

LABOR GETS EXCELLENT REWARD IN THE ELECTIONS

The people of Oregon by their votes of last week have taken another substantial step forward. All the good measures on the ballot were not approved, a number of them were made our state law, while every vicious corporation-proposed measure to destroy direct legislation by the people and our products of people's rule were sent to defeat by overwhelming majorities.

MACKENZIE SAYS SOMETHING DOING

The engineers of Local 87 have commenced a crusade against Enterprise beer. Speaking on the subject yesterday, William McKenzie, secretary of the Engineers, said: "The Enterprise people of San Francisco have not treated us right. They wrote us that their representative would call here to consider the merits of the controversy. He was in Portland in October, but passed us by. "The product of this company is unfair to labor, as their beer is stored in an unfair storage plant here.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IN CONVENTION

The thirtieth annual convention of the A. F. of L. opened in St. Louis, Mo., last Monday with about 500 delegates present. The convention will in all probability be one of the most important in the history of this great organization. The following are some extracts from the reports of President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and Treasurer Lennon to the convention.

CARPENTERS ARE OPPOSED

The carpenters have voted unanimously against the organization of a labor union party. Expressions on the floor were to the effect that the initiative should be used to get good laws, and it political action be taken it should be by indorsement of the workingman's party, the Socialists.

OREGON NOW HAS THE BEST LIABILITY LAW IN WORLD

By R. A. Harris. Victory of no uncertain kind surely roasts on the banner of labor as a result of this election. Our liability law, enacted by a splendid vote, is the best in the United States, if not in the world. It provides stringent regulations to prevent men from becoming maimed or getting killed, and in this it is singularly and splendidly different from many liability laws.

MINNESOTA LIKES COULTER

Frank E. Coulter, the well known progressive worker for better things, has come back to Portland for another rest before going on another tour. He was in Minnesota for nearly three weeks and carried Minnesota for the initiative and referendum. The legislature stands pledged to it by 10 majority in the lower house and six majority in the senate. Had he been allowed to take charge of the campaign at the start the entire democratic ticket would have been elected. As it was the change affected was tremendous.

CIGARMAKERS WILL GIVE BALL

Thanksgiving night the fifth annual ball of the Cigarmakers' Union will be given in Christensen's hall, Eleventh and Yamhill streets. This affair will be a delight to all who attend. The music and all accompaniments will be of the best. Christensen's full orchestra will be on hand. The past efforts of the cigarmakers have always left a pleasant memory in the recollections of every fair lady and brave gentleman tripping over the floor of the hall.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT

It has been discovered recently that a venomous, lying, vicious paper that turns its billingsgate on organized labor is not a valuable asset in a campaign for congress. Future democratic aspirants will record this fact in their not books.

LIVE WIRE VICTIM

The funeral of the unfortunate victim of a live wire, Charles Sutton, was set for Thursday morning, November 17, at which time the Labor Press is in the mails. This unfortunate victim of the carelessness, neglect and oversight of the local public utility monopoly will by his death hasten the work of providing adequate safeguards. The liability law of Oregon will soon be in force, and then such instances will cost something. Consequently they will rarely occur. Speed the day.

A HERO IN THE STRIFE

A very interesting relation of a sacrifice for the liability law was made before the Central Labor Council last Friday evening by President Daly. An old man employed by the Willamette Steel and Iron works distributed some of the literature of organized labor on the subject to all of the men in the works. He was warned of the danger of losing his position, for the owners are bitter enemies of organized labor and heavy contributors to the fight against labor in every way and against the liability law labor proposed. He persisted in his work.

THE GAME WORKED THIS TIME

The people of Portland are driven into the suburbs to secure lots cheap enough to justify their trying to build homes upon. There are not less than seven lots idle to one occupied in Portland. It is makes the cost of streets, lights, transportation, gas, water mains and other public utilities enormous. Seven times more than they should be.

LABOR'S NEW EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY LAW

"This federation favors employers' liability at this time above every other consideration." Upon motion of Delegate R. A. Harris of Salem, the delegates to the seventh annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor on the 12th of last January arose and together, in the above few words, pledged themselves to secure the passage of labor's employers' liability law by the people. Organized labor and a few staunch friends have accomplished this good work. The liability law was passed by the people of Oregon by a vote in its favor of — out of a total of — votes.

OREGONIAN OFF ITS TROLLEY

The dear old Oregonian extends congratulations to itself for the defeat of 23, and probably 25, measures out of 32 submitted to the voters of the state. The eight county division measures it is especially complimentary upon. As an actual fact these measures were strongly opposed by nearly every paper not directly interested in the division of some new county. The Oregonian will have to divide honors on that bunch.

STONE & WEBSTER ARE LOSING OUT

It don't pay to work against the interests of the workingman. Stone & Webster, who are constructing the Tichner & Maegley building at Seventh and Alder streets, have discovered this fact. This company came to Portland to erect buildings by fighting labor, rather than co-operate with labor. They decided to proceed on the infamous "open shop" plan. The skilled union building mechanics are letting them strictly alone. The result is Stone & Webster have made the poorest kind of progress.

A DELIBERATE CONTEST.

The difficulties arising out of the Pressmen's strike in Denver threaten to involve the entire allied trades, not only in Denver but in other portions of the country. It is said that 500 strike-breakers are held in Chicago awaiting the opportunity to break down the allied printing trades in one city at a time. The fight in Denver was deliberately brought on to ascertain whether or not the allied trades of the printing crafts were links of steel or ropes of sand.

LABOR REMEMBERS FRIENDS.

The employers' liability law was made a law of Oregon by organized labor, with the assistance of some able friends. On Monday night the Building Trades Council appointed a committee of three to prepare a letter of thanks to be sent to C. E. S. Wood, Judge McGinn, the Daily News, Tom Lewis, Eugene V. Debs and others. Delegates Ledwidge, Nordstrom and Lumley were appointed to prepare the letters.

THE MERRY JOB

The merry job is expected to go through now that the election is over. The city council gives the Southern Pacific and the O. R. & N. half a million dollars' worth of waterfront in the form of street vacations today. More about this steal next week. Simon and his merry men are able to enjoy the smiles of the octopus.

DAN WANTS GOOD FLOUR.

Senator Dan Kellaher is working on a law to be introduced by him in the next session of the legislature prohibiting the bleaching of flour. Many mills bleach their poor grades of flour by the application of nitric acid. This stuff is sold in competition with flour made from fully developed wheat.

It is up to the union men in the various sections served by the labor press to give more backing, more boosting, for the paper that stands for their best interests all the time and is the only publication that will fight for them.—Artisan.

No Union card, no buy. Say that to the clerk in any store in Portland.



R. A. HARRIS.



JAMES CASSIDY.



WILLIAM DALY.



JUDGE HENRY E. MCGINN.

This group of five men were constantly in the forefront of the battle for labor's employers' liability law, carried at the general election last week by a handsome majority, upon by Judge McGinn and others. Appeal to Legislature. This law was presented to the Salem convention of the Federation at the time the legislature was in session. The measure was indorsed and the legislature requested to pass it. Jim Cassidy and R. A. Harris were appointed by the convention to stay at the legislature and secure its enactment. This brought on a bitter fight in the legislature. The Liability Insurance companies backed the opposition. They had over 50 of Portland's "big business" men go to Salem in a body to assist in killing the bill. Every string was pulled, every trick turned. The

Now who is left to pay the... "Who's a liar that says it... "They layed sober, this?... "Mashed did."