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The Colorado affair can justly be termed the "Inquisition of the Modern Ages." Innocent men, women and children have even tasted the physical and mental torture experienced by the martyrs of bloody Spain. While the physical outrages have perhaps been some degrees less, the prostitution of civil rights are fully as great.

The International Association of Machinists, in convention at Denver last week, voted to assess the members of the western division \$1 each per month until the strike on the Santa Fe Railroad is settled. This will net a fund of \$25,000 per month for the strikers. This is the kind of energy that counts. An industrial combat is not unlike military warfare—it's soldiers must be fed. No strike was ever won on an empty and starving stomach.

In the July number of McClure's Magazine, Ray Stannard Baker has an article on "Organized Capital Challenges Organized Labor," which should be read by every trade unionist in the country. It is to be commended for the impartial manner in which Mr. Baker deals with both sides of the question, and the manner in which facts have been secured and described. Another excellent feature of the article is the optimistic view that he takes upon the solution of the industrial problem in the future.

Prime beef was advanced to 14 and 15 cents last week by the meat trust in New York. Old meat market men say it is the highest it has been since the Civil War, and trust agents aver that it is liable to be still higher. The cause attributed by the New York dealers is speculative manipulations by the Chicago packers who are said to control the meat supply of the country. The laws of supply and demand no longer determine the price of the workingman's beef in New York, but instead it would seem to be the law of speculative manipulations which, to say the least, seldom result to the good of the consumers.

That parties no longer grapple with the great issues of the day is demonstrated by the platforms of both the Republican and Democratic parties, recently ratified in convention. The greatest question today is the industrial question—how to deal with the progress of organization of capital and labor, and to what extent the government should become interested in the settlement of disputes that involve the constitutional rights of the people. While both platforms gave small attention to organized capital and labor their declarations are so vacillating in character that it had been best if the matter had been passed unmentioned. Neither party can be held up longer as the party of the people.

The French Minister of Commerce has been informed of the intention of the Rothschilds to give \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing cheap and healthy dwellings for the Parisian working classes. Reasonable rentals will be charged, but the proceeds from this source are to be used for the amelioration of the condition of the workingmen. Little by little is the man of wealth coming to realize that his own welfare is rendered more permanent by a conscientious regard for the welfare of the working people from whom he draws his sustenance. This is a move in the right direction and one that will be duly appreciated though a long time coming. It will be duly heralded to the world in de-

fense of the capitalistic position and the philanthropy of the rich man, but students of industrial economy see in it but a long-delayed recognition of the rights of the workers—aye, more than that; they see in it the tacit acknowledgment of and partial reward for the continuous sacrifices they have been compelled to make to the coffers of the Rothschilds.

There will be no martial law on trains in the State of Colorado. The Denver agents of the various railroad companies operating in the state have been notified to instruct all employees to refuse to move trains where an attempt is made to enforce martial law as defined by Peabody and Bell. This order is the outcome of the disgraceful conduct of General Bell's orderlies in a Santa Fe dining car a few days ago. The orderlies practically took possession of the car. They threw their rifles across the seats and threatened to "shoot up" the car if they were interfered with. The outrageous conduct of these orderlies has aroused the ire of the officials of all of the roads operating in the troubled districts and drastic measures have been resorted to avoid a repetition of the affair.

By the death of Samuel M. Jones, the "Golden Rule Mayor" of Toledo, O., the country has lost one of its very best public men, and radical reformers. Born in comparative poverty he arose through his own energy and perseverance to one of the wealthiest men in Ohio, and at the same time one of the most generous. He could consistently be termed the "poor man's friend," and in public and private life was always on the side of the common people. With all of his riches and political power he never once forgot to be charitable to those in life who were less fortunate than he. Although arraigned repeatedly and severely by politicians for his independence of the party machine he never lost his power upon the people, and when he died he was universally proclaimed as a rich man thoroughly honest, and one of the foremost minds and citizens of the time. By his passing, labor has lost a faithful friend, but his deeds will continue to live to the end of time.

