

LABOR NOTES

Resolutions have been passed by the Trades and Labor Councils of New Zealand urging that the poll-tax on Chinamen be raised to \$5,000 a head.

The makers of socks and stockings are paid: Finishers, \$1.57 per week of 59 working hours; knitters \$1.75 per week of 59½ working hours.

The Tobacco Workers' International union is now engaged in an active campaign against the tobacco trust. Organizers promoting the union made product will visit large conventions of labor organizations.

Butcher workmen at the Chicago stockyards whose union was disrupted by the big strike of 1904 are beginning to organize again, although they are being closely watched by foremen and superintendents.

The International Brotherhood of Book Binders, in convention at Washington, D. C., on June 16, adopted a resolution declaring that the best interests of labor require the admission of women to full citizenship.

James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, in referring to the strike of union printers, reports that the campaign has been continued until now there are over 40,000 union printers enjoying the eight-hour day.

Institutions recently visited employed a total of 4253 convicts in the manufacture of boots and shoes. These 4253 convict shoe workers are paid an average wage of 43 cents a day, and they are turning out 25,340 pairs of shoes every day.

Members of the Chicago, Ill., Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' unions are thrifty. Recently one of the local unions purchased a building site and is now erecting a \$75,000 labor temple on the plot. The land and building will be paid for from the general treasury without the trouble of a single assessment.

Daniel J. Keefe, president of the Longshoremen's union, is planning the formation of a labor union combine on the great lakes which will become possibly the greatest labor organization in the world. It will include every department of labor and will control absolutely the lake business, which is the center of the coal and iron industry of the country.

According to press dispatches from San Francisco, the Bricklayers' union of that city has voted to allow all bricklayers, from whatever locality and regardless of whether they be union men or not, to work on the reconstruction of the ruined city. This is magnanimous on their part and will insure the building of the city without the delay of strikes.

A bill introduced by representative Nye of Pike county in the Ohio House of Representatives makes it a crime for any tenement house owner to place a ban on babies. The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for a landlord or owner of any flat, apartment house or residence property to refuse to rent it on the ground of the possession of children by the applicant for a lease provided that the number of children shall not exceed four under 16 years of age.

"PLAY BALL"

(By the Rev. Charles Stelzie.) It was plainly the pitcher's fault. The ball seemed to rebound into his hands, as it came from the bat. Three men were on bases, but for some unaccountable reason he stood in the box with both hands over the ball, while the crowd yelled. He seemed badly rattled. He was a professional, too,—said to be one of the best in the league. While he hesitated, the man on third made the home plate, and the player on second took his place. Then he made a wild throw to second to head off the chap who was running from first, with the result that still another run was scored, leaving only one man on the bases. The whole thing was due to the pitcher holding the ball. At least, that was the principal reason for the bad play.

The week following the ball game, I saw a man in a labor hall "hold the ball," not because he was rattled, but because he wanted to "stop the game." Things were not going to suit his fancy, so he deliberately balked. That didn't help him or anybody else. It simply resulted in another set-back for the cause of labor in his city. Too often we meet just his type. Of course, he isn't peculiar to the ranks of labor, but he is there, and that is why we are concerned about the matter.

Sometimes he "holds the ball" because of misunderstanding. And because he cannot comprehend his opponent he seeks to destroy him. He should learn that it is far better to seek to understand, and not to silence his adversary, even when to silence him is possible. If the one who opposes is right, he will win in the end, anyway. And it surely is better to lose gracefully and manfully, than to be beaten out flat because of a stubborn refusal to study the other side of the question.

Bold and sweeping statements come more commonly from doubt and ignorance than from just conviction. So look out for the fellow who claims a monopoly of wisdom. He is getting ready to "hold the ball."

In these discussions with regard to the social questions of the day, most of us forget that we have not yet mastered even the elements of the problems of society. Theories have been formed from the examination of groups of isolated facts; but life is complex. It is difficult—not to say unfair—to rush to final conclusions. Until the last fact has been presented, we cannot afford to be dogmatic. In the labor movement we must be opportunists. There are so many factors to be considered that no one man has either the wisdom or the ability to pose as the infallible one. It is going to take the whole "nine" to win the game, so let's "play ball."

