

LABOR NOTES

The salesladies of San Francisco have organized a union with a large charter membership.

In Norfolk, Va., there is a lockout of the building trades. The fight embodies the preservation of unions.

From the commencement of the present year up to May, some 10,000 Japanese laborers have been sent to Hawaii.

The fight against convict labor in competition with free labor is at last bringing results in the State of Texas.

New York City, Washington and Newark, N. J., are pressing their claims for the I. T. U. Convention in 1903.

More than 10,000 railroad men in Northern Pacific employment have had their wages increased from 5 to 15 per cent.

Nearly 30,000 men are employed in the steel and iron industries of Pittsburgh, with wages that average only \$2.25 each a year.

The Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of San Francisco have issued a declaration in favor of municipal ownership of street railways.

The Postoffice Department has refused transmission of second-class mail matter having the imprint of the union label or the Allied Printing Trades on the wrapper.

The first case to be dealt with by the newly constituted arbitration court of New South Wales is one brought by the Sydney tailors against a clothing firm in that city.

In a dispatch from Washington it is stated that it is now positive that the eight-hour bill will not be reported by the Senate committee on labor and education this session.

The Labor League, of Galveston, Tex., an organization of union men, will make a political fight for a state eight-hour work day law and the abolition of child labor.

The chorus girls are forming a National organization and will affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. They will demand a minimum wage of \$25 a week.

The American Window Glass Company has adopted an invention which is expected to vastly decrease the cost of the production of glass by doing away with blowers, gatherers, and snappers.

Members of the Hotelkeepers' Union of San Francisco have asked a raise from a minimum wage of \$3 on public works to \$4. The matter will likely be settled on a \$3.50 per day rate for eight hours.

The strike in the chain trade of South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire for an advance of 10 per cent in wages is ended. Between 2000 and 3000 operatives have resumed work at the advanced rate.

The machinists of the Union-Pacific Railway system went out on strike the week of the 10th. They demand a 10 per cent raise in wages, reinstatement of discharged machinists, and no piecework. Over 1700 men are affected.

All electrical workers and linemen employed in the local telephone exchanges at Des Moines, Ia., quit work out of sympathy with the too striking central girls. Further sympathetic strikes are expected next week.

The Supreme Court of Missouri sustains the fellow-servant law upon the statute books of that state, and gives Thomas Callahan \$5000 for damages received while on duty in the service of the Merchants' Terminal Railroad Co.

The strike of 350 car cleaners employed by the Pullman Company, which began on June 18, was declared off last night. A number of the men had already returned to work and were said to be receiving more money than they did prior to the strike.

The United Brewers' Association in session at Saratoga, N. Y., June 12, took action looking to an agreement with the National Brewery Workers' Association that will lead to arbitration in the adjustment of all future difficulties between employers and employees.

The leading bakeries of San Francisco intend to combine, and the master bakers contemplate the erection of a large factory where the work will be done. The firms in the trust intend to shut down their individual bakeries, receiving their bread and pastry from the central shop. By this plan they expect to reduce the cost of manufacture. Less help will be required.

San Francisco newsboys have organized themselves into a union, and for a starter they demand an increase in the sale price of newspapers, and that the giving away of papers with meals or drinks by restaurants and saloons be stopped. There are 350 of the boys in the union.

It was announced at a meeting of striking dyers' helpers at Paterson, N. J., last Friday, that six firms had signed the schedule of wages prepared by the men. The employees of the six shops returned to their places Monday. It is thought the total number who will resume work is about 1000. It is expected other shops will sign the scale in a few days.

The existing truce between the Building Trades Council and the Carpenters' Unions of San Francisco affiliated with the brotherhood has ended. The carpenters have refused to accept the terms offered by the contractors, and the fight may be resumed on July 1. The Building Trades Council expects to have the assistance of the contractors in its attempts to enforce the boycott against the brotherhood carpenters.

The Freighthandlers' and Warehousemen's Union, which has on its rolls 75,000 men who handle freight in 200 warehouses used by the 24 railroads entering Chicago, made a demand last week for a 2 1/2 per cent increase in wages. They claim to be able to prevent any freight from entering or leaving Chicago freight sheds.

Should there be a strike, it is said the teamsters' organization, although adverse to a strike by the freighthandlers, would almost be inevitably drawn into it.

One hundred thousand men employed by the United States Steel Corporation will receive an advance in wages of 10 per cent, which will increase the annual payroll of the Steel Corporation by \$4,000,000. The advance applies to union as well as to nonunion men. Strictly

speaking, the advance applies to non-union men of every constituent company of the corporation. Workmen working under a private scale will be debarred from the advance, as well as coal miners, coke workers, rodmen and tube workers.