The address of J. A. Emery at the Empire Theater last Friday evening upon the merits of the Citizens' Alliance and the demerits of the labor unions, was largely attended by members of organized labor, who went to hear his objections to trades unions, and how he could explain how one set of men had the right to organize and another set have none. While Mr. Emery did not set his argument upon ground so unsafe as this, the burden of his argument was that trades unions ought to be "regulated." That this is good logic is patent to all—in fact, to trades unionists themselves, but it would be just as good logic to say that all organized bodies should be "regulated." Even the Citizens' Alliance is not perfect—not even outside of Colorado. If the Citizens' Alliance representatives are honest in their statements that they want industrial and civil peace it will not be long until the public will be apprised of the fact. If not, their organization is doomed to die an early death. Nearly all things need regulation. The term is a little ambiguous when an employed orator of the Citizens' Alliance applies it exclusively to organized labor. Some of Mr. Emery's remarks Friday evening needed "regulating," and the fellow that disturbed the meeting at the finish needed "regulating." It is not for us to say, therefore, what Mr. Emery and the Citizens' Alliance of Portland really mean by the word "regulate," but we do know that when D. M. Parry says "regulate" he means "exterminate," when it applies to trades unions, for he has said so. While Mr. Emery found fault with organized labor he did it in a nice way, and left no bitter feeling by vicious or vindictive remarks. In fact, he was much better behaved than the man from the Painters' Union, who asked the speaker some questions, and then lost his temper. It is to be regretted that some men cannot attend a meeting and hear an argument that differs from their own views without making themselves ridiculous. Mr. Emery was entitled to a respectful hearing and but for this fellow would have received it.

MUSICIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Local No. 99, A. F. of M., of Portland, desires to call the attention of all members of organized labor to the fact that the so-called "Royal Italian Band" is a non-union outfit, doing all the things that demoralize the stability of unionism, the wage scale, and you are requested to govern yourselves accordingly.

The Musicians' Mutual Association, Local No. 99, A. F. of M.

Official announcement has been made from headquarters at Pittsburg, Pa., of the wage settlement with the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company. The company signed the scale with a proviso.

SECRETARY'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Vote on Increasing the Per Capita Tax So Light That It Will Not Be Counted.

First quarterly report for the year 1904-05 of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, from May 1 to July 1.

To all Affiliated Unions and all concerned:
Following is a complete financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer for the months of May and June. Secretaries will please compare with their books and notify this office if found incorrect:

Bricklayers—Portland—H. W. Blaney, No. 348 Couch Street.....	4.04
Bricklayers—La Grande—J. H. Blumenstein, Box 213.....	.65
Bricklayers—Baker City—E. T. Beers, Box 912.....	.80
Barbers—Portland—T. M. Leabo, Box 1014.....	4.04
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Portland—Wm. Little, No. 535 Glisan Street.....	2.50
Bookbinders—Portland—F. T. Warren, No. 1068 E. Taylor Street.....	.90
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—Portland—C. A. Legrand, 770 Raleigh St., Bakers and Confectioners—Portland—H. C. Hoffman, 362 Sacramento Street.....	1.70
Brewery Workers—Portland—Louis Clauss, Box 1024.....	3.60
Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders—Portland—T. C. King, 705 East Twenty-first Street.....	1.80
Cigar Makers—Baker City—Hermann Surbeck.....	3.56
Cigar Makers—Portland—W. H. Fitzgerald, Box 674.....	
Coopers—Portland—C. E. Allen, 623 Kerby Street.....	
Carpenters—Baker City—W. Finch, Box 415.....	
Carpenters—La Grande—C. J. Vanderpool, Box 615.....	3.52
Carpenters—Astoria—Matt Nyland, 235 Seventh Street.....	
Carpenters—Portland—C. W. Ryan, Box 548.....	1.98
Carpenters—Pendleton—Secretary Box 140.....	
Carpet Layers and Drapers—Portland—H. L. Brown, 463 Florence St. Cooks and Waiters—Portland—W. Van de Canneel, 272 Montgomery Street.....	4.00
Cooks and Waiters—Astoria—Fred Bowers, care Palace Restaurant.....	.75
Electrical Workers—Portland—C. E. Caulfield, 76 W. Park Street.....	
Fishermen—Astoria—H. M. Lortsen, Box 138.....	6.00
Freight Handlers—Portland—C. H. Davies, 640 Rodney Avenue.....	1.00
Federated Trades Council—Portland—Grant McDonald, Box 206.....	1.00
Federated Trades Assembly—Baker City—Geo. Horritt, Box 455.....	
Trades and Labor Assembly—La Grande—J. H. Blumenstein, Box 213 Central Labor Council—Astoria—H. B. Connell, 738 Exchange St.....	1.00
Trades Council—Sumpter—John Humphries.....	1.50
Trades Council—Pendleton—Secretary, L. Box 129.....	.40
Federal Labor—Salem—H. B. Munson, 381 Mill Street.....	4.24
Federal Labor—Troutdale—Owen Hamilton.....	
Federal Labor—Pendleton—Ben L. Burroughs, 400 Water Street.....	
Federal Labor—Portland—U. G. Kightlinger, 147 Stanton Street.....	5.35
Longshoremen, No. 264—Portland—Wm. H. Woodward, room 18, Ross House.....	13.80
Garment Workers—Portland—Wm. H. Kattelman, 372 Grand Ave.....	15.00
Horse Shoers—Portland—W. J. Farum, Box 71.....	.36
Laborers—Portland—M. J. Conroy, 16 Grand Avenue.....	2.60
Leather Workers—Portland—D. H. Williams, 442 E. Eighth Street.....	
Machinists—Portland—J. H. Upham, 757 Minnesota Avenue.....	
Marine Engineers—Portland—S. H. Shaver, 475 Larrabee Street.....	3.00
Marble Workers—Portland—C. J. Smith, 890 E. Salmon Street.....	2.50
Plasterers—Portland—T. N. Stoltz, 905 Gantenbein Avenue.....	7.20
Typographical—Portland—Lon De Yarmond, care Oregonian.....	
Typographical—Salem—F. Jaskoski, 389 Chemaketa Street.....	1.08
Painters—Pendleton—Lee J. McAtee, 719 College Street.....	
Painters—La Grande—Ed. Martin.....	
Painters—Salem—J. M. Ringo, 279 Hight Street.....	2.32
Painters—Oregon City—M. P. Chapman.....	
Plumbers—Astoria—F. P. Moody, 425 Bond Street.....	3.24
Pressmen—Portland—Jos. H. Jones, 569 Hawthorne Terrace.....	
Retail Clerks—Portland—J. E. Webber, 100 East Eleventh Street.....	1.00
Riggers and Ship Liners—Portland—Henry Arndt, 248 Burnside St.....	
Street Railway Employees—Portland—J. E. Wilson, 544 Couch Street Laundry Workers—Portland—L. D. Crowder, care Fed. Trades Laundry.....	1.50
Sheet Metal Workers—Portland—F. P. Hobkirk, 329 Dekum Avenue Shipwrights and Caulkers—Portland—Chas. Gregory, 448 Union Ave. Sailors of the Pacific—Portland—Chas. F. Hammarin, 23 N. Third St. Textile Workers—Oregon City—J. T. Searle.....	1.50
Tailors—Portland—Mrs. L. Pennington, Box 122.....	7.20
Team Drivers—Portland—Joe Gratton, 702 Albina Avenue.....	
Theatrical Stage Employees—Portland—Will E. Day, care Baker Theater.....	1.50
Total receipts.....	\$128.48

