state will get from the people through the passage of this bill will be income tax.

The \$50,000,000 good roads bill is now practically a law, says the local representative. He says that Monday should see this great piece of legislation ratified.

ARRANGE FOR COURT

Members of the bar association met yesterday to arrange the calendars for the coming terms of court, two weeks for civil cases and one for criminal trials. The frequency of court terms was discussed by the lawyers it being contended that they are coming entirely too fast. The wear and tear of terms piled upon each other is not liked by the attorneys and it is possible action will be taken to ascertain whether terms can be more widely separated.



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DISTRICT MEETING OF BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Coker College, Principal Speaker at Meeting This Afternoon

Members of the Baptist Young Peoples unions of the Wilmington district will hold their annual rally here this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church and a record breaking attendance is anticipated. The principal feature of the gathering will be an address by Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker college, Hartsville, S. C., who, for a number of years, was dean of the faculty of Wake Forest college, the great Baptist institution, of North Carolina.

Dr. Sikes was called to the presidency of Coker college about five years ago. Coker college, one of the leading female institutions of learning in the south, has had a phenomenal growth under Dr. Sikes' leadership. He is an exceptionally strong speaker, and it is needless to say that those who attend will hear an address full of food for thought. His subject this afternoon will be "The Power of the Gospel."

Musical features of the rally will be in charge of John H. Jones, the song leader, and the Acme male quartet. There will be several special numbers by a large chorus under the direction of Mr. Jones. The program for the rally, as announced by W. B. Muse, associational Baptist Young Peoples' union secretary, follows:

Invocation, Dr. John Jeter Hurt. "The Lord's Prayer," Acme male quartet. W. B. Muse, first tenor; A. L. Doshier, second tenor; W. A. McGirt, baritone; W. B. Muse, basso. Scripture reading, Rev. R. J. Hall. "Our Love in Song," led by John H. Jones. Prayer, Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Introduction of speaker, L. F. Gore, president. Address, "The Power of the Gospel," Dr. E. W. Sikes. Business and offering. Round table discussion, L. F. Gore, presiding. Song, led by Mr. Jones. Benediction, Rev. W. G. Hall.

DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Mary A. Outlaw, age 57 years, 8 months, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Ward, 313 Meares street. Funeral service at home, 10:30 a. m. when the body will be taken to her son's home in Brunswick county. (Adv.)

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