The workers already have possession of the machinery of production and distribution. And they have the votes. It's an easy job—this fixing things so every man will get the full product of his labor. A little more agitation, a little more education, a little more organization—and the deed is done.—Appeal to Reason.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, There was submitted to the electors of the State at the last general election as required by law an initiative petition for

"A law to provide additional revenue for State purposes; to levy a license on the gross earnings of sleeping car companies, refrigerator car companies, and oil companies; defining a sleeping car company, a refrigerator car company, and an oil company within the meaning of this act; defining the manner of ascertaining the amount of such gross receipts; providing a penalty for violating the provisions of this act;" and,

Whereas, On the 25th day of June, 1906, the Secretary of State in my presence as Governor of the State of Oregon did canvass the votes given for and against said law, and

Whereas, It was ascertained and determined upon such canvass that there were 69,635 votes cast for said proposed law, and 6,441 votes against the same, and that said law received an affirmative majority of the total number of effective votes cast thereon and entitled to be counted under the provisions of law.

Now, therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as Governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the State of Oregon, and do announce and declare that the whole number of votes cast in the State of Oregon at said election for and against said proposed law was as hereinbefore stated, and that said proposed law received an affirmative majority of the total number of votes cast thereon and entitled to be counted under the provisions of law, and that said law hereinbefore mentioned shall be and is in full force and effect as the law of the State of Oregon from the date of this proclamation.

Done at the capital at Salem, this 25th day of June, A. D. 1906.

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor of Oregon.

then and there adopt resolutions addressed to the District Judge, setting forth their wishes in the matter. Consider the awful importance of this case, and let us for the time being forget everything else except our duty to these men and to the American labor movement, for which they have fought so valiantly for so many years, even at the risk of their lives and their liberty.

Fraternalty yours,
SILVER BOW TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY,
JOHN McMULLEN,
President.
O. M. PARTELOW,
Secretary.

THE LOYAL MEMBER.

Many unionists who feel themselves to be loyal members would become indignant if accused of disloyalty, yet by word and act they are daily guilty of disloyalty, says an exchange. Loyalty is not confined to the payment of dues or the simple performance of duties members are selected to do.

The do-nothing member is more loyal than the member whose activities are a source of injury to his organization. The loyal member places the welfare of his organization above difference of opinion or personal or other differences between himself and other members or officials. He is an honest critic, but never a malicious "knocker," and never seeks to sacrifice or destroy his union to correct trivial faults or imperfections that may have been demonstrated to exist in its constitution or policy.

He seeks to eliminate errors and evils by safe and sane methods not calculated to interfere with the continued upbuilding of his union. His activities are constructive, not obstructive and destructive. He is a

practical exponent of the constitution which governs his union, and a supporter of its policy. The loyal member is unalterably opposed to violation of agreements or denying or evading any obligation the union may assume.

Loyalty doesn't demand that a member jeopardize his independent interests. Nevertheless, anything that the loyal member can do to promote the welfare of his union consistent with the means and time at his disposal and without undue interference with his other responsibilities and affairs, he willingly undertakes. Indeed, there is a large number of unionists whose loyalty entails much personal sacrifice. In every emergency the loyal members are the bulwark of the union. Not only are they the fortifications around which the storm and stress of battle surges, but they are burden bearers, builders and maintainers of organization.

This is a good time to put in a good word for Oregon-made goods.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the Estate of Lawrence E. Wise, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, her final account as such administratrix of said Estate, and that Monday the 6th day of August, 1906, at 3:30 A. M., has been fixed by said Court, as the time for hearing of objections to said report, and the settlement thereof.

MRS. MARY A. WISE,
Administratrix of the Estate of Lawrence E. Wise, deceased.
Dated June 25, 1906.
THOS. F. RYAN,
Attorney for Administratrix.

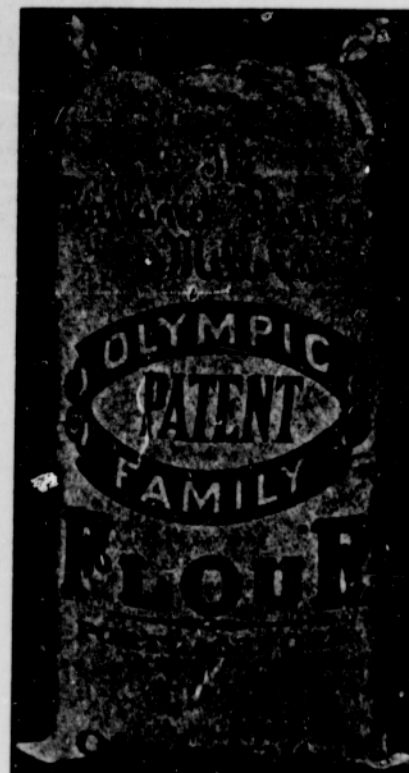
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