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## THE ERIE ISSUES A STATEMENT

### Oppose Standardization of Wages, Without Considering Conditions--Willing to Give Some Advance.

The railroad side of the controversy between the Erie Railroad and its conductors and trainmen is contained in a statement issued Monday. It is as follows:

"The indications are that the difficulties between the trainmen and conductors of the Erie Railroad and the Company, are not of such a serious nature as to make a strike inevitable. It is the usual procedure of railway organizations when their original demands are declined, for the general officers to fortify themselves with what is known as a strike vote; i. e., the men are requested to authorize their chief officers to take any necessary steps, including the declaration of a strike in case a satisfactory settlement is not made with the employer.

"In calling for a vote on the Erie Railroad, each employee of the organizations referred to is requested to sign to the effect that he will strike 'unless a settlement of the above referred to questions, satisfactory to the General Committee and officers of the two organizations, can otherwise be effected.' The Erie officials are somewhat at a loss to understand what is meant by a 'settlement,' for the reason that the Erie Railroad Company has been dealing with the general officers of the organizations rather than with the committee of its own employees. The proceedings have been carried on absolutely and entirely by the presidents and vice-presidents of the two labor organizations, none of whom is an Erie employee.

"The general officers of the O. R. C. and B. of R. T., have stated plainly to the management of the Erie Railroad that they demand the wage scale now in effect on the Baltimore and Ohio and New York Central Railroads and some other eastern lines and that if it is not granted and they secure sufficient votes, they will call a strike on the Erie Railroad to enforce their demands. They also state positively that they will not consent to any mediation or arbitration of the questions involved.

"A statement has been made on the part of the organization leaders to the effect that the Erie Company stated clearly that all it would give would be an increase of approximately six per cent, which offer was refused. As a matter of fact, the Erie has recently concluded agreements and increased wages of other employees in similar service, which advance amounted approximately to six percent and it is ready to negotiate with the conductors and trainmen on relatively the same basis.

"When an advance of six per cent was discussed, it was distinctly understood that if there should develop any conditions which would justify further consideration, each case would be considered on its merits.

"It was further stated on the part of the Erie Railroad that it was opposed to a standardization of wages applying to all railroads in the territory traversed by the Erie without giving conditions proper thought and consideration. However, the labor leaders have taken the stand that a standard wage which they themselves have formulated must be accepted by all railroads regardless of conditions or ability and they state that if their demands are not complied with, that strikes will be declared for enforcement of their principles and even going further by making the statement that neither mediation nor arbitration will be accepted.

"As a matter of fact, however, the situation has not reached a point where either side expects a strike and it is quite likely after the vote is taken that a compromise will be effected. Either side, however, still has the right in case of a deadlock to demand arbitration under the Erdmann Act.

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## LUCY STONE CLUB.

The Lucy Stone Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Loughhead, Tuesday evening, May 17th.

Woman's Invasions.  
Roll Call.—Opinions of Eminent People.

Paper.—Miss Starr.  
Recitation.—Mrs. Thos. Boyd.  
Paper.—Mrs. Backus.  
Poem.—Mrs. Randolph.  
Music Committee.—Mrs. Stilwell.  
Hostess.—Mrs. Coleman.  
Entertainment.—Mrs. Conley.

## TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO BE REVOLUTIONIZED

### The New Telepost Company is Now Extending Lines to New York -- Will Come Through Andover.

New York, N. Y., May 2, 1910.—In pursuance with its plan to interlace the whole country at an early date with its web of automatic telegraph wires, announcement was made in New York today that the Telepost Company has under advisement the expansion of its system to all parts of New York State.

Connection is to be established by way of Chicago to which point the system now extends. William H. McCollum, former Superintendent of Construction of the Postal Company, who is in charge of the extensions of the automatic system, has been looking over the ground for some time and reports conditions unusually favorable for the inauguration of work on the line. Simultaneously with the eastward extension from Chicago, other extensions will be made into the State from Pittsburg, Boston and this city.

This system is regarded by scientific men as the most brilliant achievement in the evolution of telegraphy since Morse's time, representing the conquest of a new basic principle in telegraph that presages for that industry a world wide revolution with its 2000 words a minute service and rates of one cent, half-cent and quarter of a cent a word, regardless of distance. For the last 18 months it has been in commercial operation in New England and in the Middle West.

By the Telepost system a message is transmitted with equal facility over either a telegraph or telephone wire. Its rates are the lowest and its service the most rapid in the world.

