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STRIKE AT STRAUBE'S FACTORY.

Union Men Walk Out Friday Noon—Both Sides of the Strike Situation.

Troubles, said to be caused by the employment of non-union men at Straube's piano factory, culminated in a strike by a number of employes of that establishment last Friday, noon. Nearly all the union men, about twenty-five in number, went out, leaving only about twelve men employed at the factory, and the shops are running short handed.

Trouble over various matters had been brewing for several days and the members of the union and the factory people both have their sides of the story. The strikers claim that Straube objected to the formation of the union and took occasion to discharge union men and fill their places with non-union workmen. A conference was held, with the result that a strike was ordered by the executive committee of the union, and Friday noon the men went out.

Frank Kostka, who is the chapel delegate of the local union, states the union's side to the strike. According to his story a back-maker named Johnson, a non-union man, was employed in place of Andy Anderson, a union man, who was put in the board-making department to succeed A. Lithke, a union man, who was discharged. He states the union men objected to this and complained of the proceedings, which resulted in the union men stating their grievances to the management, Wm. Straube. Straube, he says, refused to discharge Johnson and stated the factory was an open one and he would employ whom he chose. The refusal was communicated to the union and the committee ordered the strike. Mr. Kostka says it is not the intention of the union men to resort to any unlawful measures, and that any reports of union men using threatening language to non-union men in the hopes of intimidating them and compelling them to quit work and join the union are absolutely false. He says the strikers are behaving like gentlemen and will continue to do so. He says the men will be asked not to work, but not be threatened or molested. When asked if the scale of wages paid out any figure he said it did not at present, though the men at Straube's factory were in most instances working for much less than the union scale. He admitted, however, that this subject would be a matter for future consideration and said that if the strikers won the union would be recognized and the union scale of wages would result. Mr. Kostka further stated that the strikers were aggrieved over the action of Mr. Straube in going to the merchants and warning them against giving the union men credit. Mr. Straube denied having spoken to the merchants on the subject.

Wm. Straube, the owner of the factory, when asked by a REPORTER representative for his side of the question, gave a very different version from that advanced by his employes. He contends that the union men seek the discharge of John Olson, the superintendent of the factory, who is a non-union man, and that their announcement that they seek the discharge of Johnson only, is a mere subterfuge. He says that Business Agent Doid, of the pianomakers' union, admitted as much to him, as well as that the union employes were unfriendly toward Olson and that Olson sought every opportunity to show his dislike of the union, and was always looking for an opportunity to discharge any union workman. The union men deny Doid having made such an assertion, and Mr. Straube equally emphatically states that he has witnesses to prove that Doid made the statement.

Mr. Straube further states that the men have no grievance; that Olson never had the power to discharge employes, and that in his opinion the strike is but an extension of the strike now on in Chicago for the recognition of the union.

As to Johnson's filling a discharged union man's place, he says that is mere bosh. Mr. Lithke had the contract to supply the sound boards. January 1st Mr. Straube notified him that a reduction would be made in the price. This Lithke refused to accept and voluntarily threw up the contract. Anderson, a union man, accepted the new schedule and assumed Lithke's position, and Johnson, who had been employed in the factory for over a year, took Anderson's place. The Johnson matter, he says, is merely a stepping stone to get him to recognize the union. Had he discharged Johnson, objections would have been made to some of the other non-union men, and so on until they had gained their point in unionizing the factory. Straube and the men who did not go out say the strikers follow and by threats try to intimidate the non-union men. They say a number of employes have been kept from work by fear of personal violence.

Straube says any employe who remains at work will be amply protected. He will not recognize any demands from the union and will treat with the men solely as individuals. He says the men who went out are mostly the younger element, who are restless and jump at the chance of any excitement—that in fact the ringleader really didn't know what they were striking for previous to a consultation with the business agent.

Whether any of the men are taken back or not depends, he says, upon themselves. Heretofore it has been an unwritten rule of the factory never to reengage a discharged employe or one who leaves. This, he says, the men knew.

Mr. Straube is sleeping at the factory nights and says that his property and the persons of his employes will be protected. Officers now escort the employes to and from the factory to preclude any possibility of an attack by the strikers. Mr. Straube states the fact that more than half the men employed at the factory were union men refutes the allegation that he was against the union. The strikers are being paid off, and will have to remove their tools from the factory.

