

Typo Union Benefits

Labor News, Worcester, Mass.

The International Typographical Union during the past ten years, under its present management, has made strides equaled by no other organization. It has maintained and greatly improved its magnificent home for aged, infirm and consumptive members at Colorado Springs. It has established a pension fund which makes it possible for any member of twenty years' standing to retire and receive an amount much larger than that paid by the United States government to its old soldiers. It has established the eight-hour day for its members in nearly every city and town of any size in its entire jurisdiction. It has aided in the establishment through its influence and agents of wage schedules that compare very favorably with any organization in the country. It has done all these things, and has in its treasury, including the Pension fund, more than a half-million dollars.

And there are those who, for political reasons, are parading under the guise of "insurgents" or "progressives," are desirous of changing the general policy of the organization just at a time when it is enjoying the height of prosperity, and with brighter prospects for the future.

RESULTS BENEFICIAL.

American Federationist.

With the progressive intensity of application under modern methods and speeded-up machinery, workmen by daily experience know and with hardly an exception the trained and careful investigators of working class life employed by either government or sociological agencies are by diversified observation convinced that ten hours in an industrial pursuit strain the nerves and weaken the general physique of even strong men the total result being a detriment to the race. An eight-hour day has given more, not less, of material things to the world. A whole continent, as is the case with Australia, may have the eight-hour day and mankind be richer.

POVERTY MOTHER OF VICE.

The vice commission of Chicago reports that poverty is the principal cause of vice. It tells of other causes, and proposes palliative remedies, some of them excellent. It tells of no remedy for poverty. The cure for the latter and principal disease afflicting civilization is to brush aside in some way the men who have grabbed the keys to the storehouse of God and will let none enter without tribute of their toil. Since no man made the land any more than the sea, none should have aught but use of it to the extent of his needs. The taxation of land values is a simple and practical remedy to break up land monopoly and that destroys in turn the poison of involuntary poverty and cures the ulcer we call vice. After this can come other social changes to do away with the evils of modern civilization.

COOS BAY PORT.

The decision of the supreme court sustaining the Port of Coos formation will hasten the development of public improvements and docks in this most promising section of Oregon.

The property of all Coos county will be benefited by the public improvements of the Port Commission. It will pay for the improvements made. Only one weakness remains. Improvements do not increase in value because of better docks and channels. They can be reproduced as cheaply as ever, consequently worth no more. The land is the absorbent of the benefits. Its prices and rents reflect those benefits. Why should they not pay for them? The people have the power.

THE FACTS.

Progressive Barber.

In our city today there are, approximately speaking, five willing, capable men for every job to fill. Some big-mouthed boosters, who ought to be in state's prison, would lead the Eastern people to believe that industry is paralyzed out here because of shortage of labor. No more dastardly falsehood ever escaped the lips of man, and our labor journals ought to make it clear to Eastern people not to flock to the coast looking for employment, for disappointment most surely awaits them.

LOW TAXATION OF PRIVILEGE.

The telegraph and telephone monopolies of Portland make enormous dividends on their franchises. One telegraph company on a part of its business made \$400,000 last year. The tax commission fixed the valuation of all the telegraph companies in Multnomah county at \$50,000. The income from one wire is over \$1000 a day. It is time that we had some different form of taxation from this. The franchises of the telegraph companies of Oregon are probably worth over four millions. They are assessed for less than \$600,000. Farmers and workmen make up the difference on their homes.

CORRECT.

First Citizen—"What is congress going to do?"
 Second Citizen—"Nothing, but talk."
 Third Citizen—"It will do the people, all right."
 First and Second Citizen—"Correct. We stand corrected. What'lyouhave?"
 The pious fraud is the devil's best friend.

TO MEET TROUBLE.

The governor of Idaho demands compliance with the law and the assessment of all property at full cash value. As far as personal property is concerned he is demanding an utter impossibility. Regarding improvements on land he cannot devise any system that will get within 50 per cent of the values on the average. In New Zealand and in a few American cities a system has been devised whereby over 95 per cent of land values can be levied upon easily. With a full cash value on land the levy would be low. In Australia in those cities where land values only are assessed there is no trouble in keeping both a full valuation and a low levy. The method is so simple as to be ignored by scientists. Just let any holder of a parcel or piece of land place his own valuation upon it, and require at the same time that he give anybody an option at that figure for its purchase. The governor of Idaho is going to meet trouble. The entire tax system of Idaho is wrong in principle.

PORTLAND CAN DO BETTER.

A Vancouver official is eagerly picked up by the Oregonian, who declares the City of Vancouver, B. C., has no single tax. It was found that the assessments of improvements was not necessary, owing to the large land values. Any old time the city can assess improvements if it wants to do so. The city levies no tax on personal property, but it does levy a vile and unjust license system on industry and business and an abominable poll tax. However, there is no reason why Portland should have a tax on improvements, either. It has plenty of land values, and its people are creating more every day. Let us not quarrel over terms. Vancouver has a very successful system of land value taxation as far as it goes. Portland can have the same, and go Vancouver one better. Why not?

MIGHT TAKE THE TRIP.

Oregon has a tax commission. It costs about \$5000 a year to keep up. The other day a prominent citizen of Portland suggested that the commission take a trip to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, and see how the land value tax system worked out. A commissioner quickly replied that they were not paid to do that. He was told that the commissioners might do it, anyhow, on their own initiative, and thereby learn something about the subject they were created to investigate.

Short and Long Shots

The Seattle city council is considering the ordering of the destruction of a lot of shacks.

The consideration of the Oregon initiative by the United States supreme court has been postponed until fall.

Bankers in San Francisco refuse municipal street car bonds. The way out is small denomination issues for the common people to take up.

