

# FANATICISM OF DREAMERS

## INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM SHOWN TO BE A FAKE AND A DELUSION.

(By M. Grant Hamilton.)

With peculiar abandonment and false basis some members of unions assume that the present structure of organized labor should be razed, and upon the ruins attempt to build another structure. The history of the effort expended by those who have been the promoters of unionism, and the difficulties which they have encountered appear to have made no impression upon these castle builders. To bring the trades union movement up to its present stage, imperfect though it is, represents the best thought and ability of the workmen of the present and preceding generations. And primarily because occasionally a defeat is awarded to unionism, and from the further fact that because the entire country has not been solidly organized, the fact is magnified and made to do service in their peculiar reasoning methods that the movement is a failure. To properly designate this coterie of individuals there is no more appropriate place than to designate them as incoercibles—and to make it more plain, are against everything and everybody except some coarse, illogical theory that has either been evolved by themselves, or more frequently handed out to them by a theoretical fanatic. Craft unionism is assailed in violent terms and industrial unionism offered as the panacea for all industrial ills, provided you apply Socialism liberally, for it is claimed that these two ingredients must be prescribed and taken in equal portions to effect the necessary change in the industrial body.

Catch phrases and stock language are provided as the vehicle with which to conjure their dreamy ideas. The fact is not lost sight of that this "politico-economic" dope must be taken without regard to anything tangible except the assurance of the vendor. Practicality, the natural tendencies of humankind, human characteristics and the varying degrees of human instincts are all set at naught, and hard and fast lines are set down in defiance of all natural predilections which obtain among all classes of people. It is to be deplored that there exists even a small fragment of the trades union movement not in harmony with the present general plan of our movement. But in all institutions of human endeavor there is always found a small section that delegate to themselves all the knowledge and acumen, while they designate the great body of the main structure as unworthy the confidence of the people composing it, and no matter how much time and energy has been expended by the builders, or whether the great majority stands firm for the maintenance of its fixed principles or not, destruction is the only solution in the eyes of these theorists.

The average soap box elocutionist paints in lurid hues what he terms the faults of the present trades union movement, and as a cure you are only advised to partake of his "metaphysical dope." He has not a good word for the great progress made by the trades unions—notable among them being the practical accomplishment of the 8-hour day, and the general recognition in a large sense of the public's acceptance of the right of the working people to organize themselves for mutual protection. The legislation enacted at the instance of organized labor is not taken into account, its effort in many other directions is utterly ignored, and the application of epithets and vulgar abuse characterizes the utterances of these alleged "reformers" when referring to the honored members of our organizations.

Criticism is to be courted, as it is the only method whereby the membership has an opportunity to correct errors committed, sometimes unwittingly, that naturally creep into any organization. But when criticism takes the form of violent abuse and the undercurrent makes for the disruption of all unions, as does the present attempt upon the part of these whilom sociologists, then it becomes the duty of all trades unionists to take a firm stand. The evident intention of this precious band is to drive the wedge of dissension so deep that dissolution will follow, but when the union men of this city thoroughly understand the objects and the reputations as well as the decidedly dark acts committed by the promoters of this new brand of "salvation," their efforts will be crowned with the same defeat that has always been meted out to men who have had for their object the destruction of any commendable undertaking. We are well aware that there are many industrial ills, but it is beyond the power of man to evolve any scheme that will achieve instant industrial order and justice. These "elocutionists" assure you that by the magic wand of legislation in their hands animated life can be injected into inanimate substances, human characteristics altered, changed and shaped to a new order of things; dispositions, crabbled in character, instantly transformed into sunny ones—in fact, human nature, we are told, is weak in their hands that it readily follows the channels of legislation without let or hindrance.

Now, Mr. Union Man, just ask yourself if you believe that this dope is worthy of serious consideration. Does it appeal to you as having a foundation on which to build your future hopes? In its intangible state can you feel that the premises taken is based upon substantial ground? It is rather strange that after the opportunity afforded all union men to contemplate the great work so far accomplished in our career, that even a small number are following the false god of industrialism and socialism. It is the duty of the trades unionists of the City of Portland to place themselves on record, and not become the victim of the "dope" that creates fanatics of all who imbibe.

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### UNIONS AND THE LAW.

"If the unions want to set themselves right before the public in such matters, let them impose the penalty of expulsion upon all members who resort to violence or blackguardly conduct in the attempt to help a strike. In San Francisco union men are fined for riding on a street car, but the unionists who throws a missile at a car, or insults a passenger for riding, does organized labor infinitely more harm than the one who merely rides. Every intelligent, reflective man should be able to see this clearly."—The Bee, Sacramento, Cal.

The Bee expresses a thought that is widely current in these days. Upon reflection it will be seen that there is nothing in the demand that the unions should expel "all members who resort to violence or blackguardly conduct." These offenses are punishable by the laws of the land; therefore they should be so punished. Having been so punished, why should the unions add to the legal penalty the further punishment of expulsion, with the consequent lessening of the opportunity to secure employment? If the officers of the law are unable to secure convictions in such cases, why should the unions assume the right (?) to enforce the law? The unions make their own laws for the government of their own members as such, and enforce them even to the point of expulsion. But it is always understood that the unions do not, and can not, assume authority to make or enforce law for the public. We have no doubt that The Bee would promptly and emphatically condemn any such assumption on the part of the unions. Why, then, the demand upon the unions that they expel members who "resort to violence or blackguardly conduct?" Is not that demand in reality a proposal that the unions shall set themselves up as extra-legal bodies with power to add to the legal penalties made and provided? This question ought to be well considered, especially by those who are disposed to think that the unions already assume more power than they rightfully possess or can safely exercise.

