

World-Wide Labor Movement

Interesting Items From Trade Union Papers and Exchanges, at Home and Abroad.

Smoke blue label cigars.

Attend the meeting of your union.

The cause of labor is gaining ground.

Working men, keep out of Jap restaurants.

The "Cheap Pleasure Seekers" love scab music.

Let reason rule—not envy, passion and prejudice.

See that the union label is on every thing you buy.

A man can do more work in six days than he can in seven.

The "full dinner pail" was a mammoth confidence game.

Journeymen brewers' unions have over \$40,000 in their treasury.

Working men should patronize those who advertise in the Labor Press.

Minneapolis unions are financially supporting the striking dressmakers.

As you learn, teach; as you get, give; as you receive, distribute.—Spurgeon.

The Portland Labor Press should be in the hands of every working man in Portland.

American Federation of Labor has chartered 100 central bodies since January 1, 1900.

Carpenters on strike at Lawrence, Mass., have started to work on a co-operative basis.

Pattern makers are requested to stay away from Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. Trouble on.

Clerks' unions of New York are agitating for the introduction of the 10-hour day. At present all hours are the rule.

Cigar makers have run down a counterfeiter of the blue label in Lancaster, Pa. Thirty thousand bogus labels were captured.

The New Albany, Ind., city council has adopted a resolution, providing that the union label shall be placed upon all city printing.

The Standard Mill of Oakland has conceded the eight-hour day, and will henceforth be operated as a strictly union establishment.

The golden rule: Do unto others as you would they should do unto you.

The silver rule: Do others, if you don't, they'll do you.

New unions were chartered by the Bakers' International during the past week at Geneva, N. Y.; San Francisco, Cal.; Norwich, Conn.; and Cincinnati.

In one week, Miss Helen Gould received thirteen hundred and eight requests for aid, the sum amounting to a total of one million five hundred dollars.

Tobacco workers are appealing to organized labor to boycott the following brands: Twist—Bull Dog, Senate, and Axle; plug—Old Congress Navy; smoking—Helping Hand, Mountain Rose, Windmill; fine cut—Fountain, Old Congress, Sweet Clover.

The propositions to elect the Swiss state council by popular vote, and the national council by proportional representation were both defeated by large majorities in the referendum.

Whether Stanford University is to be turned into a Chinese kindergarten remains to be seen. If it should so turn out, Mrs. Stanford would make a first-class teacher for such an institution.

Under instructions from Mayor Jones, of Toledo, the City Engineer W. E. Brown issued a mandate that eight hours shall constitute a day's work. It is proposed by contractors to contest in court the constitutionality of the act.

The Knoxville, Tenn., Federal Labor is out with an appeal for aid to support the strikers of the Knoxville Woolen Mills, who have been fighting the concern since March 16. Send your contributions to Paul Hein treasurer, 443 West Depot street, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Blue Label Cigar is making wonderful strides of progress in San Francisco. The last impregnable fortress conquered is the territory bounded by California and Montgomery streets. You may hardly believe it, but ask for the Blue Label when down town and be convinced.

SOME HOT SHOTS

Fired at Union Men Who Object to Paying Their Dues.

An exchange says that of all the strange things that confront a sensible man in this world, it is certainly the strangest to see what meanness is displayed by some members toward their organization. Not satisfied with criticizing in and out of season every move taken for the welfare of all the members by the officers of the organizations, they not only do not give any moral support to the measures adopted, if they do not oppose them outright, but they also seem to suffer a kind of tetanus of the hands when it comes to paying dues and assessments. And little they realize how hurtful such action is, not to themselves, but to the organization in general.

The true organizations, above any other, are the ones that obtain the maximum of benefits for their members for the minimum of expense, and the four or five dollars per year exacted as dues vouchsafes a return altogether out of proportion to the amount expended.

It is the organization as such that has reduced your hours of work and increased your pay; it is the organization that has made it possible for you to meet pay day with equanimity and not in fear and trembling lest the boss dismiss you with the remark, "No money this week, boys." It is the organization that gives your craft the standing it has today and makes you and your fellow-workman a respected element of the community.

Of course it costs money to conduct such an organization, and you wouldn't be asked to pay for anything if you did not have an organization. But where would you be today without an organization?

