

## LABOR NOTES

The strike of the electricians of San Francisco has gone so far that it threatens to involve the street car men.

Journeymen plumbers of San Francisco recently won a strike for an increase of wages from \$5 to \$6 per day of eight hours.

The Steamship Owners' Association has acceded to the request of the Federated Seamen's union of Australasia for a conference.

British Premier Bannerman says he does not intend to create a separate department under a Minister for labor to solve the problem of the unemployed.

The Machinists' union has established a district jurisdiction, taking in all points on the Sound, and including Portland and Astoria, in Oregon.

At the annual convention of the National Electrical Contractors' Association a resolution was passed favoring trade schools for the education of boys in mechanical arts.

The non-union garment workers in several of the notorious sweat shops of New York have struck for better conditions. Many of them are applying for membership in the unions.

About 1000 men employed at the Quincy mine, Calumet, Mich., struck Monday, demanding 25 per cent increase in wages. Superintendent Lawton says the company cannot afford to pay the increase.

What looked like a street car strike for Aurora a few weeks ago has turned into a peaceable settlement. The street car company conceded all demands, and the street car boys are jubilant in consequence.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill granting amnesty to persons punished for offenses committed during the taking of the church inventories and the strike disturbances of May 1.

An endeavor is to be made to amalgamate the various unions in the West Australian timber industry, so that they will better be able to resist any attempt to reduce wages when the present agreement expires.

Because of the expiration of their wage contract 2000 union miners at various commercial coal mines in Alabama, did not return to work on July 2. This makes 5000 union miners on strike in that state.

The strike of the machinists employed at the works of the Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Company, at Troy, for a nine-hour day, without reduction of pay, has been settled, and the men have gone back to work.

The 2500 girls employed in the shirtwaist factory of Putnam Bros. & Fagan, Philadelphia, Pa., went on strike Monday because of the presence among the workers of a number of employees distasteful to a majority of the girls.

The grain elevator business in the suburbs of South Chicago was brought to a standstill on July 9, when 350 employees of the elevators there went on a strike, demanding an increase of wages to 35 cents an hour from the present scale of 27 to 32 cents. Six firms are affected by the strike.

None of the members of the Seranton (Pa.) Builders' Exchange, comprising all the big contractors, put in a bid for the \$50,000 job of repairing the courthouse because the commis-

sioners required that union labor only should be employed. The exchange will go into court to have the clause annulled.

It is reported from New York that the strike of the Housecarpenter & Structural Ironworkers' union, which was inaugurated seven months ago against the American Bridge Company and the firm of Post & McCord, was declared off at a mass meeting of the union held Monday night. No statement has been made as to the conditions of settlement.

President McCarthy of the Building Trades Council of San Francisco reports that the plans for the proposed Temple which the Council intends to erect at Fourteenth and Guerrero street are ready and that ground will be broken for the foundation at once. The structure will be a three-story building, costing between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

The 425 employees of the California Sash and Door Works in Oakland went on a strike July 19. These were all non-union men, and they drew up a petition addressed to the management requesting that their working hours be cut from ten to eight per day. The manager was not on hand when the petition was presented, and the works were shut down.

Agents of the Citizens' Alliance are in Austria and other European countries, advertising for men. They are told that they are needed to rebuild San Francisco, and their transportation will be given them both ways, but it is understood they are wanted for other purposes—as strike breakers, in fact. The attention of the immigration officials has been called to the matter.

The master painters of Sioux City, Ia., recently signed a contract with the Painters' union for an eight-hour day with a minimum wage of 37½ cents per hour, which was to remain in force for two years. This contract has been annulled through pressure of the Sioux City Industrial Association, which threatened to withdraw all business from firms that would comply with the agreement.

The miners of the state of Montana have inaugurated a movement looking to the erection of a home for aged and incapacitated miners of that state. At a recent meeting of the Butte Miners' union a resolution was adopted instructing the secretary to correspond with Montana's congressmen and senators, with a view to the introduction of a bill in both houses of congress making an appropriation of public land for that purpose.

