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TIMELY ACTION.

An energetic campaign has been started by the board of directors of the Portland Labor Press, in conjunction with a committee from the Federated Trades Council, to materially increase the subscription list of this paper, and in other ways add to its revenues. The aim of the committees is to add 5000 more names to the subscription books. The committees have been busy since the first of the week, and they will not cease their labors until every union in the city has been seen. The purpose is to induce the unions to subscribe for their membership in a body, the members paying therefore a slight advance in their dues. This has been found to give better satisfaction, more definite support, and greater results in every way. This plan insures a greater degree of independence and better service than the labor paper that is compelled to depend almost entirely upon the business secured from the wholesale and retail dealers. The laboring people of Portland have awakened to a realization of the importance of having a live, up-to-date newspaper of their own. They have learned that it is not only necessary to have a medium through which to disabuse the minds of members in the ranks who have been misled by false rumor and perverted articles in the daily press, but it will enable organized labor to protect itself against the vicious attacks of corporations' dividend fiends. Industrial and political conditions are undergoing a change in the City of Portland right now that may have a significant bearing upon the trades union movement. The Citizens' Alliance members are apparently a unit upon a policy of "no quarter" to the trades union. Members have freely and openly stated that the purpose of their organization is to destroy every vestige of labor unions. While we know that these are statements not based upon sane reason, yet the policy threatens the peace of the community and the rights of the people.

Several committees are in the field for the purpose of adding 5000 new subscribers to our list. A committee from the Citizens' Alliance is also in the field interesting itself in our advertising. Keep at it!

One grand jury has gone out of business and this old world of ours still goes round and round.

Now is the time to boost the Labor Press; don't wait for the committee to call.

How many times have you asked for union-label goods this year?

Send in your name now and be one of the 5000.

Keep your eye on Salem.

Don't fail to attend the whist social and dance given by Ladies Auxiliary, M.T.U., next Tuesday evening, at Hall 200, Alisky Building. A good time is in store for everybody. Date, Tuesday, 8 p. m. Remember place, Hall 200, Alisky Building. Price, 25 cents.

GOMPERS VIEWS.

Employers of Union Labor Not the Howling Kind.

While journeying East after the adjournment of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, President Gompers stopped in Cincinnati for a brief period, and, in an interview with a representative of the Cincinnati Enquirer, had this to say on labor matters in general and the progress of the trades union movement in the United States:

"I mean progress in the broadest sense of the term, notwithstanding the hostile attitude of a certain class of employers' associations, a majority of whose members are not now, and never in the past have been, employers of union labor. These are the people who are raising the greatest howl, because they dread the day fast coming when they will see their employes marshaled under the banner of our federation, and when that day comes, as come it will with the spread of our movement, this class of employers realize they can no longer maintain an undue and unequal advantage over their competitors in the industrial field by paying starvation wages or imposing long hours of labor.

"The greatest humanitarian and friend of the working classes today is the employer and manufacturer who pays just wages and concedes reasonable hours to his working people, and yet must meet the competition of his unprincipled rival in business who does neither. It is a tremendous handicap to the fair employer, but with the growth and spread of the federation we hope to

eliminate these unfair conditions in industrial life."

Two things of recent date seemed to be particularly pleasing to Mr. Gompers. The first was the success which attended the recent convention of the federation at San Francisco, probably the greatest in its history, and the other was the sentiments of President Roosevelt on the labor question as expressed in his message to congress.

After commenting on the message as a whole, he said:

"There are two sentences in the message which are a distinct rebuke to Parry and his organization, on the one hand, and to certain judges of our courts on the other, who, by their rulings and injunctions, have denied to trades union men the right of persuading their fellows to join the organizations, when the president says: 'I believe that under modern industrial conditions it is often necessary, it is yet often wise that there should be organizations of labor in order better to secure the rights of the individual wage-worker, and all encouragement should be given to any such organization. There are in this country some labor unions which have habitually, and other labor unions which have often been among the most effective agents in working for good citizenship and for uplifting the conditions of those whose welfare should be the closest to our hearts.'

"And again," continued Mr. Gompers, "when the president says:

"Wage-workers have an entire right to organize and by all peaceful and honorable means to endeavor to persuade their fellows to join with them in organizations. They have a legal right which, according to circumstances may, or may not be a moral right, to refuse to work in company with men who decline to join their organizations."

"I don't think," concluded Mr. Gompers, "that Mr. Parry and his radical friends of the employers' associations will indorse or approve these sentiments of the president. They are a slap in the face at the 'open shop,' a condition which the trades union man can never accept, for its acceptance means not only a surrender of trades union principles, but an abject surrender of all that has been accomplished and won by the trades unions since their organization."

A GOOD UNION CONCERN.

Of the many manufacturing concerns of this city which keep pace with the industrial progress of the great Northwest, perhaps there is none better and more favorably known to the rank and file of organized labor than the large firm of Neustadter Bros., of Portland. This firm is known far and wide through this section of the country for the excellence of its products. The workman who nowadays does not wear "Boss of the Road" overalls is rare, indeed. Wherever workmen are found throughout the West, from the Mexican line to Alaska, this famous brand of overalls and jumpers is known.

In the management of the large modern brick factory at Grand avenue and East Taylor street there is a splendid illustration of that excellent harmony between employer and employe which organized labor has been striving for so hard in other communities. The company gives employment to over three hundred men and women of this city, and it can be said to its credit that never since its establishment in Portland has it had any difficulty with this small army of workers.

