

LABOR NOTES

The San Jose, California, printers are working for the eight-hour day. A Woman's Union Label League is about to be organized at Bakersfield, California.

The second biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees met in San Francisco last Monday.

Five thousand boilermakers are on a strike in New York City. The difficulty is due to a refusal of several companies to recognize the union.

All the shingle mills at Olympia, Wash., and in Thurston County are closed as a result of an attempt on the part of the employers to reduce wages.

About five thousand workmen employed in the building trades of Philadelphia were rendered idle May 2 as the result of a walkout ordered by local unions.

At the last meeting of the San Francisco Boxmakers and Sawyers it was announced that one of the largest factories in the city had made application for the union label.

Four hundred carpenters in Springfield, Mass., and Chicopee struck for an increase of 50 cents a day on May 2. There were minor strikes in the building trades in other places.

A general strike of all the union carpenters in Waterbury, Conn., numbering 400, began May 2. The carpenters demand a minimum rate of \$2.80 per day in place of the \$2.50 now paid.

There are four thousand carpenters, five hundred painters, eight hundred plasterers, five hundred plumbers and steamfitters, six hundred electricians and seven thousand laborers employed at the world's fair.

On May 2 the Santa Fe shut down every shop on the road between Chicago and Albuquerque, N. M., locking out 10,000 men. The company's action was in retaliation for a threatened strike of union machinists in the shops at Topeka, Kan.

The Minneapolis, Minn., Union of May 6 says the press feeders are jubilant over the settlement of their controversy with the Typothetae, which has been "hanging fire" for practically a year. At a meeting Tuesday an agreement was reached by which the union secures an increase over the old scale.

The Detroit, Mich., Cigar Makers' Union is about to take legal steps to put a stop to the manufacture of cigars in the Marquette penitentiary. A test case is to be brought, as has already been done by the broom makers' organization in the case of the state prison at Jackson, where brooms are made by convicts.

The sixth biennial convention of the United Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers went into session at Los Angeles last Wednesday. There are 636 delegates in attendance, and the convention will be in session until June 2. New grand officers will be chosen, and many legislative matters for the good of the order will be taken up.

The third annual convention of the United Cloth, Hat and Cap Workers of North America met in New York City May 1, and lasted four days. Samuel Gompers spoke, urging the necessity of organization and of a large strike fund. He commended the Cap Makers' union for having won all of its 110 strikes in different parts of the United States during the year.

It is reported that several rich men of New York City have donated \$30,000 to compile a history of the American labor movement. The work is

to be under the direction of Professor Richard T. Ely, assisted by Professor Commons. This work surpasses in completeness anything of its kind ever before undertaken, and will be of immense value to organized labor and students of economics.

On May 2 more than 1500 bakers in Boston, Mass., and near-by places, including Cambridge, Lynn, Salem, Brockton, Abington, Rockland, Stoughton, Northeaston, Weymouth, South Weymouth and Bridgewater, quit work. The strike was caused by the refusal of the master bakers to sign a new schedule calling for a sixty-hour week and \$16 weekly for second hands and \$18 for foremen.

An agreement was reached last week between the Master Bakers' Association and Bakers and Confectioners' Union No. 4, of San Francisco, on the wage demands of the union, which became effective May 1. The employers conceded the nine-hour workday and an increase of \$2 a week to all hands. The existing schedule of wages is \$15 for bench hands, \$16 for second hands and \$22 for foremen, which rates will be advanced under the new conditions.

One hundred and ten colored waiters in Memorial Hall, Harvard's big eating house, have threatened to strike, and 1200 Crimson students are wondering where they will feed themselves in case demands of alleged "overworked" negroes be not satisfied. Waiters who get \$27 per month and board have to work from 5 until 7 p. m. They declare that this "dinner hour" should be only from 5:30 until 7 o'clock, or that a higher scale of wages should be agreed upon.

Alleging that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America "is a trust, an illegal association, a combination against public policy and contrary to law," a petition was filed in the circuit court at St. Louis, Mo., on April 20, by four local manufacturing concerns asking a restraining order and injunction pending action seeking the dissolution of the brotherhood. The action grows out of an attempt made to unionize the plants of the plaintiffs.

Three strikes and one lockout went into effect in Chicago May 2, and in consequence 7200 wage-earners are idle. Picture-frame makers employed in six factories to the number of 1700 struck, and 3000 boot and shoemakers, employees of "open shop" manufacturers, were locked out. One hundred teamsters of the Union Lime Company and the Artesian Lime Company refused to work because denied an increase of 50 cents a week. Nine baking concerns were tied up by a strike of 400 men, the firms refusing to grant "closed shops."

TO ORGANIZE ELECTRICIANS.

