

MITCHELL IS WELL LIKED

ADDRESS TERMS WITH KERNELS OF TRUTHS.

Letter Insight Into Labor Conditions Given by Labor Leader.

Violence in conducting strikes is utterly abhorred by John Mitchell, the veteran labor leader. "If one act of violence was necessary to win labor struggles, I would sever my relationship with trade unionism," asserted Mr. Mitchell in his chautauqua address in "The Philosophy, Purposes and Goals of Trade Unionism," yesterday afternoon before an audience of about 100.

Mr. Mitchell's address was well rounded out, concise and was punctuated with bristling statements — the product of years of study of economic conditions. In a passing way he heartily endorsed woman suffrage, claiming that one of the fundamental principles of labor issues is the right of equal suffrage.

Labor Is Reviewed.

Anti-dating his address with a review of "organized labor in the early history of christianity, even before Christ." Mr. Mitchell accentuated the facts that what is generally termed by historians as slave wars in early Roman history, was nothing more nor less than strikes. Bringing his topic up to date, he asserted that present labor conditions were the result of a factory age when no man consumes as much as he produces and that as such it had to be treated in a manner different to historical warfare.

Strike Rights Upheld.

"The true ideals of labor will be realized," said Mr. Mitchell, "when all members of all trades unions become aligned on one side against all the employers of labor on the other. Whenever the right to strike is surrendered,

labor surrenders its industrial liberty and goes back to the days of slavery or slavish conditions."

Six fundamental principles make up the ideals of trades unionism, and Mr. Mitchell took up each one briefly discussing it in the light of a student of these conditions. Among these issues are the right to strike and shorter hours of work. In his discussion of the latter subject he ridiculed the arguments of many that shorter hours of labor failed to create a greater earning capacity of the individual.

"A man that works eight hours per day has more time for recreation for mind and body and therefore is able to produce greater results in a day of eight hours than he would in a day of 12 hours when his body is incapacitated and his mentalities deadened. The great majority of the working men do not spend more time in drunkenness and debauchery because he work less hours."

Mr. Mitchell's address was well handled and well received and men and women who have given none or little thought to the "insides" of labor came away with a better understanding of strikes, their purposes, and a generally better aspect of the labor situation and labor conditions. It was worth the price of the chautauqua season ticket to become enlightened on this stupendous subject in the way that Mr. Mitchell enlightened.

UNANIMOUS FOR BITULITHIC.

Council Passes Ordinance Over Mayor's Veto, Awarding Paving Contract to Warren Brothers' Company.

Considering the passing of the ordinance over the mayor's veto letting the paving contract in favor of bitulithic pavement, the Idaho Falls Post says:

"The council committee went into the matter pretty thoroughly, and they are convinced that the bitulithic type of pavements is the best, and while the initial cost is greater, the life is also greater and consequently in the end, it is the cheapest pavement. Every facility for thorough investigation was

placed at the disposal of this committee and they investigated some 15 different kinds of paving, and they are not only unanimous but enthusiastic about bitulithic. The committee composed of some of Idaho Falls most respected men, and no one can question the honesty of their decision and the fact that they have the welfare of Idaho Falls at heart.

Other men elsewhere, experienced in paving matters, have come to the same conclusion as the council committee. Upon the last visit to this city of Hon. John M. Haines, former mayor of Boise and now candidate for the republican nomination for governor, the editor of the Post asked him in the course of a private conversation as to his experience in paving matters and with different types of paving while mayor of Boise. He was enthusiastic about bitulithic. He was not talking for publication, had no personal interest in the matter, but was giving his honest opinion as an individual. He admitted that when elected mayor of Boise he was prejudiced in favor of asphalt paving, but since the bitulithic was put down he was convinced it is the best. Both because of its superior wearing qualities and because it provides a better wearing surface.

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