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LABOR NOTES

An exchange prints the item that Japanese barbers in California are working for about \$5 per week and are actually driving the white barbers out of business.

Governor Folk of Missouri has sent out instructions to all state mine inspectors to enforce the eight-hour law which the United States court has declared to be constitutional.

The Railroad Iron Workers and Track Layers' Union, which was formerly affiliated with the Knights of Labor and withdrew from that body, has applied to the A. F. of L. for a charter.

The pocket knife and blade grinders and finishers will hold a convention in Bridgeport, Conn., February 23. The union is reported in good condition, although one of the infants in the A. F. of L.

A joint committee of Methodist ministers and striking printers has been appointed at New York to confer with the managers of the Methodist Book Concern, which, as a member of the Typothetae, is opposing the demand for an eight-hour day.

An agreement has been signed between the Granite Cutters' Union and their employers in Philadelphia under which the men have been granted an increase in wages, shorter hours and a closed shop for three years. And the Parryites were not consulted, either.

Ohio board of arbitration has filed its annual report. Number of employes involved in strikes with which the board had to deal during the year, males 4500, females 500. Duration of strikes, from one day to almost seven months. The board says it is practically helpless.

The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia has passed a law which provides that miners shall not be retained under ground for a longer period than eight hours. Deducting the time lost in entering and leaving the mines, the actual workday will be less than seven hours.

During the investigation of a Chinese immigration case at El Paso, Texas, on January 22, it was brought out that there are schools in Mexico that give instructions to Chinese how they may answer the questions of immigration officials when arrested in the United States.

The Bricklayers and Masons' International Union, which suspended the New York locals last December for refusing to do away with the fireproofing clause in their trade agreement with the Mason Builders' Association, has revoked its resolution. This means a reinstatement of the suspended unions.

A union intended to include every negro railway employe in the Pullman car service in the United States has been organized by the porters, cafe and dining-car men running into New York city. The union is known as the American Association of Railway Employees, and none but a negro is eligible for membership.

The Chinese minister at Washington, D. C., has telegraphed his government that any satisfactory legislation on the exclusion question is improbable. He says that the majority of Congressmen favor greater liberality, but that the influence of the laboring class is too strong against the Chinese.

Commissioner Charles P. Neill, at Mahanoy City, Pa., has notified the miners and operators that the wages of the former for January, computing on the selling price of coal at tide-water at \$4.82 per ton, will be 6 per cent above the basis fixed by the strike commission. This is the same as the December scale.

The Wellington (N. Z.) city council has decided to enter into an industrial agreement with the employes on the municipal street railways concerning wages and hours of labor. The agreement provides that all employes shall join the union within one month of joining the service, and that disputes shall be decided by the appeal board.

Since the successful strike of the grand opera chorus girls in New York several weeks ago, their union has been growing rapidly. The new union is known as No. 14 of the Actors' National Protective Union, chartered by the American Federation of Labor. Its members include German, French, English and Italian singers.

The Iowa State Federation of Labor has taken cognizance of the fight against tuberculosis. President Ulrich

has issued an address to the members, in which he shows that from 25 to 50 per cent of the deaths among trade unionists result from consumption. The Iowa unionists are requested to contribute \$1 each to assist an anti-tuberculosis league.

Six thousand government employes held a meeting at Paris, France, on January 28th, and adopted a resolution demanding that the government frame and have a bill passed permitting its servants to form unions. All classes of public servants were represented, from schoolmistresses to jailers. Sixty meetings were held in the provinces, at each of which a like resolution was adopted.

In most callings when a member happens to meet with a fatal accident operations are suspended for the day. Local Union No. 1004, of the United Mine Workers, has passed a resolution which provides for the men to remain at work and donate 25 per cent of the wages earned at the mine on the day of the accident. It further requests that the company contribute an amount equal to that raised by the workers.

The Shoe Workers' Journal says: Schoolboys and girls in Boston must learn their lessons out of union-label school books. This is what the Boston labor leaders declare, and they are after the school board with a big stick. The Boston Journal of Education, however, is dreadfully upset over the suggestion. The Journal of Education might as well become reconciled to the idea, for this is a reform that is bound to come in every city in the country. Everybody knows that the big book companies make enough money out of the people to pay their printers fair wages.

On a charge of violating the municipal eight-hour law, the Gaffey & Keefe Construction Company of Denver, Colo., will have to appear in court and make some explanations to the state labor commissioner's office. Deputy Commissioner Edwin V. Brake has filed an information in Magistrate Carlin's court charging the company with working its men nine hours per day on the streets of Denver. The purpose of the suit is to test the validity of this law. Brake has a list of other construction companies that are believed to be violating the law, and, as soon as he secures sufficient evidence, will proceed against them.

George Westinghouse, Jr., is working as an apprentice at \$1.28 a day in the plant of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, of which his father, many times a millionaire, is the largest holder of stock. Young Westinghouse belongs to the union, works eight hours a day, carries his lunch in a bucket and does as much work as any of the other two hundred apprentices. More than that, he is a "good fellow" with his comrades in the plant, receives no favors and expects none. Westinghouse is a Yale graduate. He says he is enjoying himself. He will be an heir to an estate of more than \$30,000,000.—Exchange.

CONVICT LABOR.

Portland Labor Press: In accordance with the action of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 13 to 25, 1905, the following resolution is herewith communicated to your organization:

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor is unalterably opposed to the employment or use of convict labor in the production of any article which brings such convict labor in competition with free labor in the open markets; and,

"Whereas, Such use of convict labor in certain states of this country has been prohibited by the enactment of suitable legislation to the great benefit of free labor; and,

"Whereas, We heartily commend and endorse the efforts which have been made by the friends of labor, resulting in the enactment of such legislation; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, By the American Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, that it most strongly advocates the passage of laws for the abolition of the use of convict labor in the production of articles which are sold in competition with free labor, and hereby pledges its support in pro-

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vention at San Francisco, Cal., and Whereas, It was proven to President Gompers when he made an investigation in person of the controversy between the International Union of Flour and Cereal Mill Employes and the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company, May 23, to 25, inclusive, that the union in interest was justified in their action; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates to the twenty-fifth annual convention, reaffirm the placing of the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company on the "We Don't Patronize" list, and urge that all honorable means be used to have patronage withdrawn from the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company until they will show a spirit of fairness in dealing with organized labor.

All organized labor and its friends should enforce the above both in letter and in spirit.

If possible kindly give the above space in your next issue and oblige.

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