The local branch of the Chicago piano and organ makers' union was organized here last February. It has a membership of about sixty, and comprises nearly all the departments at the factory. About half of the union workmen had been laid off during the dull season at the factory, hence only about thirty were working when the strike was called, and about twenty-five of these went out Friday, the balance of the union men refusing to strike. The local branch will appoint a committee to confer with the management shortly with a view to adjusting the differences. In the busy season about seventy-five men are employed at the factory. Much of the finishing and other work is contracted for to several of the employes who employ workmen who are, however, subject to the general superintendence of the factory and may be discharged by Mr. Straube.

Saturday afternoon Otto Knock, one of the strikers, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by H. G. Hodler, one of the non-union men, charging Knock with using threatening language, with the intention of having Knock placed under bonds to keep the peace. The case was called before Justice Graham, but was dismissed for lack of evidence.

WITH THE MERCHANTS

National Light oil at Nash's. Artistic wall paper at Buck's. Buy Standard oil of E. E. Morris. Additional local news on fifth page.

Piano to rent; inquire at Straube's factory. Blue flame oil for blue flame stoves at Nash's.

The only place in town to buy blue flame oil is at Nash's.

Domestic and New Home sewing machines; latest style at Mertz & Mochel's.

Hughes & Gallup have put in a stock of paints and oils—the Monarch ready mixed and Senour floor paints.

New York buckwheat, Clover Hill butter, Vermont maple syrup, is a combination that cannot be excelled. You will find it at Nash's.

Here's value for you. The Globe washing machine for \$3.25, and it is one of the best in the market. The old reliable Western Washer, No. 3, for \$2.90. The No. 2 for \$2.40. Mertz & Mochel.

The popular personally conducted excursions to California on the Burlington leave Chicago every week. All through trains will stop at Downers Grove for passengers holding tickets to Dubuque, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver and beyond. Baggage checked through. Sleeping-car berths reserved. Call at ticket office for any other desired information.

HAVING A GREAT RUN.

Manager Martin of the Pierson drug store informs us that he is having a great run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfaction. In these days of lagrippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.—South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale by Bush & Simonson.

MADE YOUNG AGAIN.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my teens again," writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels, Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Bush & Simonson's Drug Store.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Try Morris' Standard gasoline. Try those five layer cakes at Rang's; also 5c pies.

Mrs. Whedon of Maywood visited Mrs. Havens yesterday.

Ladies' and gentlemen's tailoring—second floor bank building.

If you want a high grade article buy a can of Ferndale pincapple, at Nash's. The Senour floor paints are the best on the market. For sale by Hughes & Gallup.

Will exchange dentistry for hay, oats, grain, or potatoes. Dr. A. W. Morrow.

All kinds of stove repairs furnished on short notice. Leave orders at Mertz & Mochel's.

Here we are again with that pure N. Y. buckwheat flour; the best on the market. J. W. Nash.

Don't fail to attend Col. Holp's lecture at the Congregational church to-night. Admission free.

Rev. A. H. Rood of Chicago preached at the Methodist revival Monday night and visited friends here.

Revival meetings are now in progress in the Methodist church. They are to continue during next week.

Carriage and wagon painting neatly and promptly done at Q. Schmitt's blacksmith and wagon shop.

Mrs. A. B. Dunn of Meirose Park visited with her mother and sister, Mrs. C. G. Austin, Sr., and Mrs. Havens, Sunday.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Susan Faut and Jonas Foster of Kansas, which will be solemnized February 7th.

DuPage county will have ten delegates at the republican state convention, two of which will come from Downers Grove township.

P. Shoehoffen Edelweiss Beer, purest and best in the world. Orders taken, delivered by Albert Janawick, Downers Grove. Post office box 516.

Hughes & Co. have an exhibition at their store their "Process" self-generating gasoline stove, and would be glad to have you see its practical operation.

J. W. Morford has the contract for remodeling the interior of G. H. Pearsall's house on Saratoga avenue. A. J. Cooper has charge of the practical work.

Fresh oysters direct from Baltimore, shucked and canned the day of shipment, in quart cans at Hughes & Gallup's. Far superior to sloppy bulk goods.