If you would like to have an answer to this question, go among the unorganized toilers and study with open eyes their deplorable condition—hardly one remove from absolute slavery. See how many hours they have to work, and what miserable pay they get—when their employers, indifferent to their mastery over them, pay them at all—and then ask them whether or not they are willing to pay four or five dollars a year to have their working time reduced to decent hours and their pay increased to a living wage. Ask them, and you will be shamed by a thunderous "Yes!" that will greet you everywhere.

Working men very naturally turn to their organization if trouble befalls them; they expect their organization

to keep up their pay and keep down their working hours; they expect their organization to fight the combinations of capital that, vampirelike, would have the last drop of their blood; they expect their officers to watch the legislatures of some forty odd states and labor and see that their laws already existing are carried out. They expect—well, what don't they expect from their organization? And yet the members, at least a goodly portion of them, cry out against paying a paltry four or five dollars per year as dues. They don't seem to be able to cut loose from their pennies; but let a noted slugger come to town, then you will see these thrifty fellows give a five-dollar bill for a seat away up in the rafters of some hall to see one brute bruise another. They are sporting gentlemen then and their demeanor is one of "we don't care how we spend our money."

A member of a trade union has not only rights, but he has duties—and one of the most important duties is to pay his share of the expenses of his organization, and he should pay cheerfully and promptly. Never forget for a moment when you pay your dues that in all probability you would not be able to pay even the paltry four or five dollars if it was not just for your organization. Therefore, let everyone remember the benefits already derived from the organization and yet to accrue and do not be mean with your union.

HANNA'S HAND.

A recent Associated Press dispatch has the following bit of interesting news:

"Mark Hanna does not intend that organized labor shall interfere with the presidential election of 1904 and to avoid such a possibility wires have already been laid to capture the American Federation of Labor at the convention which meets in Louisville December 5.

"The fact that Samuel Gompers, its president, cannot be used to carry out the plans of the republican boss is said to have led the latter to plan his defeat for re-election as president of the Federation. The only setback to the plot is the finding of a suitable candidate for Gompers' place. There are plenty of candidates, it is said, but few who can secure enough votes to elect them.

"Great inducements are said to have been held out to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, but to all of them he is said to have turned a deaf ear. The miners will have 1,000 votes in the convention, and he would need only 500 or 600 more at the outside to elect him. Mitchell, however, is at the head of the largest labor organization in the world, and his friends say he believes his future depends upon the manner in which he holds the members together. His friends also declare that he is not in favor of the Hanna plan, as he believes that politics should be side-tracked in labor organizations.

"With Mitchell out of the counting, the next move will be to induce him to work for a candidate selected by the labor politicians. His friends say he will also refuse to do this."

About the only man who isn't taxed for the benefit of the trusts is the hobo who never works. The trust and the hobo are in the same class. Both tax the remainder of mankind and collect the tax, regardless of law or of justice. The only difference is, the police tell the hobo to move on and he moves, while the trust goes where it pleases and stays as long as it wants.

There are more tramps and paupers in the United States today than there were men, women and children in the original thirteen colonies at the time of the Revolutionary war.

Workingmen should patronize those who advertise in the workingman's paper—The Portland Labor Press.

Every union should have a press committee, who will send to The Labor Press the news of the meetings of the respective unions. Please bear this in mind.

When you buy a hat or a pair of shoes, see that the union label is conspicuous by its presence.

Every business house that wants the workingman's trade should display the union card.

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The organized Leather Workers throughout the country are making great efforts to establish their Blue Label permanently in the market. Below is an exact fac-simile of our Blue Label.



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The Leather Workers have adopted this trade mark or Label as a guide for the purpose of enabling union men and the friends of organized labor to distinguish the goods made by union labor from those made by non-union labor. Whenever you see this Label on harness or collars, horse boots, or anything made of leather, that a horse wears, you are at once assured that they are made by union labor. All union men and friends of fair labor can greatly assist us by the proper use of their great power as purchasers, through the means of our Union Label, which has been endorsed by the American Federation of Labor, and all its affiliated bodies throughout the country.

Retail dealers, it will be found, are ever ready to cater to any organized demand made upon them for labeled goods, and by handling such goods the dealer is working to the interests of himself as well as organized labor. We respectfully request that you use your influence as a customer in assisting in the creation of a demand for Union Label harness, collars, horse boots and gig saddles by requesting your dealer to handle labeled goods if he is not doing so at present.

With your co-operation in the way suggested we will be enabled to build our organization upon a basis of permanency, steadily adding to its membership and gradually advancing the wages of its members.

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