The Labor Council of San Francisco has started a persistent and vigorous agitation against Chinese in that city. All storekeepers, grocers, saloon men and others employing Chinese labor will be placed upon the "unfair list."

The crusade will first be devoted against grocers and saloon men who employ Chinese or handle goods made by the coolies. Attention will be called by the circular to the fact that the so-called Chinese exclusion act recently enacted by Congress is a fraud and a delusion, and that, instead of excluding, it will really make it easier for the alien hordes to enter this country to compete with white labor.

The retail clerks of Salem held a meeting last evening and perfected a temporary organization of a Clerks' Association, with a view of becoming a part of the American Federation of Labor. The meeting was well attended by the clerks and salesmen of the city, and great enthusiasm prevailed. Officers were chosen as follows: President, H. N. Lacy; vice-president, G. W. Hollister; secretary, R. W. Holman; treasurer, J. G. Evans, Jr.; trustees, W. C. Walling, Jordan Purvine, F. S. Hamilton; sergeant-at-arms, D. R. Yantis; delegates to central committee, O. C. Locke, D. A. Dinsmore, A. L. Hopi. The meeting adjourned at the call of the president.

Following are the officers of the International Typographical Union chosen for the ensuing two years: President, James Lynch, Syracuse, N. Y.; first vice-president, C. E. Hawkes, of Chicago; third vice-president, James Mulcahy, St. Louis; fourth vice-president, J. F. O'Sullivan, Boston; secretary-treasurer, J. W. Bramwood, Denver; delegates to American Federation of Labor, William A. Garrett, Washington; Max S. Hayes, Cleveland; Frank Morrison, Chicago; allied crafts, J. F. O'Sullivan, Boston; trustees, Union Printers' Home, Thomas McCaffery, Colorado Springs; W. J. White, San Francisco; L. Shepard, Chicago; H. H. Rogers, Chicago. The total votes cast were nearly 20,000, or about 70 per cent of the union.

Strikes are costly, disturbing and often deadly, but the spirit which causes workmen to strike is to be encouraged, not deplored.

Far worse for the country than strikes would be a slavish disposition to submit humbly to degrading conditions of life.

Strikes are part of the price we pay for the advance of civilization, which is to be measured in progressive improvement in the standard of living.

Under our existing social system, capital and labor, employer and employee, are partners in production, but when it comes to dividing their joint product, they are no longer partners, but hostile forces.

Capital tries to keep all it can, and labor tries to extort for itself as much as possible.

There ought to be a better way, an easier and less destructive way, of apportioning between capital and labor what they earn in conjunction. So ought there to be a better way than that of fighting bloody battles to settle international disputes.

The strike, like war, is a symptom of social disease, a proof that we have yet to travel far before we shall arrive at a stage of civilization, a state of social health, where both will be outgrown.

There have been plenty of foolish strikes and of wicked strikes, but the total effect of strikes must be reckoned as vastly good.

Bishop Potter recently reminded an audience that workmen owe little to anybody save themselves for the amelioration of their lot.

To the trades unions and their insistent demands for better wages and shorter hours we are indebted for most of the improvement which has taken place in the condition of the wage workers.

And as the wage workers are prosperous, or the reverse, so in the long run will be the remainder of the community.

Hence the interest of the community is with labor and not with capital in the ceaseless struggle over wages.

In the rapidly extending union of workingmen, the steadily deepening sense of the solidarity of labor, we see one of the most hopeful signs of this era of consolidation.

Presently the strike will extend to the polls.

When the millions of citizens who toil for wages learn to vote as they work—in their own interest—we shall witness an intelligent, a truly democratic movement that will result in making strikes unnecessary.

For this movement will recognize in MONOPOLY the deadliest foe of labor.

When that happens there will be a national strike at the ballot box against the appropriation of the country's natural resources; against the private ownership of the National highways and all public franchises; against tariffs that breed and protect trusts, and against all special privileges which license some people to tax for personal profit all the people.

Until we have that great strike and it is successful in establishing as the rule of our National life the dictum of equal rights for all and privileges for none, we shall not enjoy real republican government, nor can we hope to escape industrial earthquakes, little and big.

The only cure for strikes is democracy, which means equality of opportunity, the right of every man to his own, and the denial of the right of any man or class of men to take what others have earned.

Democracy is justice.—Examiner.