The Women's Guild of St. Andrews church will give a "Coney Island clam chowder dinner Saturday, January 27, from 12 o'clock noon until 9:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. J. H. Kearney. All are welcome that bring 25 cents.

The traimen's annual ball was held in the city last night at Illinois hall, corner Ogden avenue and Madison street. A large party attended from Downers Grove, returning on the special train at 3 o'clock this morning. All report an enjoyable time.

Martin Straube called on Naperville friends Saturday. He is still interested in the manufacture of pianos at Downers Grove and at present is experiencing some of the annoyances connected with the strike prevailing in the city among pianomakers.—Clarion.

The Burlington Route will sell home-seeker's excursion tickets to points in the west, southwest and northwest at one first-class fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Return limit 21 days from date of sale. All through fast trains stop at Downers Grove for passengers destined for points beyond Missouri river, Dubuque and St. Paul. Dates of sale February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th, April 3d and 17th.

The Reporter has received a copy of the Illinois "blue book" with the compliments of Secretary of State, Jas. A. Rose. The book is very complete as to the political history of the state; furnishing a volume of information concerning state officers, members of the assembly, our judicial system, vote of state and counties, short history of the organization of the state, its constitution, population and other interesting data.

An interesting and timely publication setting forth facts about the southern states has just been issued by the Southern Railway. It is called the "Empire of the South," and gives a comprehensive exhibit of the development of this section of the country in every line of its activity. The book contains 184 pages, each of which is illustrated, and will be sent by mail for 15 cents to cover postage by addressing J. C. Beam, 80 Adams street, Chicago.

Oil. Family Safety. No smoke; no more dim chimneys. The best oil in town, only 14c per gal. At C. S. Hughes & Co.'s hardware store.

C. S. Hughes & Co. have a new general ad this week.

Ground feed, chicken feed, corn, oats etc., at Hughes & Co's.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin convinces you of its merits the first dose you take.

I have money to loan on real estate security, at 6 per cent interest. D. G. Graham.

Fresh Baltimore oysters at John Haas market. Good, wholesome meats at lowest prices.

The Monarch ready-mixed paints are guaranteed strictly pure. For sale by Hughes & Gallup.

Olson Bros. have opened a shoe store in the Atzel building, formerly occupied by the fruit store.

Free at the Congregational church to-night—Col. Holp's celebrated lecture, "Simon Says Thumbs Up."

The most economical stove to use for all kinds of fuel is the volcano hot blast sold by Mertz & Mochel.

The crossing between the Oldfield corner and the bank building has been raised several inches and tile placed underneath.

Again the public watering fountain is laid up for repairs. One of a more substantial pattern would be a desirable improvement.

The only party in town to engage his whole time in the sale of oil and gasoline is Holt. All else being equal, you should trade with him.

Miss Mary McVean, who is visiting her brother, J. D. McVean, will visit next week with relatives at Ottawa, Streator and other near-by places.

When you have a load of oats to sell and want cash, take them to C. B. Hughes & Co. They will take the load at any time and pay market price.

D. G. Graham has legal blanks and all facilities for execution of wills and has had years of successful experience in that line. Give him a call. Charges reasonable.

Mrs. I. B. Marshall will open on the 1st of February a first-class boarding house at 40 Saratoga avenue. The location is convenient to the station, piano factory and railroad yards.

The members of the volunteer fire department have arranged for a masquerade ball to be held in Oldfield hall on the eve of Washington's birthday. Tickets are for sale by the members at 50 cents a person. Good music has been secured.

Rev. J. Hastie Odgers of the Evanston avenue church, Chicago, preaches at the Methodist church to-night. Rev. M. B. Williams who preached during the seven weeks special meetings held in the village last spring, is to speak to-morrow night.

The Mutual Indemnity Company of Chicago, Illinois issues the best health, accident funeral benefit policy in existence. Its protection and cost meet the wants and approval of all. A thoroughly reliable and active agent wanted. Give references and write for full particulars.

The White Cross visiting nurse association with central office in Chicago, is now prepared to furnish skillful trained nurses to the sick poor in their own homes, in country towns and cities. Conditions made known on application to the president, Dr. S. Sherin, 1017 West VanBuren street.

