

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION (By the Sub.)

The gentleman with the "literary turn of mind," who periodically "dis-tributes" the wit and humor and other matter for this column, is taking a vacation, and the other day his able "sub," who was taking a quiet snooze after fruitless efforts to disarrange and mix up the orderly condition of the records and index systems in the office, was rudely and mercilessly awakened from his peaceful slumbers by the editor, with a peremptory demand for the copy for the Labor Press.

The "sub" was unprepared to meet such a demand at short notice, and as his genius in this field of literature is not of such scintillating brilliance as the aforesaid regular correspondent—or the editor for that matter—and as it takes considerable time for the gray matter to percolate through his think-bone, he must preface apologize for the uninteresting character of this column in this issue. But, upon his return next week, Mr. Gallup ought to be full of enough "interesting matter" to fill two or three columns.

Claude Robinson has taken a traveling card and departed for a relative's ranch at Tillamook.

Chas. Morath has returned to the city after an extended visit to the eastern states.

E. H. Stivers has taken out a traveling card and departed from town.

Charles W. Ellis, special agent, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, was a visitor to the secretary's office on Tuesday. He was gleaming statistics for the Government Bureau.

L. B. Cleaver, assistant superintendent F. L. Kimball Publishing Co., Waterloo, Iowa, is visiting friends in Portland and McMinnville. Mr. Cleaver, who is very much taken with Oregon climate and scenery, will reluctantly return to the Iowa heat and humidity about the 20th.

W. L. Bailey was in town Saturday of last week and renewed his traveling card. Mr. B. has been rusticating in the mountains, and will stay in town a week or so.

L. Van Vleet, of the Oregonian chapel, returned from an extended vacation on the 12th.

Oliver C. Parks, delegate from St. Paul to the convention, called at headquarters on Thursday on his way home. He expressed himself as being very pleased with the Coast country.

BOOKBINDERS UNION (By A. Gluedauber.)

Last Tuesday evening Local No. 90 held its regular monthly meeting in the Labor Temple. A fairly good attendance considering the warm weather and the aristocratic members being at the beaches and summer resorts.

Arthur Lennon has cards out announcing the arrival of a baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Lennon have our hearty congratulations.

Our illustrious member, W. Ryder, of Davis & Holman plant, was very quietly married a week ago, and he is so busily engaged getting his little home fixed up that we mistake paint marks on his hands and clothes for ruling inks, but Pat Burke says he (Ryder) is still swinging the glue brush. We extend our congratulations.

The scribe got word that Dick Yoe-man is on the sick list. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Ray Pratt decided to kill the monotony of theatrical life by again getting around the work bench. Well, Ray, we hope you stay with us awhile.

The picnic at Crystal Lake Park was undoubtedly a huge success judging from the attendance. Every nook on the grounds was taken by a happy couple or parties. The ball game was a hummer. The Labor Press team lost a 15-inning game to the Bricklayers. Plenty of other amusements and lots of good prizes given the winners.

MUSICIANS MUTUAL ASSOCIATION Local No. 99, American Federation of Musicians. Headquarters and Secretary's Office, 128 1/2 Fourth Street—H. C. Banzer, Secretary. (BY BURNS POWELL, CORRESPONDENT.)

ATTENTION Any member of this Association found in any theatre in Portland, Oregon, that employs non-union musicians will be fined \$5.00 for the first offense, and \$10.00 for each additional offense.

The above resolution has been passed by your Board of Directors at a special session held August 17, 1915, and will be rigidly enforced.

Don't forget the Musicians' Picnic, Saturday, August 28. Sell the ten tickets sent you by the committee and plan to spend the day with your family and friends at Crystal Lake Park. There will be concerts both afternoon and evening and dancing all day. President Jeffery has been chosen by the committee to direct the music and

he asks that all band and orchestra players sign the paper on the bulletin board in the headquarters and designate the number of times you can and will play.

- The following is the program: 1. Friday, August 27. Orchestral rehearsal (at headquarters), 10 A. M. sharp. 2. Friday, August 27. Band rehearsal (at headquarters), 10:45 A. M. sharp. 3. Friday, August 27. Advertising Parade, 11:45 sharp. Full regulation uniform. (Form outside headquarters.) 4. Saturday, August 28. Orchestral concert at Crystal Lake Park, 3 to 4 P. M. (Leave town not later than 2 o'clock.) 5. Saturday, August 28. Band concert at Crystal Lake Park, 8:30 to 9:30 P. M. (Leave town not later than 7:30. Wear full regulation uniform.)

Mr. Jeffery wishes it known that every member of the Association is welcome to participate in the above program. A band of not less than 150 men is desired for the advertising parade Friday noon.

The picnic committee needs the assistance of a number of volunteer workers for the picnic grounds, August 28th. The volunteers may hand their names to Chairman Millard.

At the regular Board meeting Wednesday, August 18, R. L. Norris, piano, was admitted to membership.

THE REALITY OF ACCIDENTS By Ben H. Williams, State Statistician, State Industrial Accident Commission.

Accidents to most people are unreal. They are the bugbear of a dream. Why should one who is destined to be a strong, healthful man have much concern about them? Such a man does not intend to become a member of the growing army of cripples. Why should he worry?

There is a silent, sad-faced man, with an empty sleeve, who walks the streets of an Oregon town. His only support is the \$25 per month which he draws from the State Industrial Accident Commission. He has no income. Many times he has applied for a job. But they tell him that in these times there are plenty of two-handed men looking for work.

A year ago he was as other men, physically whole. He expected to remain that way. He had no idea how the swift, cruel processes by which men's limbs are torn asunder might

come into his life. Then on one day this was revealed to him.

