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ABUSED BY CAR CONDUCTOR.

In the Evening Telegram of May 30, W. Henry, 208 East Thirty-fifth street, recites a story of impudence and abuse offered a laboring man on a Sunnyside Car, Monday the 27th inst., about 7:15 p. m., but Mr. Henry failed to give the conductor's name or number. Possibly this part of the information was omitted because Mr. Henry could not ascertain the name of the tough nickel collector, and the number may have escaped his notice.

It's a pity the public could not know just who this vulgar conductor is as it is quite probable some sky toiler would just lie for him one evening and, on meeting with such undue treatment at the hands of a low-bred bluffer, show him one or two.

Josh Billing's prescription is about the only effective medicine for the cure of such a chap—that is to bring the extremity of your right arm, firmly clenched, into forceful contact with the protruding feature of his phys.

Mr. Henry states that a man clad in rough attire, presenting the appearance of a workingman, was sitting with some more lavishly dressed gentlemen in the front of the car enjoying their pipes and cigars. The con singled out the son of toil and informed him that smoking was prohibited on that end of the car. On being asked where one might smoke—since it is advertised that the front end is for smokers—the saucy conductor threatened to kick the White Slave off the car. What think you of that, gentle reader? Is it not high time that the management of the street railway company was getting after some of those smart-Aleck ignoramuses who assume the right to insult the patrons of the road whenever the evil genius moves them to impudence?

If such incidents as the one described were promptly brought to the notice of the company, the offender would last no longer than an icicle beyond the gates of Pluto.

A VISITOR.

Brother T. J. Conboy, general agent of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union paid us a friendly call yesterday. He is in the West in the interest of his organization which has had a severe fight on its hands during the past two years against the Macbeth-Evans Glass Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., the home town of Brother Conboy. Our friend Conboy has visited a number of the Northwest cities in behalf of the Union-made products—chimneys especially, as the product of the most common use in the Union man's home.

We know it to be a fact that the Macbeth-Evans chimneys are very largely patronized here by all classes of working people, but we hope the practice of purchasing this unfair commodity will be more seriously considered in future by members of organized labor.

We must not forget the sublime principle of our organization—the refusal of every wage-worker to patronize non-union goods where the union-made article can be procured. It is through this cardinal principle that unionism will ultimately triumph.

A CORRECTION.

In our last issue we inadvertently stated that not one of the proposed amendments nor ordinances to be voted upon next Monday, came di-

rectly from the people through the regular channel of petition. While it is true the council, by resolution, authorized the auditor, to place them on the ballot, yet there is one ordinance—the franchise to Economy Gas Company—for which there is filed in the city auditor's office, a petition signed by some 5000 electors.

This ordinance is the only one that was petitioned for, and while a committee of citizens, on which the Federated Trades Council had representation, recommended the rejection of the measure by the electors of Portland, yet there are many sound reasons why we should think carefully over the matter before casting our vote against it.

This city can stand a little competition in the gas industry and we feel safe in saying the city is pretty well protected in its rights by the terms of the franchise.

However, it's a question for the voter to decide for himself, which all will doubtless do on next Monday.

STATE GRANGE ANNUAL MEETING.

The State Grange met in its annual meeting on the 28th, ult., in Hood River and much effective work has been accomplished by the organization.

State Master Buxton, in his report, spoke of the splendid work done through co-operation and urged the extension of this feature of its purposes. He referred to the power of the organization for improving legislation and appealed to the members to work in harmony for the common interests.

Mr. Buxton said the increasing attendance at the State Agricultural College necessitated an enlargement of the facilities and teaching corps, and urged that the Grange stand for the required improvement of the institution.

Among the most important matters brought before the convention are: The division of counties into senatorial and representative districts; To give the public full ownership and control of railroads; To apportion school money on the basis of attendance.

Before closing the second day's session, the organization decided upon Eugene, Ore., as the place of next meeting.

AMERICAN FLINT GLASS WORKERS' UNION, TO LEDO, OHIO.

To the Trade Unionists and Sympathizers with the Labor Union Movement in the United States.

ATTENTION

The Macbeth-Evans Glass Co., (a trust), having headquarters in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., and factories in Charleor, Pa., Pittsburg, Pa., Toledo, Ohio, Marion, Ind., and Elwood, Ind., has declared open shop war on the American Flint Glass Workers' Union and locked out eleven hundred of its members.

Previous to 1899, The Evans and George A. McBeth controlled separate companies and for twenty years operated union factories and employed our members. In 1899 they combined their interests to secure the American right of a machine to make lamp chimneys, and since their combination of interests there has been very little peace in our relations. Sacred agreements were violated and rules broken by them, and finally, in August, 1904, they demanded a reduction approximately fifty per cent in wages and issued an ultimatum, "Accept or Our Relations End." We absolutely refused to concede to their demand and are now involved in a lock-out and a contest against the Open Shop Policy. If we lose, it will encourage other unscrupulous employers to attack trade unions until probably you will be engaged in a similar contest. If we win, it will discourage others from attacking you, so it behooves all trade unionists and believers in the cause of the toiler to aid us in defeating this trust in their venomous desire.