Whenever a topic of general interest is agitating the country you may be sure to find the fullest discussion of it in The Chicago Times Herald. The columns of the paper are always devoted to the things of greatest importance. They touch every phase of every question, and the man who reads them will before long be recognized as an educated man by all with whom he comes in contact.

The attendance at the farmers' institute last week was encouraging to the managers, who spared neither time nor labor to make the effort successful in every detail. The subjects discussed were of a practical nature, embracing every feature of diversified farming. Theories were at a discount—facts only held sway and engaged the attention of the gentlemen who had been assigned as instructors. C. D. Bartlett presided with grace and dignity. Ill health prevented Prof. Morgan's attendance. The officers of the past year were re-elected. Their administration has been satisfactory to all concerned. They will be able to make improvements where improvement is possible and necessary.

'SIMON SAYS THUMBS UP.'

Residents of Downers Grove will have the opportunity of hearing Col. P. E. Holp of Chicago deliver his celebrated lecture—"Simon Says Thumbs Up," to-night at the Congregational church. The lecture will be free to everybody and all should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this noted lecturer. The Chicago Times-Herald says: "Col. P. E. Holp is and has been for years the most popular lecturer in the west. His 'Almighty Dollar,' 'Simon Says Thumbs Up' and other bright topics have been as favorably received and noticed as the work of any platform orator now before the public." This high-priced lecture, owing to the generosity of Mr. A. R. Bremer is to night given free to the people of this community. Come and bring all your friends to this rare treat. The lecture combines fun, common sense and eloquence and will repay all who attend. Free at the Congregational church to-night at 8 o'clock.

EVERYTHING COMES IF YOU WAIT

"Everything comes to him who waits," an old and popular expression, it may be, but the serious question is, "How long must one wait?" There are a great many people taking the REPORTER who are waiting for an opportunity to pay their subscriptions. The publishers are also waiting for pay. Now, these are both negative propositions, because the money does not appear at any stage in the waiting period. According to grammarians, two negatives are equivalent to an affirmative; but grammar appears at fault in this proposition, somehow, and the old arithmetical formula of "nothing from nothing you can't" seems to fit the case much better. This is not only the first of the year, but the beginning of a new period—the 1900 period—the very best time in the world to "turn over a new leaf." There are a great many leaves in our subscription book that we would like to turn over, if our friends would only turn over the money to enable us to do so—thus creating one of those circumstances wherein "one good turn deserves another." One dollar and a half isn't a great deal of money, it is true. But five hundred times a dollar and a half make seven hundred and fifty dollars. It is really to be hoped that our friends will see the force of this argument and respond speedily and cheerfully.

COMPLIMENTS.

The "S. W. P." a monthly trade paper, issued by the Sherwin-Williams paint company, in reproducing an advertisement from the REPORTER of October 26th last, says: "One of the best newspaper ads ever sent us comes from C. S. Hughes & Co., Downers Grove, Ill. We have reproduced it as a worthy example of what can be done in making an attractive display, if you take the pains to watch the matter yourself. The advertisement occupied a conspicuous quarter page. The border of hardware sundries made it stand out attractively, yet if the matter inside had not been well written and well displayed the good effect would have been killed. The ad is well worded and effective all through."

PENSIONS FOR RAILWAY MEN.

Employes along the line of the C. B. & Q. are starting a movement to ask the officials of the road to prepare a plan for a pension list so that employes after reaching a certain age, or after completing a certain number of years of work, may be retired and receive the pension. The matter, it is understood, is to be considered by the officials, and probably plans will be submitted. Among the employes it is said there is a feeling that something of this kind should be done and that they are willing to do all their power to make it a success.

OLD PEOPLE MADE YOUNG.

J. C. Sherman, the veteran editor of the Vermontville, Mich. Echo, has discovered the remarkable secret of keeping old people young. For years he has avoided Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Indigestion, Heart trouble, Constipation and Rheumatism, by using Electric Bitters, and he writes: "It can't be praised too highly. It generally stimulates the kidneys, tones the stomach, aids digestion and gives a splendid appetite. It has worked wonders for my wife and me. It's a marvelous remedy for old people's complaints." Only 50c, at Bush and Simonson's Drug Store.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

Has world-wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses any other salve, lotion, ointment or balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Boils, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; Infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at Bush and Simonson's Drug Store.

