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Eight hours for work,
Eight hours for play,
Eight hours for sleep—
Eight hours a day.

July—the red button.

How would you like to be the Mayor of Estacada?

Labor's Emancipation Day will be the next great event in Portland.

And now we are told that our honest city council has buncoed us again.

Join a labor union and protect yourself against the Japanese invasion.

The street car and electric companies have organized a big merger. So have the motormen and conductors.

The Citizens' Alliance and the I. W. W. are both union-busters. One uses Japs and the other uses resolutions.

After the 20th of this month the Labor Press will be found at its new home in the Drew Building, 162 Second street.

Speed the day when the barbarous custom of showing our patriotism by exploding firecrackers will have passed into history.

When a workingman violates the law he is a criminal, but when a brewery owner stuffs a ballot box he commits an error.

Union disrupters there are within as well as without the ranks of organized labor. It may be the part of wisdom to keep them where they can be heard—and watched.

This is an age of organization. The local street car companies have formed a giant union, and their employees have taken the cue and followed suit.

The Labor Press has received a copy of the Japanese circular gotten out by a local Japanese society for circulation among the brown men who have taken white men's places on the coast steamers. It will be submitted to Secretary Kunz for translation.

Herbert V. Ready, the notorious employment agency shark and ally of the Citizens' Alliance, has been held by United States Commissioner Hancock, of San Francisco, says the Seamen's Journal, for trial on a charge of illegally supplying seamen. Ready, true to his instincts, engaged in the attempt to provide seab crews for the struck vessels of the United Shipping and Transportation Association, and, of course, collared a fee from his victims, in direct violation of the United States law on the subject. The would-be crimp will be vigorously prosecuted and, if possible, landed in jail.

POWER OF THE BALLOT BOX.

The following is from our esteemed contemporary, the Bridgeman's Magazine, the monthly periodical published at Cleveland in the interest of Structural Iron Workers:

"In speaking of legislation it may not be amiss to call your attention to the substantial gains made by our working brothers across the 'pond' in the new House of Commons. It shows that the English worker realizes that it is at the ballot box that he is to receive the greatest measure of emancipation. At the present time there are thirty members of the House of Commons that swear allegiance to the Labor party. Would it

not be well to have thirty Labor men in the House of Representatives? Would it not be well to have one-third of thirty (ten) Labor men in the United States Senate? Think it over. We believe that our interests would be better safeguarded than they are at the present time."

WAKE UP!

A Chicago politician has said "that the trouble with union men is that they are too easily led." What he should have said is that they are too easily buncoed by oily tongued political office seekers. We had a good illustration of this during the recent election when several of the milk-and-water sort of union men were found at the polling booths working against their own candidates and giving comfort and aid to the workingmen's enemies.

Workingmen of Oregon; how long is this going to last? How long are we going to be kept apart by the wiles and faithless promises of political tricksters who have no interest whatever in our welfare? Isn't it about time that we were breaking away from the old over-worked "party" clap trap and getting closer together to consult our own best interests?

Every corporation and moneyed concern in the State takes part one way or another in State, county and city politics. The railroads never take their eyes off an election; they watch and guard every legislature and city council with jealous care. Witness the zealousness of the O. W. P. & R. Co. during the recent election when there was danger to its private interests.

It is only by unity that the workers can ever receive the full measure of justice which is rightfully theirs. A house divided against itself will fall, and a labor union which splits open on the "party" question when election comes round will accomplish nil.

A united labor party here in Oregon would be the surest and safest means of bringing about those reforms which can only be attained through the ballot box. We have the votes. Let us use them for our own welfare and advancement and cease being E. Z. Marks.

PORTLAND UNION MEN

Fred C. King, secretary of the Boilermakers' Union and candidate for the legislature at the late election, has returned from a three weeks' visit to relatives in the east.

Michael J. Sullivan, vice-president of the Electrical Workers, left Tuesday morning for Walla Walla. He will return to Portland again in a week to take up the work of his union here.

Harry Gurr of the Bricklayers Union, left Wednesday evening for Warrenton, where he has a contract to do the brick work on a new building. He will be in Portland again in two weeks.

The Capitol Typographical Union of Salem has notified Secretary McDonald of the Oregon State Federation of Labor that one of its members, H. H. Hill, has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the executive committee of the O. S. F. of L.

Henry G. Kundert, editor-in-chief and commanding officer of the Portland Labor Press, is spending a well-earned vacation in the sparsely settled regions of Eastern Oregon. It is rumored that the jolly editor will return in a few weeks with one of Oregon's fairest daughters to share his joys and banish his sorrows.

