

LABOR NOTES

San Pedro, Cal., a city of 5,618 population, is reported to have but two Japanese residents. It is claimed that this is due to the local unions being so strong.

At a recent convention of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers that organization went on record as favoring the taking of independent political action.

The union men in Streator, Ill., went into politics at the last election and elected as aldermen two bottle blowers, two miners, one carpenter and one printer—six out of eight—causing the "boss" politicians to have seven kinds of fits.

A new political party will be launched in St. Paul this fall. It is agreed that the proper steps shall be taken to establish "a workingman's political party," and a committee has been appointed to prepare a suitable declaration of principles.

Representatives of sixty-three labor and reform organizations have met in Chicago and launched a new political organization styled the Chicago Progressive Alliance, which is to be the nucleus of a national party, whose platform shall include initiative and referendum in politics, government ownership of railroads and telegraph systems, and municipal ownership of street car lines, lighting plants and other utilities.

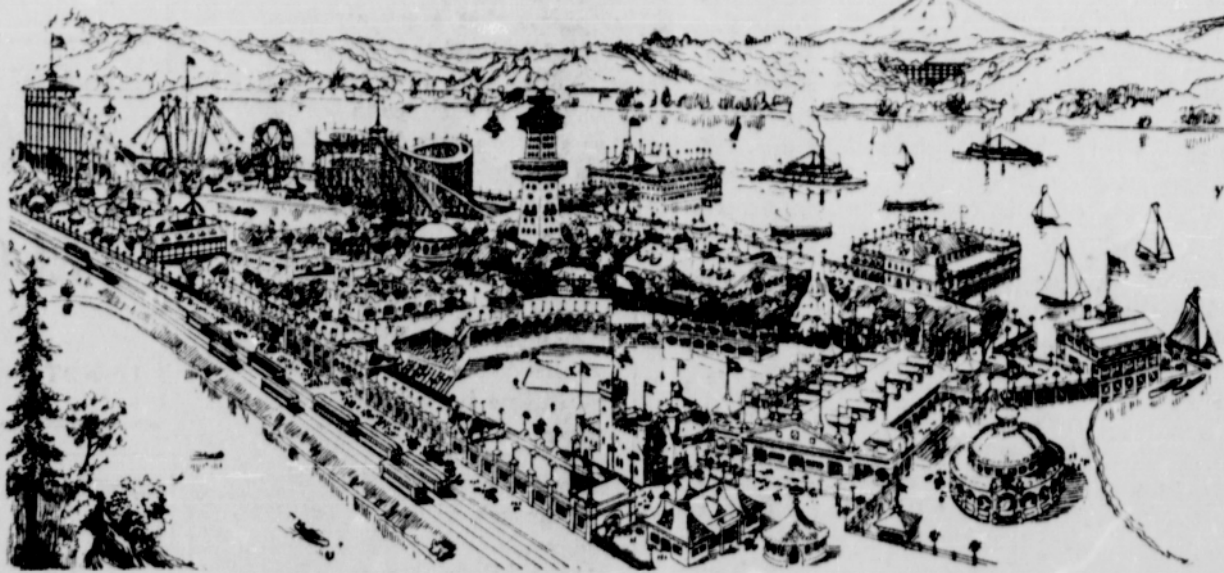
Organized labor wishes our country to lead the world in industrial production, in morality, in religious liberty, in the conception of all that makes men noble, women beautiful and children bright and happy. Organized labor appeals for aid to accomplish emancipation from industrial injustice, to establish brotherhood, to help make each day brighter than that which has gone before, for your sympathy and co-operation that countless millions yet unborn will rise up and say your name is blessed.—Labor Leader, Baltimore.

An old labor law in England in force in 1783 contained the following six clauses: Any tailor who joined a union was to be sent to jail for two months. Tailors must work from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night. Wages were not to be higher than 48 cents a day. Each tailor was to be allowed three cents for breakfast. Any tailor who refused to work was to be imprisoned for not more than two months. If any employer paid higher wages he was to be fined \$25 and the workman who took the increase was to be sent to jail for two months.

The Building Trades Council of Tampa is still fighting against the "open shop," enforced by the Builders' Exchange and the Citizens' Alliance. While the injunction case was won by the Building Trades Council, the Builders' Exchange immediately took it to the Supreme Court, which granted a supercedure for the Exchange, which left the injunction in its original form. The building Trades Council has made a fair proposition for settlement to the employers. If they fail to accept it, it will be a fight to the finish.

The Chicago Federation of Labor is to organize a union for women in the stock yards. The work will begin immediately after General Organizer Pierce returns from the meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at Washington, where he is now con-

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pleting the plans. Secretary Nockels has outlined the idea along which the women are to be unionized. He said that the definite aim would be to fix a minimum wage rate close to \$10 per week, hours of labor not to exceed nine, and a list of working rules, governing sanitary conditions.

Give us, oh, give us, writes Carlyle, the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is superior to those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue while one marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness; altogether past calculation are its powers of endurance. Efforts, to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous, a spirit all sunshine, peaceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.

The Citizens' Alliance of San Francisco was not shattered into fragments by the earthquake. The mercenary mob is still doing business at the old stand and is resorting to des-

perate measures to aid the shipping trust of the Pacific Coast in defeating the efforts of the Seamen's Union. The Citizens' Alliance of California will have its days of strength just as the Citizens' Alliance of Colorado. The seeds of its own destruction is planted in the organization, but before it becomes defunct in California organized labor will know that it lived and had its being.

The Citizens' Alliance is dead in Colorado, and that organization in California will breathe its last when the parasites wage war against each other for the spoils.—Miners' Magazine.

Thanks to the united labor vote, says the St. Louis, Mo., Labor Compendium, the election for the bond issue of \$11,200,000 was carried by a rousing majority. The majority necessary to carry each proposition was based on a two-third of the total vote cast, and the result is therefore most gratifying. As was expected, the free bridge proposition received the highest number of votes, 58,467, while the proposition to improve King's Highway Boulevard received the lowest, 58,081. The bond issue will be the initiatory step toward a greater St. Louis. The \$11,200,000 will be expended as follows: On the Municipal Bridge, \$3,500,000; on courts, police and health department headquarters, \$2,000,000; on public sewers, \$1,500,000; on insane asylum, \$1,000,000; on bridges and viaducts, \$1,000,000; on hospitals, \$800,000; on public parks, \$670,000; on improvement of King's Highway Boulevard, \$500,000; on the fire department, \$230,000.

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