

World-Wide Labor Movement

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

Don't miss an opportunity to say a good word for your union.

Little Rock, Ark., union men and women are about to organize a union label league.

A number of Atlantic ocean steamship lines have combined with a capital of \$25,000,000.

Bakers all over the country are starting a strong agitation for the eight-hour workday.

Three large smelting plants combined in Buffalo with \$1,200,000 capital, and more men are laid off.

The Labor News got the endorsement of the Illinois State Federation as the state official newspaper.

Your receipt for a year's subscription to The Labor Press is the union label on your fidelity to the cause.

The white barbers of Little Rock, Ark., who recently withdrew from the mixed union, have organized a new union.

The Central Trades Council of Little Rock, Ark., is working with praiseworthy energy to establish a public library and free reading-room.

Steamfitters and steamfitters' helpers should keep away from Washington, D. C., pending the adjustment of differences between contractors and the union.

The Indianapolis street railway company has begun to weed out the force in their employ, discharging, they claim, only those who are lax in obedience of rules. Trouble will result, it is thought.

The man who advertises in the workingman's paper shows his friendship and his appreciation of the advantages he enjoys in so doing. Show your appreciation of his efforts by patronizing his store.

The street car company in Lima, O., put placards in the cars requesting the passengers to watch the registration of fares. The conductors became indignant and quit work, and the placards were removed.

The Master Painters' Association of St. Louis have abrogated the agreement entered into May 5, 1900, with the St. Louis district council of the Brotherhood of P., D. and P. of A., and trouble is feared.

The mining machine is steadily increasing its field of operations. Statistics show that 43,963,933 short tons of machine-mined coal were taken out last year, or an increase of 11,550,933 tons over the record for 1898.

Robert Thomas, a Southern paper-maker, has discovered a chemical action that will reduce cotton-seed hulls into a pulp at one-half the cost to manufacture wood pulp. Salt trust magnates will take up the invention and fight the paper trust for a market.

Are you calling for union clerks and labeled goods, or are you satisfied to have that clerk with a nasty name wait on you and let him furnish you with prison-made articles? Remember it requires no great amount of courage to say, "Mister, have you a card?" and if he says "No, but I believe in unions," just tell him you are from Missouri.—Galesburg Labor News.

The assessment of 25 cents per month that has been levied upon each member of the United Mine Workers since last March for the purpose of taking care of the striking miners of the organization will cease with the present month. This action was ordered by the national executive board at its last meeting.

Representatives of the National Metal Trades Association and the International Association of Machinists, at a meeting at Washington, D. C., have agreed to a nine-hour day throughout the United States, beginning May 18 next, and all differences are to be settled by arbitration as a means of avoiding strikes.

The Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs will demand the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council upon all its printing. Mrs. T. P. Stanwood, the president, has notified all affiliated clubs that they must also have the label upon all their printed matter in conformity with the action of the Rockford convention.

The shoe manufacturing firm of D. G. King & Co., of Toronto, Canada, after fighting the Shoe Workers' Union for several years, announced, as a result of a conference with Mr. Tobin, of Boston, representing the union, that their factory would hereafter be a strictly union one, and that the union label would in future appear on every pair of shoes turned out by them. All of the 500 employes not now in the union will at once join. This is a great victory. Who's next?

A number of Tiffany & Co.'s highly paid copperplate printers and engravers who were on strike applied recently at the Union Square store of the firm for reinstatement, saying that they were sorry that they had struck. They were told that the matter would be taken under consideration; that the firm would not discharge any of the new men taken on who had proved competent. The agitators who caused the strike will not be taken back. Some of the strikers made as high as \$100 a week, and none of them received less than \$50.

ADVISES CONSOLIDATION.

In speaking of the sympathetic strike, the Terre Haute Toller says that it sometimes involves a violation of agreement between the organizations and employers, and plainly shows that there should be a change in our form of organization; that industry organization should take the place of craft organizations. Under the present system members of many crafts are dependent upon other unions for support, for the reason that there are but a few of them employed at a plant. This gives an opportunity for arraying one craft against another, by granting the demands of one organization and using it as a club to whip the others into line. I do not mean to blame such organizations for this state of affairs. The larger organizations are more to blame. In past years these minor crafts were anxious to get into the old organizations, but were not admitted, or, when they were, were not given any protection in the scales. They then organized separate unions, and now the old organizations have seen the error of their ways and are clamoring for one organization in an industry. This is true of the miners, brewers, printers and numerous other old unions. Let us get together as close as the capitalists are.—Union Guide.

The enumerators' sheets in the agricultural division of the census bureau will show that there are in the United States between 5,500,000 and 6,000,000 separate farms.

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CHAS. L. CONINE,
General Sec'y-Treas.
KANSAS CITY, MO.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHOSE OX IS GORED.

The trades unions are frequently criticised for expelling members and seeking to prevent such from securing work alongside of and under the same conditions as union men. This, it is claimed, has the effect of preventing these men from earning a living at all, but these critics never say a word when a lot of lawyers are disbarred, by the sitting delegates of the lawyers' union, and are actually deprived from following their occupation at all. What can a disbarred lawyer do in the way of getting work at the profession that he is trained for? He actually has to begin life all over again. The Bar Association is not a trades union! Oh, no! It's a profession, and that makes a difference. Anything that a labor organization does is wrong, but if it

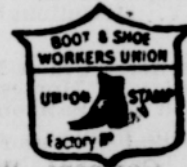
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happens to be a high-toned professional "union," then anything can be done without exciting comment.—Pueblo Courier.

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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.

The business man who wants the trade of the workingmen, should say so by advertising in The Labor Press.