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Get ready for Labor Day.

Prepare to celebrate labor's great natal day.

Eight hours' work, eight hours' sleep, eight hours' recreation.

Some of the Statement One legislators are already trying to find an excuse.

Green buttons are fashionable among Portland's street car boys this summer.

The advent of labor unions in national, state and county politics bodes well for the future safety of the country.

Organized labor is the best protector of the republic. It stands as a mighty bulwark between the common people and the encroachments of the plutocratic classes.

The next Oregon Legislature will contain seven Democrats only, says the Oregonist, six in the Senate and one in the House. This will be the smallest Democratic representation in many years. Of the 30 members of the Senate, 14 are holdovers. Of the 15 elected to the Senate this year, seven signed Statement No. 1, and two pledged themselves to support the Republican voters' choice for United States Senator. Of the 60 members of the House, 39 signed Statement No. 1, and six pledged themselves to vote for the Republican voters' choice for United States Senator. In other words, since Bourne, a Republican, received the popular vote, there are 54 members of the Legislature pledged to his support. It requires 46 to elect.

In an official investigation of the Western Union Telegraph Company's affairs during the disaster of San Francisco, it has been ascertained that the company charged over \$1,000,000 for messages received, and after hours, and sometimes days, were sent by messengers to some point where the service was intact, or sent them by mail. The methods of the company were severely denounced by the investigating authorities, but no prosecutions made up to date. Sometime there will be a reckoning day for such high-toned criminals as sure as there is now for the criminal beggar. It is simply a case of obtaining money under false pretenses—for accepting pay for services not rendered. While in Europe there are social distinctions that would make a revolutionist out of the average American, the law over there is no respecter of person. It will be the same here before another quarter of a century rolls round.

Dr. Hugh France, of Wardner, Idaho, is a candidate for gubernatorial honors in the Panhandle state. If there is any show on earth for the doctor to acquire his ambition, the people of Idaho would be deserving of a spray of paris green. Hugh France is the limit. There was only one other man in Idaho that was more pregnant in the knee to the Standard Oil and the mining trusts during the industrial troubles of the Coeur d'Alenes than Dr. Hugh, and that individual was Bartlett Sinclair, afterwards a defaulter in the government service in the Philippines and a would-be suicide. Peabody's efforts to destroy every vestige of union labor in Colorado would look like three ten-cent pieces alongside of what Dr. France would do if he became chief executive of Idaho. Why, the doctor would diagnose every

labor union as a virulent case of the black plague, and would bury them without even a post mortem. There would be an "ice pack" for every labor union in Idaho if Doctor Hugh took his seat in Boise. God forbid!

A labor temple has heretofore been looked upon as a home for the organized labor people. Since a number of them have been erected in various cities of the United States and Canada, they have proven not only splendid homes for the organized workers but profitable investments. In Toronto the labor temple stock is holding at \$1.20, and no sellers. The profits of the company for the first three months of the current year amounted to \$1,100, and prospects are that this will be increased during the second quarter. The Labor Temple Company will soon be paying dividends upon the investment. A similar story is told of nearly all labor temples in the country. In San Francisco the Building Trades Council has assessed each of its 20,000 members two dollars a head for the erection of labor headquarters. The assessment has been paid, the ground purchased, and the building commenced. Some day the organized workers of Portland will do the same, but they should not delay too long. Property purchased now will in ten years from now be worth many times the original cost, and the first cost of the property saved in rentals.

The expose of the meat packing hybrids of this country is credited to Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle." While in a measure he is entitled to it, the strike of the employees of the Chicago packing-houses opened the way for the story. With his trenchant pen ready and his heart bleeding with pity for the man in the ditch, he went into that city and amongst the strikers, where he was told the history of commercial brigandage reeking with filth and misadventure, which he has since told to the world. The strikers told the people what they were eating two years ago, but because they had a grievance they were merely looked upon as commercial character assassins and anarchists. Had the striking employees received the support from the public that Upton Sinclair and President Roosevelt are now, the thousands of employees would have been working for better pay under improved sanitary conditions, and the meat industry would not have been sacrificed to greed as it must needs be now for years to come. A little listening to the cry of the oppressed would have saved all of this widespread indignation.

## TAKE PART IN POLITICS.

The following remarks, made by William R. Hearst before the executive council of the A. F. of L., should help to awaken the workmen of the country:

"The labor movement must disregard party lines more or less, and must use its influence to advance its friends and oppose its enemies. To promote the principles it advocates, union labor must elect a certain number of office-holders who owe their first allegiance to the organized body of workers that elected them.

"The labor people would probably achieve the most if they would elect a sufficient number of men to hold the balance of power—in Congress, for instance. They would be in the position of the Irish members of the House of Commons, who do not have a majority, and yet, holding the balance of power, succeed in securing the adoption of measures that serve their interests best.