Papermakers in the 33 mills of the International Paper Company in the United States and Canada have given notice that they will go on strike on August 6 unless their working hours are reduced to eight a day, without reduction in the scale of wages. The Papermakers' union will hold a meeting in New York on Monday to formulate a plan of action. The International Paper Company has been preparing for such a situation.

A strike of the Southern Pacific Railway Company's repairers, which extends almost entirely across the State of Louisiana from New Orleans to Lake Charles and involves 500 men, was begun last Tuesday. The strike involves nearly every class of workmen occupied in making and inspecting cars. The men demand recognition of their union. Reports from Lafayette, La., say that the strike would shortly extend to Houston, Tex. Organized labor of Boston, Mass.,

has protested to Governor Guild against his appointment of Wm. F. Dana to the appointment of associate justice of the superior court. The protest is based upon the ground of Mr. Dana's record in the State Senate, of which he is at present the president, as being always against any and all labor measures, and it is believed that he is unable to go on the judicial bench with unbiased mind.

Recently the New South Wales Tailors' union got the Arbitration Court to extend the just-expiring award for a further period. The full court has now granted the bosses' application for a prohibition to restrain the Arbitration Court from extending the time, the judges ruling that the Arbitration Court had no power to extend an award. Another instance, says the Brisbane Worker, of the judges overriding the desire and will of Parliament.

President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued a general order requiring all officers and employees of the road to dispose of all holdings in coal companies and in any other corporations where such interest may tend to have any conflict with the duty of the employees to the company or to the public. The order was issued on recommendation of the special committee of Pennsylvania directors which recently investigated stock ownership by employees.

Thomas B. Hines of Dubuque, Iowa, a printer member of the board of aldermen, has secured the adoption of a resolution requiring the union label on all city printing. The resolution prescribes that "all city printing shall be done in offices entitled to use, and only during such times as they are entitled to use the union label." There are five union men in the city council of Dubuque, which shows that the unionists of that city are taking an active interest in local governmental affairs.

The Typographical Journal says: "Another trick of the Employers' Association is practiced through a circular advertising agency. A circular letter is addressed to secretaries of local unions in which a pecuniary incentive is offered to such secretaries to furnish a list of members with their postoffice addresses. These lists are then tabulated and furnished to the union busters' bureaus in order that members may be supplied with literature calculated to incite them to rebel against unionism. Secretaries, take notice."

The New York City grand jury turned in indictments against three officials of the Housecarpenter & Bridgemen's union, local No. 52, charging grand larceny in the second degree. Samuel Platt, secretary of the organization, one of the men indicted, is already in the Tombs. It is alleged that bogus certificates of membership in the union were issued and that sums varying from \$100 to \$200 were obtained from various men, who testified before the grand jury that after paying membership fees they found that they were not recognized as union men.

### TRADE UNIONS.

"Attacked and denounced as scarcely any other institution ever has been, the unions have thriven and grown in the face of opposition. This healthy vitality has been due to the fact that they were a genuine product of social needs—indispensable as a protest and a struggle against the abuses of industrial government, and inevitable as a consequence of that consciousness of strength inspired by the concentration of numbers under the new conditions of industry. They have been, as is now admitted by almost all candid minds, instruments of progress. Not to speak of the material advantages they have gained for workmen, they have developed powerful sympathies among

them, and taught them the lesson of self-sacrifice in the interest of their brethren, and, still more, a new spirit of independence and self-respect. They have brought some of the best men to the front, and given them the ascendancy due to their personal qualities and desirable in the interest of society."—John K. Ingham, L.L.D.

### NOTE OF THIS.

We desire all unions in this city to appoint a correspondent for the Labor Press. All news relating to the different unions, their members or the members of their families will be duly appreciated. There is no reason why all the unions should not be represented in our columns every week. Send in your items by Wednesday night, as hereafter the paper will go to press promptly Thursday. Send all communications to the Labor Press, City.

### 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 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 capitol at Salem, this 25th day of June, A. D. 1906.

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor of Oregon.

By the Governor:  
F. I. DUNBAR,  
Secretary of State.  
(Seal)

### 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 administratrix of said Estate, and that Monday the 8th day of August, 1906, at 9:30 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.

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