

MANY WORKMEN ARE IDLE.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED PACKING HOUSE EMPLOYEES OUT OF WORK.

The Strike and Reductions in the Forces Swell the List of the Unemployed—The Houses Not Embarrassed in the Least by the Troubles.

The large reduction of the number of employees at the extensive packing and dressed beef plant of Swift & Co. made yesterday afternoon has increased the number of idle packing house men in Kansas City, Kas., the number of the unemployed now being estimated at 1,500. Of these the greater number have been laid off by the falling off in the business, while only about 250 are striking against the cut in their wages.

The situation among the striking butchers, however, is practically the same as yesterday. The butchers are still holding out against the cut of 10 per cent in their wages. They assert that they will under no circumstances return to work under the new scale of wages. The managers have announced a determination to force the reduction, and it is now thought that the companies affected will attempt to get new men to fill the places of the striking butchers.

At Swift's slaughtering operations are being conducted on a limited scale. It is stated by the company that 165 cattle were slaughtered yesterday and about the same number will be killed to-day. General Manager H. C. Thom stated to-day that the operation of the plant had not been seriously interfered with, and he thought no difficulty would be experienced in handling the present business.

At the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger plant 350 cattle were purchased yesterday and to-day the master mechanic, the general superintendent and the superintendent of the killing department, with a number of helpers, are slaughtering these. The butchers had asked that they be given a three days' lay-off and it will be known definitely Friday morning what action will be taken by them. General Manager Nathan announced yesterday afternoon that the company would insist on enforcing the reduction.

The butchers have arranged for a meeting at Hanson's opera house in Kansas City, Kas., this evening. The meeting is to be held under the auspices of Butchers' union No. 1 of Kansas City, Kas. A parade will precede the meeting. The procession will form on Kansas avenue, in Armourdale, marching east to the Kaw river and from thence north on Belknap James street to the opera house.

The strikers are keeping away from the packing houses and are showing no disposition whatever to interfere with the men at work. On Kansas avenue this morning an old man, who was not identified with the striking packing house workers, attracted a small crowd of men in front of a liquor joint by hearing a tirade of abuse upon President Cleveland and the national congress. He said he was a Populist and held the President and congress responsible for the present depression in business and finances throughout the United States. The old man insisted on the Butchers' union sending a committee to Washington to straighten out the trouble between the packing house operators and their employees. When told by one of the strikers that the butchers would take care of their own affairs, the old man walked off saying it was useless for him to argue upon a feasible solution of the question of labor and capital.

This morning seventy-five cattle purchased by Schwarzschild & Sulzberger for their export trade were sent to Reid Bros. packing plant to be killed. The butchers were refused to handle the cattle and insisted that if an attempt was made to run in cattle from the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger plant they would quit work. The cattle were driven back and Reid Bros. announced to their butchers that no attempt would be made to force them to kill other packers' cattle.

THE POOR HOUSE INSANE ASYLUM.

Physicians to Discuss the Care of Jackson County's Insane.

The Jackson County Medical association will devote its regular meeting to-morrow evening to a discussion of the removal by the county court of the insane from the state asylums to the poor house. Addresses will be made by prominent physicians and resolutions expressing the sense of the profession for presentation to the county judges passed.

THE BRIDEGROOM CAME NOT.

Then the Bride Sought the Muddy Kaw With Thoughts of Suicide.

Romance, tragedy and the humorous were closely mingled in the story of an abandoned wedding and an attempted suicide in Armourdale last evening.

Mrs. Ada Schaeffer, a widow whose home is at No. 830 South Fourth street, had been courted by Charles Grigsby, a young man several years her junior, and last night there was to have been a pretty wedding. A hundred guests gathered, but young Grigsby was too bashful to appear, and a few minutes before the preacher came a messenger privately conveyed the information to the bride-to-be that Charles was not willing. Of course she told her friends and it was not long until all the guests were whispering about it. In the commotion the weeping widow disappeared, and then somebody said she had left by the back door and was headed for the muddy Kaw. A searching party was organized, and just as the preacher was seen approaching, the guests started for the river.

The trail led past Swarzschild & Sulzberger's packing house and there in an eddy in the dark water floated two white shoes. A man had been sent for a hook and ropes to drag the water when the bride and would-be suicide was found hiding behind some bushes. She said that she wanted to die, but the thought of spoiling her good clothes in the muddy packing house water had evidently unnerved her and it was not long until she consented to go home and "not make a scene."

