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BIG FISH BREAK THROUGH.

The Little Ones Get Caught in the Net of the Law.

A thief who takes trusts funds or risks the breaking of a bank is the very worst kind of a thief, and should be so treated. His crime is far-reaching in its effects and in its influence. It may ruin hundreds of innocent people, says the Labor Advocate. It may point the primrose path of crime to many a youth. By the side of a snug hypocrite who takes his hundreds of thousands, the burglar, who, to get a watch or hundred dollars, takes his life in his hands and faces twenty years in jail, is a model of chivalry.

Certain and severe punishment alone can check the tremendous evil of banking thefts. We hear much cant about such thieves, and about how "their own feelings are their greatest punishment." That is nonsense, except in rare cases. It is only the being found out that hurts, it is not the sense of guilt.

But, if the bank officer could know that, in case he should steal, he would face a term of twenty years—there would be little stealing. If he could feel sure that his friends could not get him pardoned—there would be little stealing.

If he could know that he would be looked upon as a thief, and not as an unfortunate speculator—there would be little stealing.

In a recent case the big thief's lawyer actually asked the committing magistrate to "spare his client the humiliation of a public appearance."

"He needs to be humiliated," said the magistrate. Till that magistrate's feelings become widespread there will be no change.

It is, of course, a pity that punishment is ever necessary; it is a pity that kind words to a wife beater, good advice to highwaymen, Christian appeals to a murderer, compassion toward the thief who steals a million, will not work out regeneration. And, so long as we have prisons, and criminals inside of them, we should not jail the little criminals and allow freedom to the big ones.

So long as the bank thief is pitied and petted; so long as some penitentiaries have a "Bankers' Row," where the cells are finely furnished and rich meals are sent in; so long as it is possible to plan the glorification of a bank thief by sending him to his prison in a private car; so long as if a conviction is really secured, only a short sentence is imposed and a pardon is expected to follow in a brief time, trust funds will continue to be embezzled and banks to be wrecked.

NECESSARY TO A GOOD UNION.

Grit.
Vim.
Push.
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Energy.
Morality.
Cordiality.
Talk about it.
Write about it.
Speak well of it.
Help to improve it.
Subscribe for its papers.
Help all public enterprises.
Make the atmosphere healthy.
Faith exhibited by good works.
Fire all loafers, croakers and dead-beats. Let your object be the welfare, growth and promotion of your union and its members. Speak well of the right-spirited men, and also be one yourself.—Evansville Advance.

GIVEN SCANT RECOGNITION.

In passing it may be remarked that the Federation convention received scant recognition at the hands of the Associated Press, and where anything like a comprehensive report was attempted the most ridiculous errors were sent out from Louisville, says the Cleveland Citizen. For instance, the news was heralded abroad that Delegate E. J. Bracken, of Columbus, defended Mark Hanna, which report even misled the writer's "sub," and in disgust he printed uncomplimentary things about the combative Edward, who doth have no superfluous love for Uncle Mark. The Cleveland delegate was credited with having introduced a resolution to limit the presidency of the A. F. of L. to two terms for any individual elected. The Cleveland delegate disclaims being responsible for the capers that may be cut in the silly season. The resolution in question was the handiwork of a Kentucky delegate. Other misstatements were made almost daily. The Associated Press cares little about working people individually or collectively.

The business man who advertises in the Portland Labor Press, says by so doing that he wants the trade of the working people. The business man who does not advertise in the Portland Labor Press, virtually says that he does not want the working-man's trade. Working people should see that they both get what they want.

There is no legitimate excuse for a laboring man remaining outside the Union of his trade.

Make the clerk show his card.

The little city of Naniamo, B. C., possesses a shoe factory, and its product comes in competition with the other factories on the coast which employed cheap Chinese labor. To distinguish its product from the Chinese-made shoes, the employees were organized last week into a branch of the Boot and Shoeworkers' Union of America, the organization including every employe of the factory, and its products will bear the union stamp. It is now possible for the shoe dealers of British Columbia to not only deal in union stamp shoes, but union stamp shoes made in British Columbia. There is no reason why this should not be done, as the manufacturers claim that their product is as good as the best, and can be sold at prices to compete with the product produced in eastern factories.—Industrial World.

Administratrix' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Ira Purdin, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same duly verified within six months to me at 246 First street, Portland, Oregon.

Dated January 10, 1901.
MARTHA J. PURDIN,
Administratrix Estate of Ira Purdin.
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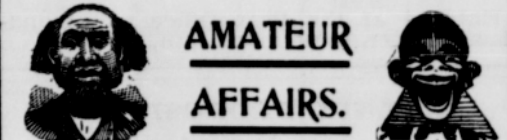
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Wishing you success, I remain,
Yours, W. R. SMITH, Chairman,
Washington Ivy and Appollo Circles,
New Orleans, La.

Two Pairs for Price of One.

Eight mountains of shoes are stacked up in a show window on the corner of First and Yamhill streets, at John Dellar's store, showing the big ax they use for cutting prices. People come in as soon as they notice it and purchase two pairs instead of one, as they realize the substantial cut made in prices. Men's and boys' suits and overcoats are slaughtered at a price not to be equaled elsewhere.



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