"This is the day of independent thought and action in politics. The words Democrat and Republican no longer define anything. There are corporation Democrats and Jeffersonian Democrats. There are corporation Republicans and Lincoln Republicans, and the Jeffersonian Democrats and Lincoln Republicans are more nearly alike than they are the other wings of their respective parties. The battle must be fought according to principle and not according to party names, and the same thing that applies to the laboring people applies to the people at large.

"There must be a distinct line drawn somewhere and in some way between those that stand for special privileges and those that stand for equal rights; between the trust government and popular government. Either it will come about that one of the old parties will stand for the trusts and the other will stand for

the people, and the battle will be fought out in that way, or else there will be a third party formed.

"The people are determined to resume control of the government, and unless they can secure one of the other parties they will start a new party. The labor movement is a phase of this general independent movement, and the laboring people will serve their interests best if they vote for their friends and the principles and not herded to the polls within party lines."

## INDUSTRIAL ARTIFICE.

There was a resolution introduced at the Federated Trades Council last Friday night by a delegate, and passed, that should have been promptly turned down. The resolution was nothing more or less than the point of the wedge of the Industrial Workers of the World, introduced at an opportune time when the members of the Council were in an indulgent mood, for the purpose, and no other, of eventually dismembering the fibre of the American Federation of Labor. The resolution, like the first game of chance, is innocent enough on its face, but there is an element of danger in it, if not pruned now will start an industrial ulcer in this community, as it has in other where it has been allowed to take root. The resolution does not commit the Council to anything now, but it would have the Council set aside an evening at which time the question of industrialism is to be debated, when the father of this resolution and his nocturnal associates will probably do their utmost to "pack" the meeting so that their disrupting scheme will receive an impetus. If, after the debate, the Council considers the question of industrialism favorably, instead of resigning from the American Federation of Labor like men, the resolution would have the Council elect a delegate to the next convention of the American Federation of Labor instructed to introduce a similar resolution in that organization, said delegate to do his utmost to secure the passage of the same.

In all this there is a pretty little scheme of small men's minds. It is not the labors of big men with opposite opinions. It is not an open fight in the open field where each side has equal advantage. It is the back alley dodge. A plan to slip in unawares and steal the fruits of other people's labors.

This trick of the Industrial Workers, however, will be and has already been discovered. The mistake was made in even giving this industrial bacteria time to breathe. It should have been rectified at its inception, as it will be a few evenings hence. Time is too valuable to while away on such disordered dreams. It has been tried time and time again, and found impotent. The Knights of Labor was a striking example; so was Estes' Brotherhood of Railway Employees. All of these, and also other similar industrial visions have all vanished. Now comes a new Moses in the Industrial Workers of the World, false as Eshau, and of but few days' duration. For a quarter of a century the American Federation of Labor—the parent of trade autonomy—has disseminated its doctrine abroad over the land and across the seas. The logic of its argument and practicability of its policy has raised an army on the Western Hemisphere of over 2,000,000 intelligent workmen. It is the only system that has lived and grown larger and stronger through its living, and now comes along this diseased mite of industrial deformity with a scheme and resolution designed to capture the boots and breeches of industrial giants. While the trick is contemptible, it is enough to provoke a smile from the A. F. of L. stalwarts; yet, since it seeks to burrow into the sound timber of our labor ship, it needs expurgating quickly.

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## FOR PROTECTION OF SALMON.

Last Monday Edward Rosenberg and H. M. Lornsen came up from Astoria and called upon certain officials in this city in the interest of the United Fishermen of the Pacific and the protection of the salmon industry on the Lower Columbia river. Mr. Rosenberg is secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Coast fishermen's organization, and Mr. Lornsen is secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Union. These gentlemen are doing everything in their power to preserve the common fishing ground to the fishermen and protect the salmon industry of the lower river. It is a constant battle to keep out the fish traps, which are a menace to the lives of the fishermen and the fish industry. Considerable feeling has grown against Fish Warden Van Dusen for the apparent indifference he shows towards the industry and his laxity in enforcing the law. It is alleged that licenses are granted to incompetent aliens who have no interest in the business only what they are able to earn for the season. Many of them, it is claimed, are ineligible under the law, and no effort is being made to prevent them from trespassing upon ground to which they have no right. The burden of the preservation of the industry therefore falls upon the members of the Fishermen's Union, most of whom are citizens of this country, residents of the state, and have their homes and families living on the Lower Columbia in Astoria or upon little ranches along the river. Besides this, the Columbia River Fishermen's Union maintains a dredge and stump-puller and contributes a large amount of labor each season to keeping the river clear. There are a few cannerymen working in co-operation with the union, but there are others who give no concern to anything but the supply of fish, and this they would get as cheaply as possible. The business men of Astoria, however, are in hearty sympathy with the splendid efforts being made by the Fishermen's Union to protect the salmon industry, as the prosperity of the resident and substantial fisherman is also theirs.

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