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TO THE WORKINGMEN OF OREGON

It is now four years since the Portland Labor Press began publication in this city and during all that time its columns have been devoted to a cause which even its enemies admit to be a just one. It has stood for the rights and liberties of the toiling men and women of this city and state; combatting the enemies of the masses and upholding the dignity and nobility of LABOR. Its cause is your cause and its success or failure is also yours. Whatever tends to aid and uplift the workingman and promote the welfare of all who use their hands for a living has been the policy advocated by this paper ever since the beginning of its existence.

The support which the paper has received from the twenty thousand union men of Oregon has been far from satisfactory. In other states where organized labor is not nearly so strong as in Oregon, the official labor journals are paying dividends to their stockholders. Why should it not be so here? In this city alone there are sixty unions approximating a total membership of ten thousand men. This vast army of workingmen banded together "one for all and all for one" represents a just cause; a cause which now more than at any other time needs the defense and protection of a fearless paper. In the light of past events it would be rather too much to expect such defense or protection from a daily press owned, controlled and muzzled by men whose every sym-

pathy is opposed to labor unionism. Such papers never miss an opportunity of being on the side of corporate wealth and giving the toiler decidedly the worst of it.

The field of organized labor in Oregon is broad and long. All the leading crafts are unionized and others are being gradually brought together. Don't you think that there is room here for one live, fearless paper devoted to all these interests? Don't you think the time is now ripe to contribute a very small fraction of your earnings towards its support?

No matter how just a cause may be, it is usually judged by the enthusiasm and support given to it by its followers. A labor paper which is compelled to exist on the crumbs from the table of other well supported journals cannot have much of a standing in any community. Had this paper been given the loyal support of union men that is given other journals by the enemies of labor, it would be a powerful ally in the cause of organized labor and would not have its very existence threatened as it is today. Beset by enemies on every hand, it is a wonder that the Portland Labor Press has lived so long. Had it not been for the loyalty and faithful support of a few of the older unions of this city it would have arrived at the bone yard long ere this.

This is not a very agreeable subject to dwell on and for obvious reasons the management has refrained from

its discussion in print. However, the time has now come when the union workingmen of Oregon should be made familiar with the facts and the question of whether or not they should continue the publication of a journal in this city that would be devoted to their own interests.

The advent of the Citizens Alliance, the new American proscription organization, has placed new stumbling blocks in the way of the labor press throughout the country. Realizing that the best way to destroy organized labor, this un-American organization aims first of all to put a quietus on its press. The method used by the union haters to accomplish their end is beginning to show in our advertising columns. Several times during the past few weeks we have been informed of the dirty work being done by this secret order of union haters. Pressure has been brought to bear on business men of this city to withdraw their advertising patronage from the paper and efforts are being made to destroy its influence.

The committees now in the field for the purpose of adding five thousand new names to the subscription list should meet with a hearty reception from every union workingman here. These gentlemen are selected from the Federated Trades Council of this city and the success of their efforts will be the success of the cause of organized labor in this state.

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That Alliance "Convention."

Immediately after the official call for the California State Federation of Labor was issued the Citizens' Alliance issued a call for a state convention of its various branches, to be held in Sacramento, beginning Monday, the 2d inst.—on the same date and in the same city in which the Federation was called to meet. The call for the Alliance convention was almost identical in wording with that issued by the officers of the Federation, and these and several other things combined to create the impression that the Alliance convention would be such an impressive affair that the gathering of labor's hosts would sink into insignificance by comparison. But what a rude awakening! The Alliance cohorts assembled in a hotel parlor Monday and hastily adjourned, hardly a corporal's guard aside from the local contingent being present, although it was given out the day before that at least 150 from outside towns would present credentials. On the following day 27 "delegates" from the Sacramento Alliance were rounded up, and finally a list was given out showing that "credentials had been received" for about 90 delegates (including Sacramento's 27), fourteen of whom were credited to Seattle and Portland. These credentials were credited to men from seventeen California towns. Considering these figures, it would be interesting, indeed, to know what the basis of representation was.

The "convention" listened to several speeches from prominent Alliance apostles, passed a few orthodox Alliance resolutions, and then adjourned to meet in this city on February 6.

Strange to say, the California State Federation of Labor is still in session.—San Francisco Labor Clarion.

Seeks Aid of Court.

The Union Lumber Company, with yards in San Francisco and mills and extensive timber lands in Northern California, has gone into court to secure relief from the fight which has been waged against it by organized labor for four years. On December 30, the company filed a complaint, asking for a perpetual injunction and damages in the sum of \$100,000, and naming as defendants the Building Trades Council, the San Francisco Planing Mill Owners' Association, the District Council of Carpenters, Millmen's Union Local No. 422, Millmen's Union Local 423, the forty-eight officers of these organizations,

and fifty John Does supposed to represent the unknown membership.

The trouble originated in October, 1900, when the Union Lumber Company refused to run its plant under rules, although all its competitors of the Planing Mill Owners' Association agreed to do so. The company has been on the unfair list of the Building Trades Council ever since. Subsequently the company endeavored to prevent its employees in Fort Bragg and the lumber camps in that vicinity from organizing a union, and a long and bitterly contested strike resulted.

A novel feature of the complaint is that the union mill owners of San Francisco, as well as the trade organizations, are made defendants. The case has been assigned to Judge Sloss.

Appeal From Hebbard's Decision.

On December 30th an appeal was filed by Attorney Henry B. Lister in the Supreme Court from the decision of Judge Hebbard of the Superior Court of this city in the case of Goldberg, Bowen & Co. vs. Stablemen's Union No. 8760.

Judge Hebbard granted a permanent injunction against the Stablemen's Union, prohibiting its officers and members from boycotting or threatening to boycott Goldberg, Bowen & Co., or from inducing employees to leave the employment of the firm, or from inducing any customer to refrain from patronizing the plaintiff by any means whatever. In many respects the injunction was one of the most sweeping ever issued by any court, and the language used in some portions of it was most extraordinary, to say the least. Among other things, Judge Hebbard said he believed that should a boycotted employer take the law into his own hands he believed a jury would acquit him.

The boycott was levied because Goldberg, Bowen & Co. reduced the wages of their stablemen 50 cents a day and refused to restore the old rate when appealed to by representatives of both the Stablemen and the Labor Council.

A year may elapse before the case is decided by the Supreme Court, but Attorney Lister feels quite confident of ultimate victory.—San Francisco Labor Clarion.

Justice Jenks, of the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court handed down a decision on December 16 to the effect that an injunction against organizing a strike cannot stand.

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65c Double Sheets for.....	45c	\$2.50 Golf Vests for.....	69c
\$2.00 Bobbinet Curtains for.....	\$1.25	25c Wool Tams for.....	10c
\$3.50 Wool Blankets for.....	\$2.35	20c Cotton Suitings for.....	10c
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