He had found a job for a few days on one of the city woodshops. Whether the work was hazardous or not did not trouble him. He did not know that the woodshops of this state are poorly guarded and barbarously dangerous. But he did know that laborers who are too particular about conditions of work sometimes get fired. And so he wasted little time in thinking about the question of industrial safety.

During an interval in the sawing, while the sharp teeth were still revolving swiftly and unseen on the outer edge of the metal disc, he concluded to oil the saw. He picked up the oil can, injected oil in the proper places and then reached to set the can down. He never knew just how it happened. He felt his arm jump as if it had received an electric shock. He dimly remembers the thought of blood—great streams of blood. He heard someone cry out as if from a long distance. Then the air and the world began to grow black and his brain swirled. It seems like a nightmare, that period of suffering at the hospital. The doctor did his best, the nurse did her best; but the pain in that arm was terrible. It seemed that he would go wild; and at midnight they put him under the drug. When he awoke his arm was gone. It had been amputated above the elbow.

Now he swings a stub as he walks, and below that there is a feeling of vacancy. This is the story of how one man, after a fearful sacrifice, came to see the reality of industrial accidents and their important bearing on modern life.

PACIFIC MAIL WILL NOT QUIT

Because of a blind opposition to the seamen's law that almost borders on frenzy, the Pacific Mail Steamship company is now in an awkward position.

General Manager Schwerin has repeatedly declared the company "will go out of business" because of the law.

Officers of Pacific Mail in the Orient have announced in Shanghai and Yokohama newspapers that the company does not intend to go out of business.

The latter statement is reported by General Manager Philip Manson of the Atlantic Coast Steamship company in an interview published in the San Francisco Bulletin. Mr. Manson has just returned from a trip to China and Japan. At Shanghai he addressed a mass meeting of business men who were alarmed at Pacific Mail's threat. He showed by facts and figures, that the company could operate under the seamen's law with

a large profit and that there was no danger of them quitting.

The following day Pacific Mail officials announced in the China Press at Shanghai and in the Japan Advertiser at Yokohama that the company had no intention of going out of business. The officials also stated that company agents in Manila, China and Japan had been ordered not to book any new business, owing to the fact that freight business already secured "would fill all vessels of the line to their capacity for several months to come."

Oriental business men are probably unacquainted with methods employed by American "big business" to "educate" the public, for Mr. Manson assured the reporter that "the merchants are wondering why the company ever made the announcement that they were going out of business if they intended to correct it later." General Manager Manson is an authority on marine questions, and assisted, it is said, in preparing the ship purchase bill, considered by the last congress. He is not alarmed at Pacific Mail's threat and the following statement by him would indicate that this company's campaign of bluster and pretense is at an end:

"If the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which claims it cannot operate its line of steamers under the provisions of the seamen's bill except at a heavy loss, honestly wish to sell its interests, as stated by officials of the company, I will find a purchaser who will keep the big steamers under the American flag and conform to the regulations of the seamen's bill."

UNION LABOR'S STRIKES GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL

More strikes succeed than fail and the most successful ones are those called by organized labor. So the department of commerce and labor has ascertained after a digestion of labor statistics gathered during a quarter of a century.

Of all strikes called in that period the employes won all their demands in 48 per cent of the establishments and succeeded partly in 15 per cent more, while in only 37 per cent did they fail. Labor organizations were wholly successful in 49 per cent, while unorganized labor in only 34 per cent.

Demands for increase of wages has been the most popular cause of strikes, 41 per cent being due to this. Disputes concerning the recognition of unions and union rules caused 23 per cent of the strikes. The sympathetic strike has constituted only 3 per cent of all labor disturbances in the last few years.

During the last five years 6 per cent of all strikes and 12 per cent of all lockouts were settled by joint agreement, and 2 per cent of the strikes and 2 per cent of the lockouts by arbitration.

The total number of strikes and

TOLD OF THE WORLD'S "GREAT." Andrew Carnegie always has a barber cut his hair instead of cutting it himself. John D. Rockefeller does not polish his own shoes. (Nor anybody else's.) J. P. Morgan, though interested in railroading, dislikes very much to work on the track with a pick or shovel. George Gould is worth many millions, but the backyard of his New York residence is so small that he cannot keep either cows or pigs. Mrs. John Jacob Astor never lets the supper dishes "wait over till morning." She employs women to wash them at night. Samuel Mather is said to have a mechanical mind, but cannot fill his own teeth. Although bear's grease will soften the whiskers, J. J. Hill, of Great Northern fame, never rubs it on his. William K. Vanderbilt says it is safer to call in a chiropodist than to try to pare his corns himself—Cleveland Press.

lockouts in the twenty-five years studied was 33,303, affecting 7,444,279 employes.

Look for the Best Don't look for flaws as you go through life; And even when you find them It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind, And look for the virtue behind them. For the cloudiest night has a hint of the light Somewhere in its shadows hiding; It is better by far to hunt for a star Than the spots on the sun abiding.

The current of life runs every way To the bosom of God's great ocean; Don't set your force 'gainst the river's course And think to alter its motion. Don't waste a curse on the universe; Remember it lived before you; Don't butt at the storm with your puny form, But bend and let it fly o'er you.

The world will never adjust itself To suit your whim to the letter; Some things must go wrong your whole life long. And the sooner you know it the better. It is folly to fight with the Infinite And go under at last in the wrestle; The wiser man shapes into God's plan, As the water shapes into the vessel. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

HERE IS A CHANCE FOR UNION MEN to do something worth while for the cause of unionism

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