

WILL REDUCE CITY SALARIES

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS DECIDES TO RETRENCH.

A Cut of 12 1/2 Per Cent on All Salaries in Departments Under Its Control and in the Fire Department, Effective August 15, Approved.

The board of public works this afternoon took up the question of retrenchment in the management of municipal affairs. It has prepared an ordinance which will be approved, providing for a horizontal reduction in the salaries of the employees in the departments under its control, streets, engineering and building and in the fire department.

The ordinance is intended to go into effect August 15. It provides for a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent, to become operative August 15 and to remain in effect for the balance of the fiscal year.

At the meeting to-day Secretary Langworthy submitted the July report of the board and also the expenditures of the several departments from April 17, the beginning of the fiscal year, to August 1. The total expenditures for the three and one-half months is \$51,885.96. This is at the rate of about \$15,000 a month, or \$3,000 a month more than the apportionment fund will warrant. August 1 the board had subject to apportionment \$47,801.40. It has collected \$99,000 of the entire amount set apart for it, and has \$52,168.52 yet to collect.

When the ordinance to scale salaries was taken up an interesting discussion followed. It is the opinion of the individual members of the board that it is vastly better to reduce salaries than to drop men, and they will make the fight for the passage of the ordinance on this ground.

The fire department, the fire committee, and perhaps a majority of the lower house will oppose the attempted reduction of the firemen's salaries, holding that it is better to encroach upon the water works fund or close down two or three of the engine houses. Chief Hale says that rather than have the salaries of his men cut he will stand reduction of one-half his salary. The situation was discussed at length and the board decided to retrench wherever possible.

Superintendent of Streets John May was instructed to proceed at once with the work on O. K. creek sewer.

IS THE STRIKE PARTLY OFF?

Santa Fe Mine Reported to Have Accepted an Offer Once Rejected.

TOLUCA, Aug. 11.—Charles W. Deylin, general manager of the Santa Fe, who has been in the Cherokee district to effect a settlement of the strike, today telegraphed awaiting him upon his return here this morning, announcing that the mine had accepted the same proposition which had once been rejected by the miners. The proposition, as the newspaper reports, is that the miners should be paid \$1500 a month. Whether the mine will depend on this proposition is not known, although the mine has been closed since the strike.

A WRECK ON THE SUBURBAN BELT

A Long Train Divides and Part of It Crashes Into Cars on a Side Track.

A split switch caused a bad collision shortly after noon to-day between a train of freight cars drawn by a switch engine and box cars standing on a side track in front of the Kansas City Cold Storage warehouse near the corner of Second and Main streets. B. F. Pinkerton, a switchman, was seriously hurt and George B. Hayward, another of the train crew, had an ankle sprained.

The switching crew in charge of the wrecked train had been at work nearly all the morning in the East bottom yards of the Suburban Belt line, making up a train to be transferred to the West bottoms. When the train was made up it consisted of thirty-seven cars, twenty of which were loaded. Two engines were attached, one in front and one behind. Shortly before noon the train started for the West bottoms. The engine in front was in charge of Engineer William Hetherman and the fireman was Richard Barker. John Jaynes was at the throttle of the pushing engine. L. A. Starbuck, B. F. Pinkerton, James Dodd, George Hayward and J. B. Smith, switchmen, were scattered about the train, sitting on the edge of the cars or standing up. When the train reached Second and Walnut streets, where there is a switch running from the main line to the Kansas City Cold Storage and Fruit warehouse, it divided. The pushing locomotive with seven or eight cars attached went on in safety. The remainder of the train train went along the sidetrack and crashed into four box cars loaded with bananas standing on the track. The first crash threw the cars about side-ways and the pushing of the engine behind tumbled the cars up into a heap. It was several minutes before all the cars came to a standstill.

Switchman Pinkerton was standing on the forward car of the last section of the divided train. When it collided with the box cars the shock threw him under the trucks, and the pushing of the engine behind caused the wheels to pass over his body. His right leg was cut off at the ankle and his left leg broken. His right arm was also broken. He was removed to All Saint's hospital. It is believed he cannot live. Pinkerton has a wife and two children and lived at 1230 Walnut street.

George Hayward, foreman of a switching crew, jumped from the top of a car just as it was upsetting and sprained his left ankle. He was taken to the police station, but afterward removed to his home at 913 West Twelfth street.

James Steele, a little colored boy, was playing on one of the box cars on the sidetrack when the collision took place. He was tossed up like a ball and thrown with considerable force to the ground. His injuries consist only of a slight bruise.

A large crowd quickly gathered when it became known there had been a wreck and watched the workmen clearing the track. The Suburban Belt railway immediately put a wrecking crew to work and by to-night it is expected the wreckage will be cleared away. Trains on the Air Line were not delayed.

FIVE FUNNELS AT ONCE

The Region South of Earned, Kas., Disastrously Visited. A Woman's Experience.

EARNED, Kas., Aug. 11.—About 5 o'clock

WHEAT IS UP TWO CENTS

BIG ADVANCE IN THE CHICAGO MARKET TO-DAY.

The Government Report and a Belief Regarding Finances Cause Corn Does Not Advance—Prices for Cattle and Hogs.

Wheat in Chicago advanced more cents to-day and closed at top prices. Other did not quite keep pace with the advance everywhere are higher and the general that the market has at last got an upward will continue, with natural reaction improve. The government report the principal cause of the improvement, but not the only cause. The report indicated a reduction of 12 million bushels in the spring crop, bringing it down to the unusually low of 118 millions. Last year's crop was 120 million, two years ago 219 millions. The report would not have had a great effect had not the feeling about the situation been much less pessimistic. The earlier feeling in Chicago and New York continued improvement at other centers. Wheat in Chicago sold at \$10 discount and got 10¢ par for a while. That is the export business. But no large were reported. In New York the premium was lowered. New York 4 1/2 millions of gold from London to—A million dollars more was obtained from England for shipment to this country market was favorably affected by the news from Washington that the silver fight has closed with prospects of a vote in two weeks. That is much quicker action than expected. The receipts were light. The fair exports. Cables were very firm. A big export some wheat was sold to go out.

The strongest feature of the Chicago market was the big advance in cash wheat. The August advanced 3 1/2¢ and got within 3¢ of the September price. The latter advanced 2 1/2¢ and gained 2 1/2¢.

Wheat here was not up as much as at Chicago; this market has for several days been relatively higher than Chicago.

Corn was lower at the opening, despite a gain in wheat, but the great strength which developed in the wheat market turned out the low prices were slightly better than yesterday. The government report showed a considerable reduction in the corn condition, but the effect of this was offset by the statement of the loss in condition might be regained rains fell in August. There were rains yesterday and rain was predicted for the other half. This was the important cause of early weakness. There are some people who think a comparable damage has been done to the crop by the dry weather, others think the prospect is very little. The cash demand for corn continued, but reports were not large. Receipts were not large. Trade in provisions was light and prices were lower. Hogs were lower. Packers are slow to advance any farther.

At the Stock Yards.

CATTLE Receipts, 8,595; calves, 265 to-day. 1,332 calves, 71. The market was steady, others 10 to 12 cows, ready to 10¢ lower, feeders, steady.