The international moulders do not hold a convention unless ordered by referendum vote. If so voted one will be held this year.

The opening of the home of the Pressmen at Hale Springs, Tennessee, will be followed by the establishment of a technical school for pressmen in the near future.

Taxes went up nearly 50 per cent in Portland this year, just to help out the holders of big franchise values assessed at less than ten per cent of their actual worth.

When an American girl marries a duke that is all right, but when she marries an Indian chief there is something wrong. As between the two the chief is preferable.

In the local elections around his castle, Rockefeller's bosses herd the men to the polls and run things to suit. Many of his employees are unnaturalized Italians, but they vote just as they are told.

Broken hoisting machinery in an Illinois mine kept 150 miners at the bottom for two days. The owners violated the law in not having duplicate hoisting apparatus. But what is the law to profits of a coal mine?

Railroad telegraphers can now be worked six hours, laid off three and worked three more. The United States supreme court decided that the nine-hour day provided by congress for train dispatchers can be broken up into bits and strung out indefinitely.

If the revolutionists in Mexico depend on the word of the Monster they might as well take to the woods. Peace will come to them in the nature of being leaned up against a wall and shot. Of course Taft and Wall Street may keep things down for the sake of dividends to the American corporations, as in Cuba.

Organized labor has no ticket in the field in the Portland city election. It is fighting a gag ordinance that would put a stop to free speech in the city, and which is before the people on referendum. It is also fighting a banner ordinance which would give the police power to arrest a man or woman wearing or displaying any kind of emblem or device—a most mischievous and foolish measure. Several men who are union men are candidates for the nomination at the primaries, and naturally union workers lean strongly toward them. Nor is organized

labor making any use of the initiative to secure any changes in the charter. It is just good citizenship, asking the square deal.

During 1910, in Minnesota, nearly 52,000 positions have been secured through the three free state employment offices.

California employers of women have threatened to import coolies in place of white women because of the eight-hour law now in force.

Let us reason together with our employers, but let us keep our organization, lest the employer bring the biggest club to the meeting.

Taxes went up on the farmers in nearly every county in Oregon, and just to help out the poor timber grabbers and the suffering land speculators.

Where fish are deprived of water they die, and where overcrowded they die. Man is a land animal to the same extent that fish are water animals.

Six hundred children employed in dress-making sweatshops in Brooklyn, N. Y., went on strike recently to secure better pay and conditions, both of which are a disgrace to the country.

Our insane asylum is overcrowded with criminals, inebriates and senility. Our system creates insane, and many outside the asylums are wealth-crazy. They love and chase wealth, yet often have nothing.

To help out business and down the garment workers and other unions, the triangle holocaust employers of New York had rotten fire hose and no water in the pipes. It cost too much to keep the pipes pumped full and to get new fire hose. It cost less to bribe an inspector to go downstairs.

Roosevelt endorses the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and by Statement No. 1 until that is secured. The assembly and the old guard fought this, and when he tells them to be good and take their medicine, they gulp and frown and growl—but they take it.

In Copenhagen, Denmark, the workers of the city are combining with those of the country to demand the taxation of privilege more and industry less. Recently 135,000 copies of a single tax pamphlet have been distributed, and a Henry George society of several hundred active workers formed demanding justice, not charity.

School children are to make gardens in Corvallis under expert directions. Tens of thousands of men would make gardens under expert directions if the full product of their labors was given them. It is because in Oregon we fine men for making gardens that we have so vast an extent of idle and half used lands in the Willamette valley.

It is said that the toll roads into Tillamook county still exist and do an immense amount of damage to the county in keeping people away from it. These relics of barbarism should be speedily done away with. Like all other burdens on industry, exchange or travel, they retard development and place a fine on what the entire community wants.

Speaking of the efficiency of laws to restrain! Nature lets the "Tiger" tize without law, save in his own members. Man invents a law outside "HIS" members, to restrain the tiger, and then grinds up half the "Angels" in it, while the tigers multiply. Moral: In nature be an angel, or the law works; in society be a tiger or the law outside works.—Coulter.

In Oregon if a citizen of a town buys its bonds he is taxed for the crime. What more foolish thing could you imagine? Even Massachusetts has more sense than that. Even New York has found that local holders of bonds won't pay even five mills on the dollar taxes. They buy other bonds, boycott those of their own town—and keep mum.

Judge Webster deplores the veto of the good roads bill and lays the blame on Governor West. The blame is on the divided forces of the good roads, the political fiddling of a misrepresentative legislature and the farmers of Oregon who are a little leary of road building which taxes industry, thrift, enterprise and labor instead of the only thing benefited by good roads—land.

People in the country, and, for that matter, in this city, are warned against taking as true the statements concerning strikes, lockouts, walkouts, etc., in connection with labor troubles appearing in the Oregonian. That paper slyly slips in lies, misstatements or truth colored and painted up so her own mother wouldn't know the child in broad daylight. It sometimes has hardly a rag on which to patch out a labor yarn, but at other times the entire article is true, except one sentence neatly tucked in where it will do the most damage to organized labor.

Oregon has two senators and Oklahoma has two more who will fight to the last for the initiative and referendum and the admission of Arizona. That is why some big business sheets hammer them so. Perhaps they have lost the patronage of the president. If they had it, then we might be suspicious. Perhaps they may be mocked because they refuse to be bribed by White House pap; but if the people stand by them and the Big Business Beast cannot help itself, Arizona will come in and help out. Organized labor in Oregon cares little for party and less for name, and is getting that way more and more. Arizona has a right to the same constitution that Oregon has, and the hosts of hell shall not prevail against her.

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