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- SUNDAY.**  
Shingle Weavers' Union No. 55—Every Sunday, 2 p. m., Fulton.  
Photo-Engravers' Union—Eleven o'clock first Sunday, Room 214, Goodnough Building.  
Geo. Handley, Oregonian.  
Railway Freight Handlers—Second and third Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, Draw Hall, P. McDonald, 162 Second.  
Typographical, No. 58—First Sunday afternoon, 11 o'clock, W. H. Helling-Hirsch Building, Geo. A. Vth, Journal.
- MONDAY.**  
Building Trades Council—Every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooke and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.  
Building Laborers—Every Monday evening, 8 o'clock, 154 1/2 Alder street, M. J. Conroy, 264 1/2 Alder.  
Carriage and Wagon Workers—First and third Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, Robert Ewing, 397 Morris St.  
Cigar Makers—Second Monday, Draw Hall.  
Electricians, No. 125 (Lime Men)—Every Monday night, Draw Hall, W. S. Jenkins, 248 E. Thirty-fourth.  
Pattern Makers—Second and fourth Mondays, Draw Hall No. 206, R. Lovelidge, 135 Broadway.  
Plumbers—Every Monday evening, Arion Hall.  
Sailors—Every Monday night, 7:30, No. 40 Shipwrights and Caulkers—Every second and fourth Monday, Draw Hall.  
Structural Building Alliance—Every Monday night at 12 1/2 Fifth street.  
Wrestling—Monday, Room 214 Goodnough Building.
- TUESDAY.**  
Bartenders' League, No. 559, in Bartenders' hall, 244 1/2 Alder street, 1st and 3d Tuesday night, and every 2d and 4th Tuesday afternoon.  
Blacksmith and Helpers Union—Every second and fourth Tuesday, Draw Hall.  
Bindery Women's Union, No. 112—First Tuesday evening, 10 o'clock, Sec. Otto Bookbinders No. 89—Third Tuesday, Room 209 Draw Building, E. J. Sonnenburg, box 2 Woodlawn.  
Carpenters—Every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.  
Cooks and Waiters' Union, No. 289, Sec. Otto Leiser, 212 Twenty-first St. N. days, Draw Hall, Ira S. Hill, 1169 E. Main.  
Teamdrivers' Union, Local 162—Every Tuesday night, Union Hall, Second and Stark, P. C. O'Meara, J. Peterson St., Sec'y.
- WEDNESDAY.**  
Allied Printing Trades Council—Second Wednesday evening, 214 Goodnough Building.  
Bricklayers' Union—Every Wednesday evening, Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Chas. Stokes, No. 228.  
Grainhandlers' Local 263—First and third Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina avenue, L. M. Hay, 129 Sellwood.  
Labor Party—Every Wednesday at 8 P. M. in Cooke and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.  
Leatherworkers—Every Wednesday evening, 162 Second, third floor, Manley Davis, 214 Union Avenue.  
Messenger Boys' Protective Union—Every Wednesday night, Draw Hall, Cecil E. Messinger, 844 E. Seventh.  
Painters—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 391 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.  
Plasterers' Union, 821—Every Wednesday evening, Plasterers' Hall, 127 1/2 First.  
Riggers and Shipbuilders—Every Wednesday evening in month, Hall 309, Alisky Building, Henry Arndt, 248 Burnside.  
Structural Building Alliance, 48—First Wednesday evening, Room 214, Goodnough Building, Frank Land, Journal.  
Street Railway Employees—Every Wednesday, Draw Hall.  
Journeymen Tailors' Union, No. 74—Second and fourth Wednesday evening, Sec. Otto Leiser, 212 Twenty-first St. N. days, Draw Hall, Ira S. Hill, 1169 E. Main.
- THURSDAY.**  
Barbers—Second and fourth Thursday evening, 162 Second, T. M. Leabo, secretary, 147 1/2 First, phone, Pacific 1501.  
Wagoners' Union, Local 289—Every Thursday night in Hall 302, Drew Building, 162 Second street.  
Boiler Makers' Union—Second and fourth Thursday evening, Arion Hall 228 1/2 Yamhill.  
Coopers' Union—First and third Thursday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 244 1/2 Alder.  
Garment Workers—First and third Thursday evening, 162 Second.  
Longshoremen's Association, 265—First and third Thursday evening, Union Hall, Second and Stark, third floor, Sec'y, C. M. Lathers Union—Every Thursday at 8 P. M. in Cooke and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.  
Printing Pressmen, Local 43—First Thursday, 127 1/2 First, W. H. Gerdes, American Typographical Union, Sec'y, C. M. Campbell, Star Theatre.  
Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union—Thursday evening, Lathers' Hall, 218 1/2 First.
- FRIDAY.**  
Carpet Workers, Local 8—Friday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill, H. C. Brown, 454 Florence.  
Electrical Workers, No. 317—Friday, Draw Hall, J. L. Crockett, box 644.  
Federated Trades Council—Every Friday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.  
Inside Electrical Workers—Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooke and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.  
Machinists, Willamette Lodge, No. 63—Friday evening, 142 Second, W. A. Dalzell, 604 E. Yamhill.  
Steam Fitters—Every Friday, Draw Hall No. 200.
- SATURDAY.**  
Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—First and third Saturdays, 8 o'clock p. m., 228 1/2 Yamhill, A. Dupols, 393.  
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—First and third Saturday, Draw Hall, G. C. Goldenberg, 811 May.  
Brewers' Union—Second and fourth Saturday evening, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Arion Hall, Otto Kulkas, box 171.  
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Saturday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill.  
Longshoremen, Local 264—At call of president, Hibernian Hall, Second and Stark (High Fifth, 27 N. Front).  
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