About 8 o'clock in the evening she disappeared again, and again the searching party was organized and headed for the river. In the gloaming a white figure could be seen far out on a sand bar. The deserted bride, with skirts raised, was wading out to find a dry place to drown herself and for a second time she was rescued. Then somebody suggested that the police be called and that she be taken to the station for safe keeping, when a voice said:

"No, you don't call no police while I'm here," and Grigsby, the missing groom, stepped out from the crowd where he had been unnoticed. Nobody questioned his right to interfere, and the widow was taken home and put under the guard of friends, and Grigsby again disappeared.

GARBAGE COMPLAINTS POUR IN.

The Service Irregular and Unsatisfactory in Many Parts of the City.

The board of health seems either unwilling or unable to enforce the garbage ordinance. This morning the usual number of complaints came in by telephone, by mail and by personal visits and all told the same story of overflowed receptacles that have been neglected for days and weeks. William Sans of 716 Cherry street reported that the garbage had never been regularly collected in his neighborhood and that the accumulated garbage threatens the health of the people. Thomas C. Leech writes from 2111 Forest avenue: "The last collection of garbage made in this neighborhood was last Wednesday. Our garbage receptacles are filled to overflowing and the odors wait a welcome to cholera. Prior to the passage of the garbage ordinance we burned our garbage. The collections have been so irregular that we must return to the old plan of cremating."

When complaints are sent to the city hall they are placed on a slate and kept until the slate is full then telephoned to the garbage contractor. Sometimes he gets them correctly, sometimes he doesn't. The health department defends itself by declaring that Chicago and New York have similar trouble.

The board of health met to-day and discussed the workings of the garbage system. Assistant Sanitary Superintendent Waring was closely questioned as to the number of complaints received and his remedies. He told the members that he received about twenty complaints a day, but that in most cases he found on investigation that the householder was as much at fault as the collector. Some families keep savage dogs and some lock the garbage receptacle in barns and are away from home when the collector calls. The board took no action further than to congratulate itself that matters are no worse.

TO NAME AN ASSIGNEE SOON.

Judge Slover Will Not Await the Report of Savings Bank Appraisers.

Judge Slover of the circuit court said this morning to a reporter for THE STAR that a new assignee for the Kansas City Safe Deposit and Savings bank would be appointed on or before September 1 regardless of the report

SANTA FE MINERS AT WORK.

THE STRIKE AT FRONTENAC SETTLED BY MANAGER DEVLIN.

Objectionable Features in the Old Contract Modified—President Walters Compulsant—All the Shafts Running With Full Forces of Men.

PITTSBURG, Kas., Aug. 23.—General Manager Devlin of the Santa Fe Coal company arrived in Frontenac last night to treat with the miners in regard to the objectionable features of the contract and rules and regulations. After a council with his men all the objectionable points were stricken out and virtually a new contract similar to an agreement was adopted by both sides. Owing to the stringency of the money market the men entered into an agreement to demand only 90 per cent of their earnings each week with their accounts audited once a month.

Last night's action brought matters between Devlin and his men to a complete settlement and as a consequence the Santa Fe company began working to-day all the men it can use for the present and coal is being hoisted in a lively manner.

An effort will be made to make the same arrangements with the Kansas and Texas and other big companies.

The original Devlin proposition remains the same, but an agreement is signed by the men instead of an "iron clad" contract.

President Walters this morning said he was perfectly satisfied with everything connected with the settlement with the Santa Fe and speaks in high terms of the gentlemanly treatment the miners have had at the hands of Mr. Devlin.

CITIZENS TAKE ACTION.

Leavenworth's Business Men Demand Protection for the Working Miners.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Aug. 23.—About fifty business men of Leavenworth met yesterday afternoon and discussed the coal miners' strike. The sentiment was almost unanimous that the strike had already gone too far and had resulted in greater injury to the city than could be easily comprehended. It was unanimously declared that the officers of the city and county had been derelict in their duty in that they permitted strikers to bulldoze and otherwise intimidate those willing to resume work, and a resolution was adopted urging those in authority to act at once and give the working miners ample protection.

Last night Captain Gid Armstrong and a force of picked deputies began guard duty at the Home mine where most of the trouble with strikers has been experienced since that mine resumed operations. Deputy sheriffs are on duty at the North Leavenworth shaft and trouble is almost sure to occur when an attempt is made to put the imported negroes in the mine.