SWINDLERS OPERATE AT BOLO.

L. E. Ketchum Gives Note for \$500 which is Raised by the Swindlers' to \$750.

Two men, named Dr. J. E. Cross and William C. Dowling, representing the Green Medical Dispensary of Chicago, have been operating in the vicinity of Naperville for the past month, and while their schemes may miscarry, yet one of their victims may have to spend considerable money and time in paying a note of \$500 says the Clarion.

On December 30th, they contacted with L. E. Ketchum of Bolo, to give him medical treatment, and in consideration for their professional services they succeeded in getting Mr. Ketchum to sign a note for \$500 payable in six months, in which time they guaranteed to effect a cure.

The note was turned in at the Chicago office, and properly endorsed by the secretary and treasurer of the company, and later was sold to a broker in Danville, by the name of Frank Lindley, who promptly wrote to Mr. Ketchum that his note was in his (Lindley's) possession. But Mr. Ketchum did not receive this letter.

Dr. Cross did not mean to permit Mr. Ketchum to learn that the note had passed from the Medical Company's hands, so he took measures to intercept the letter, which was done at the Bolo postoffice, by telling the postmaster that he was on his way to the Ketchum home and would carry any mail that might be addressed to that family. It appears that the person who answered the letter acknowledged that the note was genuine and it would be paid at maturity, and requesting that it be sent to one of the banks at Naperville for collection, signing Mr. Ketchum's name to the letter.

A few days later a stranger presented himself at the postoffice in Naperville and inquired about a letter addressed to Mr. Ketchum. The postmaster promptly notified the inquirer that it was contrary to the department's rules to give out information of such a private nature. It seems that for some reason the Danville broker sent a second letter, registered, stating that he held Ketchum's note for \$500 and would send it to the First National bank of this city for collection.

Mr. Ketchum had not signed a note in this amount, and he instantly took measures to ascertain the facts. It is the old story. The note had been written in such a manner that a figure "three" could be placed before the amount in figures and "three hundred" written before the original amount in the body of the note. The alteration can be detected under a magnifying glass, and the revenue stamps bear different cancellation dates.

Of course Dr. Cross has fled to parts unknown, but left his accomplice, Dowling, in the lurch without a cent of money. The latter is a young man who perhaps is innocent of any crime in this case. He walked from Naperville to Chicago and reported the treatment he had received to the firm.

States Attorney Sumner now has the case in hand and will bring the parties implicated to justice. O. H. Marquardt, secretary and treasurer of the Dr. Green Medical Dispensary, claims to know nothing about the forgery and has promised to assist in every way possible to locate Cross and assist in his conviction. He thinks that Dowling is an innocent party to the swindle.

Several other farmers in this vicinity gave Dr. Cross their notes, but as yet no irregularities have been discovered. The irregular and hotel bills are still unpaid, amounting to over \$75.

HIS WIFE SAVED HIM.

My wife's good advice saved my life writes F. M. Ross of Winfield, Tenn. "I had such a bad cough I could hardly breathe, I steadily grew worse under doctor's treatment, but my wife urged me to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me." Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, La-Grippe, Pneumonia, Asthma, Hay Fever and all maladies of Chest, Throat and Lungs are positively cured by this marvelous medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial at Bush & Simonson's Drug Store.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Blanche B. Pratt to Ellen M. Turner, lots 1 and 2, block 2, Case's addition to South Elmwood, \$1000.
Gerhard Eitterman to B. H. Landwehr, 60 sq. ft. 15-40-11 2 acres, \$1000.
Wm. H. Browning to John P. Heath, lots 1 and 16, blk 1, Wheaton Heights, \$1000.
C. H. Fletcher to Lucy Reed, lots 29, 30 and 31, blk 3, Stoughton's 2d add. to Wheaton, \$1000.
August Edger to Geo. W. Davis, lots 2 and 3, blk 3, Martin's add. to Wheatonville, \$1000.
Martha Thied to Marie E. Brown, lot 2, block 1, Wheatonville, \$1000.
Wesley's Subdiv. East Grove.
Anna B. Williams to Frederick B. Williams, 1/2 blk 1, \$1000.
Christine Hansen to Frederick B. Williams, 1/2 blk 2, sec 13-37-20.