Expenditures.	
May 4—Warrant No. 150—Secretary expenses to Oregon City convention.....	\$12.60
May 6—Warrant No. 151—Multnomah Printing Co.....	20.50
May 6—Warrant No. 152—Stamps.....	4.00
May 6—Warrant No. 152—Postage on stationery to Vice-President.....	1.00
May 10—Warrant No. 154—Rent to June 10.....	5.00
June 8—Warrant No. 156—Rent to June 10.....	5.00
June 11—Warrant No. 156—One cent stamps.....	1.00
June 11—Warrant No. 157—Stamps for Horse Shoers.....	.36
June 11—Warrant No. 158—Secretary salary for May.....	25.00
June 17—Warrant No. 158—Stamps.....	1.00
June 30—Warrant No. 160—Carbon paper.....	.50
July 1—Warrant No. 161—Secretary salary for June.....	25.00
July 1—Warrant No. 162—Stamps.....	2.00
July 1—Warrant No. 163—Expenses to Astoria.....	2.75
Total.....	\$114.71

Summary.	
Balance on hand last report.....	\$52.36
Received for per capita tax.....	128.48
Total.....	\$180.84
Expenditures for two months.....	114.71
Balance on hand July 1.....	\$66.13

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE E. SHAVER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

As we have only received the voting sheets on the referendum vote in the matter of raising the per capita tax, and thus raising an organization fund, from the following fourteen unions, we do not feel justified in making a decision in the case; therefore, we will let the matter go over for a time:

The following unions have sent in their votes: Riggers and Ship Liners, No. 329; Textile Workers, No. 337; Brick Layers, No. 1; Carpenters, No. 1313; Boiler Makers, No. 72; Beer Drivers and Bottlers, No. 201; Brewery Workers, No. 320; Garment Workers, No. 228; Trades and Labor Council, Pendleton; Painters, No. 489; Cigar Makers, No. 202; Leather Workers, No. 58; Freight Handlers, No. 334; Shipwrights and Caulkers, No. 12, and Pressmen, No. 43.

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GEORGE E. SHAVER, Secretary-Treasurer. C. H. GRAM, President.

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