The striking union miners have been holding two meetings daily since Monday. They now openly demand ninety cents a bushel in summer and \$1 in winter for mine run coal, and further insist that one of their number in each mine be appointed to keep a watch on the weighmasters. Superintendent J. E. Carr of the North Leavenworth shaft submitted a proposition Monday fixing the price at eighty cents the year round. The miners rejected this. Other propositions were made by Carr, all of which were refused at largely attended meetings held yesterday and last night.

The Riverside mine, operated by the Kansas & Texas Coal company, has closed down again after a feeble attempt to run. Strikers had been posted on the road leading to the mine and every would-be miner was stopped and sent back home. The company proposes to start up September 1.

TO AID CHICAGO'S NEEDY.

An Organization Being Formed to Relieve the Distress of Idle Hosts.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—A mass-meeting will be held to-night to affect an organization to relieve the necessities of thousands who are threatened with actual starvation. The active movers in the project are David Kalfis, a stationery printer, and Alex. Koppert of Koppert & Co., bankers. Both men are prominent Hebrews and their action was prompted by the dire distress existing among the unemployed men, women and children tailors and "sweaters" living in the humble districts.

stockade, and had been thought would have been harshly treated. A rumor was started that the negroes would in a body invade the city at 7 p. m. About 300 armed strikers seemed to await them. Sheriff Arnold arrived and ordered the negroes to be kept in which averted trouble. Later, Attorney N. Allen addressed the miners, counseling them to keep the peace after which they quickly dispersed.

Welsh Strikers Afraid to Act.
LONDON, Aug. 23.—The march of striking miners from Rhondda valley, Ebbwvale, Wales, which began Monday afternoon proved a complete fizzle. Desertions were numerous and when the line reached Merthyr Tydfil it was met by a strong force of police. Of the 4,000 marchers only 200 remained and the police did not think it necessary to accompany this small number. U last evening they had not arrived at the alleged destination. Many of the strikers South Wales are known to be willing to turn to work without the desired 20 per cent advance in wages.

Nine Thousand More Idle Men.
DETROIT, Aug. 23.—The Michigan-Pennsylvania car shops will on Saturday be shut down for a period not exceeding three months. The directors have voted to lay off all employees for three months and lay off all superintendents and chiefs of departments for the same period without pay. Contracts could not be secured, but the railways are not able to money to pay for cars and the shops can be run on credit. Over 9,000 men are employed when the shops are running full time.

Denver Will Help New York.
DENVER, Col., Aug. 23.—At a meeting night to consider means to help the needy employed of New York messages signed General Weaver and by Samuel Gompe and others were read, and it was resolved to respond with an offer from Colorado of two loads of flour and two carloads of potatoes.

SUICIDE ENDS DISGRACE.

A Texas Official Accused of Robbing Father Kills Himself.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 23.—About a month ago Money-Broker Lane of Longview, Tex., was robbed of over \$40,000, which was in the habit of carrying about with him being afraid of banks. His three sons, prominent, were suspected, and one was recently arrested at Little Rock, Ark.

About ten days ago F. O. Lane, another prosecuting attorney of the county in which Longview is located, came here with his wife. He spent money very freely. Suspicion was aroused when he tried to have two checks \$5,000 each cashed, the signatures being peculiar. Word was sent to Longview and arrest was ordered.

Last night, officers arrested him. He was very nervous and complained that political enemies were trying to ruin him as he had gone through a bitter fight for prosecuting attorney of his county and friends had urged him to be a candidate for governor of Texas.

When searched just before being placed in jail, a small vial was found which Lane asked permission to retain as it contained medicine. The request was granted. The vial contained morphine and when the father went to the city this morning the prisoner was dead. His body was taken in charge by Knights of Pythias and will be sent to Texas.

So far no large amount of money has been discovered, although Lane's suicide indicates he was guilty of the charge of robbery. The officers agreed last night to make arrangements whereby the prisoner could be guarded and not sent to jail, but he declined the proposition.

LARNED TOO WARM FOR HER.

Rose Chapman Leaves for Parts Unknown—Her Record of Villainy.

LARNED, Kas., Aug. 23.—Rose Chapman the disreputable woman driven from here the people yesterday, has left for parts unknown. Squads of citizens patrolled streets all night, but nothing of an unusual character occurred.

Rose Chapman came to Larned in 18 from Tennessee. For several years she led a respectable life, worked hard and had very good reputation. During this time lived with her sister, Mrs. Ann Hervey, wife of a clergyman. They did not get along well together and a separation resulted. Rose began to fall and soon became notorious. Finally she set up shop for herself on