Civic organizations and boards of trade throughout the state, have been in touch with the officials of the Telepost for several months and have assured the Company of their readiness to co-operate with it in anyway it can suggest as most likely to facilitate the extension of its lines to New York.

Among the cities and towns to which the system is to be extended are: Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Utica, Rochester, Rome, Buffalo, Geneva, Ithaca, Elmira, Binghamton, Auburn, Watertown, Ogdensburg, Schenectady, Gloversville, Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Mt. Vernon, Yonkers, New Rochelle, Andover.

Patrick B. DeJany, the inventor of the Telepost system which is now used between Chicago and Portland, and between St. Louis, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, and other cities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, is an old associate of Thomas A. Edison. The discovery of the new scientific principle which made its invention possible, is the realization of an ambition Delany and Edison had as far back as 1871 when he and the wizard experimented on improvements to the Morse methods of hand transmission over a special wire constructed between Washington and New York with the idea of evolving a system of rapid telegraphy to displace the mails for long communication.

In addition to being a boom of inestimable value to the public, the Delany automatic system, will save the newspapers of the country hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in telegraph tolls.

Of the \$1,500,000 expended every year for telegraph service by the Associated Press it is figured out that approximately \$700,000 will be saved by the use of the automatic service, when it completes its continent wide expansion.

## Cutlery Plant Changes Hands

### C. W. Harrison, of Sheffield, England, and Others, Purchase Plant-- Will Operate Same in Andover.

The property of Platts Bros. Cutlery Company of this village, was sold Saturday by the Trustee in Bankruptcy, Arling R. Baker, to the highest bidder, at the office of C. L. Early. It was bid in by local parties who held claims, secured and unsecured, to the amount of \$11,000 against the property, in an effort to save themselves as much as possible from too great a loss. The plant was sold subject to a \$6,000 mortgage, held by the Andover State Bank, and was bid in at \$654.00, above the face of the mortgage.

Platts Brothers Cutlery Company came to Andover, three years ago. It was started by the sale of \$6,000 worth of stock, among Andover people. Its greatest difficulty has been, all the way through, a lack of working capital. Had they started by raising \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 instead of \$6,000.00, it might have pulled through with a profit instead of a loss. As it is, it has run to a loss of all the stock sold, besides a number of thousand dollars by its directors who signed notes with the company.

The two Platts brothers, with ten employees, associated with them, endeavored to buy the plant of the local purchasers. Allegany had representatives here in an endeavor to purchase the plant and move it to their village. Either of those opportunities of sale if they had been

accepted would have nearly freed the purchasers of any loss in the business, but it would also have taken the cutlery business from Andover. After hours of deliberation over the matter, it was decided to take a substantial loss, which would run into the thousands, and keep the plant in Andover, and it was accordingly sold to C. W. Harrison of Sheffield, England, and associates, who will start the wheels turning just as soon as necessary changes and improvements can be made.

The new company are composed of experienced and successful cutlery men who are backed with ample capital, and all indications point to a business as stable as our silk mill. The Andover people voluntarily gave \$10,000 to establish the silk mill here, and they have now involuntarily given an equal amount toward a cutlery plant. The News-expects of the new cutlery company as great a success as has been obtained at the Rochambeau Silk Mill.

Those of the old employees of Platts Bros. Cutlery Company who are capable workmen and are desirous to continue work in Andover for the new company will be given the opportunity. The plant will start with about 20 hands and increase the number as they can. They already have an assured annual business of \$18,000.00.

## THE LEGEND OF THE LONE PINE.

One of the features of the concert to be given here Wednesday, May 18th will be the composition, called the "Legend of the Lone Pine" by Will Earle Babcock. Mr. Babcock is an Allegany County boy and it may be of interest to those who know him to learn under what circumstances the "Legend" was first conceived in his musical brain.

One evening over a year ago, June Reed (who is Mrs. Babcock in private life) was reading aloud the story called "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," by Fox, when suddenly Mr. Babcock went to the piano and began playing. Mrs. Babcock exclaimed, "Why! that is the lonesome pine." Mr. Babcock replied, "of course it is" and afterwards developed this theme for violin and piano. While studying in London last year he played the theme for the great American violinist, Francis Mac Millace who was most enthusiastic over it and desired to play it on his tours. Also the marvelous Russian Violinist, Zimbalist, was delighted with it, but Mr. Babcock refused them on the ground that he had promised June Reed should play it first in public, as it was dedicated to her.

The "Legend" had its first public performance in New York the 2nd of last December at Miss Reed's Recital at Hotel Astor, and was the most successful number she played that evening.