Last Friday Fred Holden, of San Francisco, general organizer for the Electricians' International Union, passed through Portland to the Puget Sound country. His destination is Vancouver, B. C., where he will make an effort to abridge an impending breach between the Canadian Pacific Railroad Co. and the electricians. If he is successful he will return in the near future to Oregon and spend several months here building up the organization and enlisting new converts. He will come anyway, but will be here sooner if the trouble in the Canadian country is settled. Mr. Holden was a member of the executive board sitting in San Francisco that had charge of and conducted the campaign in the late fight between the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co. and the Brotherhood of Electricians.

BARBERS' UNION.

President Thoolens called the meeting to order last Monday evening with a good attendance.

A recognition card will go into effect on the first day of June, and it

will be necessary that all journeymen working in shops in the city where the union card is displayed to have one of these cards, and they must be renewed on or before the first day of each month.

This local will ask the general executive board to place an organizer in the field in the near future and organize if possible the entire state. The Barbers' Union is steadily marching onward, and from all indications by the next convention, which meets in Louisville, Ky., their membership will be almost double what it was at the last convention three years ago.

The general secretary-treasurer is now in Louisville, making arrangements for the convention which convenes October 5, 1904. This local will be entitled to three delegates, who will be chosen at the first meeting in July.

A PLEASANT EVENING.

The entertainment given last Thursday evening by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Typographical Union was a complete success in every particular. Sociability was in the air and its effect was manifest in every lady and gentleman there. It did not seem to be a gathering of comparative strangers, but instead one of friends of long standing. Individual members vied with each other in assisting the social committee, and the result was that happy mingling of good feeling and comfort which is so desirable but so difficult to attain.

Without a hitch of any kind the program was rendered, and an excellent one it was. Each number seemed if anything more enjoyable than the preceding one, in such a pleased state of mind was the audience, and the applause was hearty and sincere.

Mrs. Trumbull's talk was the event of the evening. She spoke of the Consumers' League and its possibilities for good, and did not content herself with generalities, but brought the matter right home to each and every one there, showing how it was possible for each of us to assist in the advancement of the label. Her ideas were new to many, but were intensely interesting and expressed in a convincing and pleasing manner.

Mr. Harry Rogers was listened to with close attention, and sustained his excellent reputation as a thinker and public speaker. He was warmly applauded.

Without exception the musical numbers were fine and to complete the pleasure of the audience the participants were compelled to respond to the enthusiastic demands for encores, which they good naturedly did.

A large addition was made to the membership roll, and a successful future is bound to result for the Auxiliary.

During the evening President Mrs. A. A. Bailey announced several committees she had appointed and stated she had others under consideration. From the character of the committees the possibilities of the Auxiliary already seem greater and with the thought being devoted to this matter each meeting will probably develop some new direction in which good may be accomplished.

The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in June in the Alisky building, Third and Morrison. After the business session the social hour is in the hands of a committee who refuse to reveal what will be provided for the members, but declare all will be eminently satisfied. The evening is being pleasantly anticipated.

HAS RETURNED.

J. T. Morgan, the well-known labor advocate and lecturer, has returned from a winter's sojourn in California in quest of better health. While there he gave some time to the interests of organized labor. While he was in Sacramento he wrote a series of letters for the Tribune, which appeared weekly.

"Stick to the Union, Jack."

"Stick to the Union, Jack" is the title of a very clever little song composed by James L. Feeney, editor of the International Bookbinder, 22 Rhode Island avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and in order that every

union person may get a copy the price has been fixed at 10 cents. The following are the words:

Tom and Jack were union men, and side by side they toiled

In a factory where the union held full sway;

The firm decided to resist the union men's control,

And announced a big reduction in their pay.

A meeting of the men was called; they voted for a strike,

Each man but Jack the union's call did heed;

He proved unfaithful to his trust, a traitor to the cause,

But Tom, his dear old friend, with him did plead:

Chorus—

Stick to the union, Jack, and it will stick to you;

Don't desert the boys on strike, be loyal, firm and true.

Remember now the vow you took, united we must stand,

Stick to the union, Jack, and lend a helping hand.

The men were idle many weeks, at last the strike was won,

And they all returned to work with spirits light;

But the one that proved a traitor was shunned by every one

For he had betrayed the cause he knew was right.

Deserted by his former friends, an outcast from them all,

His name disgraced, he did regret the day

He would not heed his friend's advice—obey his union's call

When Tom, his friend, so pleadingly did say:

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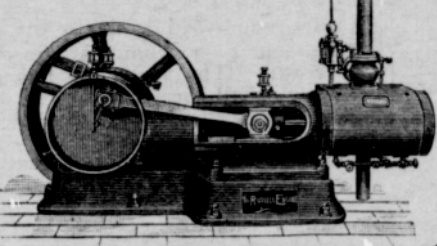
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