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Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America, Division 151—Meets first and third Monday evenings at 8:45, in Union Hall, Union block.
Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butchers' Workmen, Local 145—Meets every Thursday at 8 P. M., in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill.
Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, No. 16—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
Amalgamated Woodworkers' Union No. 66—Meets every second, fourth and sixth Thursday, at 230 1/2 Yamhill street.

Beer Drivers' Union, Local No. 201, National Union of United Brewery Workmen, U. S. A.—Meets every first and third Saturday, corner Eleventh and Morrison streets.
Blacksmiths' Union—Meets every Wednesday night at 23 1/2 Morrison street.
Bricklayers' International Union No. 1—Meets every Wednesday at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.

Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, Local No. 10—Meets every Thursday, 234 1/2 Morrison street.
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Sunset Lodge No. 130—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Building Trades Council—Meets every Monday evening at 24 1/2 Morrison street.

Bartenders' League—Meets every Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at G. A. R. Hall.
Cigarmakers' International Union of America, Local No. 202—Meets every first Tuesday evening at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
COOKS' ALLIANCE, LOCAL NO. 18—Meets every Monday evening in G. A. R. Hall, First and Taylor streets. G. C. Rollman, secretary, No. 33 North Sixth street.

Expressmen's Union—Meets every Tuesday evening at 234 1/2 Morrison street.
General Longshoremen's Union, No. 266—Meets every Thursday evening, at Union Hall, Union block.
Grain Handlers' Union, No. 263—Meets at Schrantz's Hall, corner Knott and Delany streets, every Tuesday and Thursday.

I. L. A., No. 264—Meets every first and third Saturday at Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.
International Association of Machinists, Local No. 72—Meets every first and third Friday in Alisky building.
International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Local No. 50—Meets every third Tuesday evening, in the month of March, at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.

Iron Moulders' Union No. 113—Meets every first and third Thursday at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
Journymen Barbers' Union, No. 75—Meets every Monday evening in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
Journymen Horsehoes' Union, No. 4—Meets every first and third Thursday in room 21, McKay building.

Journymen Plumbers and Gasfitters' Association, Local No. 51—Meets every Monday evening at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
Journymen Tailors, Local No. 74—Meets every second and fourth Sunday, in Union Hall, Second and Stark streets.

Lumbermill Workers' Union of the Northwest No. 1—Meets every first and third Sunday, at 22 1/2 Yamhill street, in the corner Seventeenth and Marshall streets.
Mount Hood Lodge of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Ship-Builders, Local No. 72—Meets every second and fourth Thursday in Alisky Hall.

Multnomah Typographical Union No. 68—Meets every first Sunday of the month at 2 P. M., in Auditorium Hall.
Musicians' Federation of Portland No. 99—Meets every first Tuesday at 2 P. M., in room 21, Chamber of Commerce.
National Association of Letter-Pressmen, Branch No. 82—Meets every second Wednesday of the month in the Post-office building.

National Union of the United Brewery Workmen of the United States, Local No. 7—Meets every second and fourth Saturday at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
Portland's Binery Women's Local, No. 113, I. B. of H.—Meets every first Tuesday evening in the month in Hall No. 300, Alisky Building.

Plasterers' Union, No. 1—Meets every Friday evening at 127 First street.
Portland Laborers' Protective Union—Meets every second and fourth Sunday, at 2 P. M., at 23 1/2 Yamhill street.
Portland Printing Pressmen's Union No. 43—Meets every second Tuesday of the month in McKay building, room 21.

Portland Bakers' and Confectioners' Union—Meets every first and third Saturday, at 6 P. M., at 22 1/2 Yamhill street.
Portland Theatrical Stage Employees' Union—Meets every second Thursday of the month at Corday's Theater.
Retail Clerks' Protective Association, Local No. 249—Meets every Wednesday evening, at Alisky Hall, corner Third and Morrison.

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Stablemen's Union, No. 913—Meets every Monday evening in room 21, Alisky Building.
Team Drivers' International Union, Local No. 162—Meets every Tuesday evening in Union Hall, Stark street, between First and Second.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, No. 125—Meets in Caledonia Hall, Second and Yamhill, every Wednesday evening.
United Brotherhood of Leatherworkers on Horse Goods, Branch No. 56—Meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall, Union block.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Branch No. 50—Meets every Wednesday night in Eagles' Hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets.
United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, Division No. 4—Meets every second and fourth Saturday evenings at Alisky Building, corner Third and Morrison.
Walters' Alliance, Local No. 33, meets every Monday evening at 8:30 at 24 Third street.
Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union, Local 54—Meets every Thursday evening in room 21, Chamber of Commerce Building.

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