From a union standpoint, the firm of Neustadter Bros. is all that every union man could wish for. Every garment turned out from the factory bears the union label, that magic talisman which guarantees that the article containing it was made under the most fair conditions to all. Every arrangement providing for the comfort of employes has been provided at the company's big factory and a reasonable time schedule has been arranged which is satisfactory to all concerned.

Anything which this paper might say in praise of the goods manufactured by this well-known union house would appear entirely superfluous. "Boss of the Road" overalls and jumpers are of such an excellent quality that they help to advertise the label, and the famous "Standard Shirts" made by this company are getting more popular with the masses every year.

SHIPWRIGHTS AND CAULKERS

The Shipwrights and Caulkers elected their officers at the last meeting in December, and installed at the meeting on the evening of January 37. The officers are as follows: President, Robert Henderson; first vice-president, R. McAlpine; second vice-president, William Wylie; recording secretary, Chas. Gregory;

financial secretary, E. G. McKay; treasurer, M. McKinnon; business agent, J. J. Jordan; guide, Louis J. Stoneberg; guardian, R. Crawford; trustees, Peter Batchen, J. A. Robertson, Thos. Wright.

There are quite a number of idle men, as the shipping industry is quite along the water front.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 317.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7, 1905.

Portland Labor Press: Gentlemen: The following are our officers for the new year, and their addresses: President, C. F. Caulfield, 71 1/2 East Burnside street; vice-president, L. M. Antley, 330 Clay street; financial secretary, F. L. Crockwell, P. O. Box 644; recording secretary, G. H. Lathrop, 547 Washington street. Meetings are now held on Thursday evenings at the Cooks and Waiters' hall on Salmon street.

Yours truly, GEO. H. LATHROP, Recording Secretary.

PAINTERS' UNION.

Painters', Paperhangers' and Decorators' Union has elected the following officers: A. V. Nowratil, president; Charles McGee, vice-president; L. M. Dohyns, recording secretary; W. Noffke, financial secretary; E. L. Hawley, treasurer; F. B. Wolfe, guide; F. Schong, guard. Delegates to the international structural building trades alliance, the central body, are: J. R. Kahler, C. Mouser, W. Noffke, L. M. Dohyns, C. M. McGee. Headquarters of the union have been established at the Carpenters' hall, 66 N. Sixth street.

LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR.

Daniel McAllen, the Father of Oregon's Centennial Exposition.

The following article which we take from the Irish World of January 7, is self explanatory. No paper published in the United States has a larger foreign circulation than the Irish World, which is published in New York. Thousands of copies of this great Irish organ reach the British colonies of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and in fact every nook and corner of the world where men of Irish blood have made their homes. As an advertising medium for our big exposition, the columns of this great weekly could be used to great advantage in bringing before the people of out-of-the-way

OVERCOATS At Great Big SAVINGS

OVERCOATS in all Lengths
OVERCOATS in all Weights
OVERCOATS in all Colors

Every Overcoat Reduced

places the great beauty and various attractions which will greet visitors here next summer:

Among the Irish Nationalists of the great Northwest no man is more widely known or more highly respected than Daniel McAllen, of Portland, Oregon. While sacrificing much of his time and means in promoting Ireland's cause, Mr. McAllen has always taken a leading part in the affairs of his city and state, being found in the forefront of all movements for the advancement of their material interests and for the betterment of social conditions.

Probably none of Mr. McAllen's many public spirited acts will compare in importance with his great conception of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition with a great exposition in Portland. Speaking of Mr. McAllen's part in this great enterprise, the Oregonian of Portland says:

"Conceived in the brain of Daniel McAllen, one of Portland's most enterprising citizens, the Lewis and Clark Fair has already begun to assume material shape through the combined efforts of the citizens of Portland and the rest of Oregon and of the other states which made up the Oregon country of history. This year will see the site bordering on Guild's Lake transformed from a stretch of wild woodland into a beautiful park as a setting for a group of buildings typical of the state's industry and enterprise.

"The project of holding a great industrial fair in Portland had been agitated by Mr. McAllen for several years before it was taken up by the people in general and took definite shape."

On the same subject the New York Dry Goods Economist says:

"Numbers of Economist readers are interested in the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, which opens in Portland, Oregon, on June 1 next, and closes on October 15, 1905. A statement regarding the exposition has been written by Dan McAllen, head of the dry goods importing firm of McAllen & McDonnell, of Portland. More than any one else is Mr. McAllen equipped to tell the tale of the exposition's inception and to outline the work already accomplished. For it was in his brain that the Lewis and Clark Fair was conceived, and it is largely to his efforts that the exposition has made such satisfactory progress."

Resolution on Men's Rights.

The Hearst resolution of inquiry concerning the dismissal of the rural and city letter carriers for alleged political activity and violation of President Roosevelt's order was formally considered Tuesday by the House committee on reform of the civil service.

The purpose of the resolution is to obtain the facts relating to the discharge of the carriers and also to obtain an executive definition of the political rights and privileges accorded to employes of the Government.

President Roosevelt in his message requested Congress to supplement executive action already taken in the cases of carriers who were charged with undue political activity. The Hearst resolution asks what action was taken in order that Congress may act advisedly on the legislation desired by the President.

Don't buy prison-made, scab-made or child-made goods; ask for the union label.

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are justly celebrated for purity, delightful fragrance and pleasant aroma. Life would become a monotonous routine without a little spice, and your food without Monopole spices will taste flat and insipid. Our list includes all known spices, whole and milled. These goods will be found superior to other brands. Don't allow your grocer to substitute some other brand, claiming, perhaps, that it is just as good. We wish you to be the judge of the uniform excellence of Monopole spice, fruit and fish, and canned vegetables.

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