The high standard of American

citizenship is principally due to the rate of wages paid and the conditions under which the masses of our people toil. The business success of all communities depends entirely upon the purchasing power of its people. If wages are unnecessarily reduced twenty-five, or fifty per cent, the purchasing power of the people is reduced in an equivalent proportion and the business interests commensurately effected. It therefore behoves the dealer and the consumer to aid us in resisting the unwarranted and unjustified demand for a fifty per cent reduction in wages and an increase from eight to nine hours a day work.

This combination has no evil competition in the United States, as all the manufacturers of glass lamp chimneys employ our members and operate strictly union houses, and all are on an equal skilled labor and small help cost of production, besides, there is no foreign competition in the lamp chimney trade.

The Macbeth-Evans Glass Co., extensively advertise in street cars and magazines their "Pearl top, Pearl Glass, Zenith, Keystone, Superior, Iron Clad, Crescent, Atlas, Quaker, Empire, Climax, Sunburst and Red Star" brands of chimneys, and all their chimneys have their brand engraved near the top or bottom of the chimney. It is the workingmen who use the lamp chimney, and if they will remember these brands and inform their families that these brands are produced by seabs, we will soon force the Macbeth Company to settle this contest.

Injunctions were issued against our members by Judges McVaine, of Washington, Pa., and Anderson, of Indianapolis, Ind. Judge Anderson has fined our members six hundred and fifty dollars, attached two hundred dollars cost and sentenced three of our members to jail for a period of ten, fifteen and thirty days for an alleged contempt of court.

The Macbeth-Evans Glass Co., is the only seab manufacturer of lamp chimneys in North America and all toilers should remember their brands given herein.

We respectfully request that all Labor Unions to whom this is read shall appoint a committee to visit the various glass dealers of your city and urge them to patronize employers of Union labor.

Gillender & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburg Lamp Brass and Glass Co., Pittsburg, Pa., Gill Bros Co., Steubenville, Ohio; Roedefer Co., Bellaire, Ohio; Ohio Flint Glass Co., Lancaster, Ohio; Dannenhoefer Glass Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lippen-cott Glass Co., Alexandria, Ind.; Sargent Glass Co., Evansville, Ind.; Co-Operative Lamp Chimney Co., North Vernon, Ind.; Great Western Glass Co., Bartlesville, I. T.; Solar Glass Co., Owensboro, Ky.; McBride Glass Co., Bridgeport, W. Va.; Consolidated Glass Co., Corapolis, Pa. All employ members of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union.

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BREWERY WORKMEN REJECT A. F. OF L. ULTIMATUM.

The Breweryworkmen's National Union is likely to refuse submission to the ultimatum of the A. F. of L. at the Minneapolis Convention ruling against jurisdiction over engineers and firemen engaged in breweries.

In the past the Breweryworker's Union held jurisdiction over the engineers and firemen in the breweries, but the American Federation of Labor, in its last convention, ruled that the Breweryworkmen's Union should renounce the control of these trades in favor of the Internationals to which they properly belong. This ruling was to be complied with by the 10th of May, later extended to the 28th of May.



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The International Breweryworkers' Union referred the question to the vote of the whole membership, and the result is that out of a membership of 60,000 not more than 1,000 votes have been cast in favor of the ultimatum.

The result will consequently be the revocation of the International Breweryworkmen's charter by the A. F. of L. and the Union will then stand separated from the rest of affiliated organizations, to struggle against its opponents on its own merits.

Organized labor, to be effective, must stand as one centralized force; otherwise, the power for good is lessened and the hope of harmony dimmed.

GROWERS TO CONTROL PEANUT CROP.

The peanut growers of North Carolina and Virginia are about to adopt the same steps toward controlling the market, as were taken by the tobacco growers of Kentucky.

Before the advent of the American Society of Equity, the tobacco growers sold at prices set by the trust; since being organized they have doubled the price set by the trust, and it must "come through with the coin" or not get the goods. The producers have built warehouses and store their crops therein until sold. If a grower so desires, he is able to secure an advance in cash of 50 per cent of the appraised value. This has resulted in many instances of a man receiving more by way of advance money than he would have received had he sold to the trust, and he still has a like amount coming to him when the crop is finally sold.

That the growers by organization can obtain the minimum price of 5½ cents for prime nuts, there is no question. Last winter the North Carolina and Virginia growers who were organized obtained 5½ cents. Tennessee growers who were not organized sold for less than 4 cents. These facts have aroused enthusiasm among the Tennessee growers to such an extent, that they are organizing all along the line. This means the peanut growers will control the crop of 1907.

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