The above mentioned composition is decidedly of the "New School" in music and comes under the head of nature music. All those who are attuned to the subtle beauties of nature will easily recognize in it, the sighing winds in the sad pines, the birds' thrilling forth their joy and the ever beautiful brook flowing on with its undercurrent of mystic melody, without any further explanations.

The following is quoted from Wellsville Daily Reporter, after concert given there in January 26th:

Mr. Will Earle Babcock, assisted June Reed in her last selections. Mr. Babcock has greatly improved also in piano work since his last appearance in Wellsville, and the "Legend of the Lone Pine," his own composition, as rendered by himself and June Reed was one of the gems of the evening.

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## NOTICE

A meeting of all interested in the observance of Memorial Day in Andover is called for Tuesday evening at 7:30, at Village Hall, to make arrangements for Memorial Day. Every one interested in Memorial Day is urgently requested to be present.

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## WHIPPLE STANDS BY THE CARP

### Says the Mud Fish are Valuable Food Fish and Will Come Into Their Own Soon.

Commissioner Whipple today made an interesting statement of facts in relation to the fish known as "carp." Among other things he said:

"Many people wonder how carp got into all the streams, ponds and lakes of the state. An examination of the report of the State Fish Commission for 1887 explains the condition. There it is shown the Fish Commission through Commissioner Eugene G. Blackford, during the months of November and December 1886, distributed throughout the state 8,000 German carp in lots of 20 each to 400 different places well distributed over the state. That is the way they were introduced into the waters in this state."

He further stated, "Many people are beginning to understand that carp is a valuable food fish and no one knows this better than the large fish dealers. Carp are worth today, taken from the water, from 8 to 11 cents per pound, and are worth alive in New York City 25 cents per pound. In view of these facts carp is a valuable food fish."

"It is said there is at least \$211,000 worth of carp taken from the Illinois River each year, placed upon the market and sold; that the catch of carp in Lake Erie and its tributary rivers last year amounted to \$2,000,000. The Ohio legislature has enacted a law imposing a fine for the taking of carp less than fourteen inches in length. It applies to Lake Erie and the rivers that flow into it. The effort of many people throughout the state—believing that carp are of no consequence—has been to try to exterminate them. In a short time carp will generally be looked upon as one of the valuable food fishes."

It might be well for all persons to take notice of these facts and not be too hasty in exterminating the carp.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Cunningham, Superintendent of Purity, Wednesday afternoon, May 18th, instead of Friday, May 20th.

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## AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

### Interesting School Notes Picked up by the News Correspondent Among the Faculty and Scholars.

Let the returned to school, May 2.

Principals who was absent from school, Wednesday.

The High School B.H. Team played the Silk Mill Team, Saturday, April 24th. The game resulted in a victory for the Silk Mill. This was the first defeat for the High School this season. Score was, Silk Mill 19, High School 4.

Following was the lineup: High School, positions, Silk Mill  
P. Trowbridge 3rd & P. F. Bloss  
Brainerd\* P. & 3rd. O. Baker  
L. Bloss\* 1st. Base. Raufenbarth  
Snyder, 2nd. Base Clark  
Payne, S. S. Sim  
Backus, Catcher C. Trowbridge  
J. Richardson, L. Field, O. Baker  
P. Richardson, C. Field, Joyce  
Whitcomb R. Field. Barrett

The High School team had to cancel a game with Almond High School because the grounds were not finished.

Last year the Schools of Western New York set apart a day for a field meet. The second annual meet is to be held in Alfred, Thursday, May 19th. The only entry from Andover, is Brainerd, who enters in 100 yard dash; 440 yard dash; and one mile run.

Arbor day was observed in the High School by the following program:

Origin of Arbor Day.—Illa Brown.  
Song.—Miss Graves' girls.  
Recitation.—Guy Galutia.  
Floral Love Tale.—Lyna Trowbridge.  
May Driscoll.  
Exercise.—Boys of II and III grades.  
Cornet Duet.—Harold Brainerd and Lou Bloss.

Recitation.—Adabelle Bassett.  
Recitation.—Louise Earley.  
Exercise.—"What is Arbor Day?" IV and V grades.  
Song.—Howard Richardson.  
Song.—Lynn Hammond.  
Song.—Girls II and III grades.  
Reading.—Regina Raufenbarth.  
Recitation.—Roxy Ingraham.  
Recitation.—Regal Whitcomb.  
Song.—America.

At the conclusion of the program, the prize was awarded to the room selling the most tickets for the art exhibition. Miss Lynch's room won the prize.

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