Through the efforts of Messrs. Gram and Burton the local Street Car-men's Union promises to be one of the strongest in point of numbers of any labor organization in the Northwest. Every meeting of the united car boys brings in new members and it is only a matter of time now until every man in the employ of the big consolidated company will be wearing the badge of freedom and American manhood.

One of the busiest men in local labor circles these days is "Paddy" Hall, the indefatigable business agent of Local 265 I. L. M. & T. A. Just about the time "Paddy" succeeded Andy Madsen, the Sailors' Union strike was at its height and the new business agent had his hands full from the start. The demands on him from the different points along the river has kept him on a continual

run, but he has proved equal to all emergencies and comes up smiling every time.

N. H. Bird, an active member of the local Teamdrivers' Union and one of the best known workers in labor's cause in Portland, has received an appointment from Sheriff Stevens as one of his deputies. "Nate" was a member of the local police force a number of years and he had the reputation of being one of the best men in the department. The new Sheriff of Multnomah County is to be congratulated in securing the services of such honest and fearless men as Nate Bird.

Andy Madsen, ex-business agent for local Longshoremen's Union, 265, returned Monday from a flying visit to the different locals of his organization along the Sound. During his trip Andy put in some heavy licks against the New Oriental invasion in the shape of Japanese crews. He visited the unions at Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Ballard, Port Ludlow, Port Gamble, Bellingham, Port Haddock and Mukileto. Every place visited fell into line and promised not to move an ounce of freight to or from any vessel carrying Jap crews. From information all along the line since Andy's return it looks as if the longshoremen themselves will settle the Oriental question.

It has been rumored around labor circles that President Joseph H. Jones of the Federated Trades Council, is to be appointed one of Sheriff Stevens' office men. If the report proves true, the local central body will lose the services of one of its ablest and most conscientious officers. President Jones has been for years a tireless and faithful worker in the ranks of local trades unionism. He has devoted much of his time to the study of industrial conditions here and elsewhere, and he has given of the best there is in him to help elevate the conditions of his fellow workmen. Mr. Jones has executive ability of a high order, he is a logical and convincing speaker and a splendid parliamentarian. Should he decide to accept the position now offered him in the county service his loss will be keenly felt by his numerous friends and associates in the Portland Federated Trades Council.

TOO HIGH A PRICE TO PAY FOR CRUSHING A UNION.

The United Shipping and Transportation Association refuses emphatically to arbitrate the strike and lock-out which is tying up the shipping business in this port. The ship owners assert that they can easily get men. Therefore, why should they arbitrate?

It is true that they can get men. Before there was a Sailors' Union ship owners got men in plenty—from sailor boarding houses. That method of getting men gave rise to endless trouble on the water front, and gave the port a bad name throughout the world. But it got the men, and that was the chief concern of the ship-owners.

And now, apparently, a return is to be made to old conditions. A beginning has already been made. Young McCormick, a student of the University of California, who was drowned from the luckless Corinthian, was shanghaied along the water front since the beginning of the strike and shipped aboard a steam schooner as a non-union sailor. The sailor boarding house people can secure more men in the same way. They may not, and probably will not, be able to supply crews for all the schooners, but it is always easy to pick up a few men on the water front at night and clap them aboard a steam schooner which is ready for sea.

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crimps. They flourish in other Pacific Coast ports, which, as a consequence, are avoided by shippers whenever possible. But they have long been out of business here, and the result has been that the port enjoys a good name throughout the world.

The action of the United Shipping and Transportation Association in refusing to arbitrate the strike can be based on nothing else than the belief that it will be able to secure its sailors through sailor boarding houses. There is no other way they can be supplied save through the Sailors' Union, and with the Sailors' Union the ship owners refuse to deal.

The story of young McCormick is a sufficient argument against any such plan of fighting the union. The members of the union, for their part, have agreed to arbitration. The justice may not be wholly on their side, but they are willing to leave that to be decided by others. The ship owners, in the interests of San Francisco can in decency do nothing else.

A return to crimping and shanghaiing is too high a price to pay for the partial resumption of traffic that can be brought about by ignoring the sailors and filling up ships the easiest way.—S. F. Examiner.

CASH VALUE OF OPTIMISM.

Did you ever know a pessimist to be a success? "I can't," is the war cry of the misanthrope. That cry never surmounted an obstacle; it never lifted a man out of the slough of despond; it never urged a man on to success. Optimism paints the pathway of life with the golden hues of possibility; it paves the way with stepping-stones; it tempts us to climb the ladder of hope to the temple of achievement. It may be unsubstantial, impractical, visionary, but you notice it is generally the man who thoroughly believes in himself, in his fellow-men and in the opportunities of life, who wears the epaulets, enjoys the public's esteem, and draws the check that never goes to protest.

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