

LABOR'S HIGH COURT

GRAHAM TAYLOR COMMENTS ON A. F. OF L. CONVENTION.

Deliberations of Workers Marked by Vigor and Ability—Conservation and Self Control Dominant Notes. The New Political Policy.

Reviewing the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, Graham Taylor says in Chicago News: In dignity, ability and effectiveness the American Federation of Labor proves worthy every year of its great representative capacity and serious responsibility. No one who attends its annual convention or reads its official proceedings can fail to be impressed with its remarkable hold upon its diverse and very disparate constituencies. Its parliamentary self mastery and its essential conservatism.

The most interesting and significant discussion and action of the convention were upon President Gompers' report of the federation's new political policy. He was very cautious and conservative in the claims he made for it and even admitted that the efforts may not have fulfilled the highest hopes in the recent campaign. Yet he declared the members "will take advantage of every opportunity which presents itself to exercise all their rights and functions as writers, as men, as citizens, undisturbed by any temporary setback."

And he asserted it to be "impossible for another hostile or indifferent congress to resist labor's demands in the future as they have been treated in the past."

Nevertheless he closed his reference to the independent political action of the unions with this significant appeal to place the predominant emphasis upon their possession and increase of the advantage they hold in the economic field.

The reserve power of the convention was well illustrated by the fact that, although this official report upon the most exciting and divisive question before the convention was made at its first session, all discussion of it was held in check until it was brought up in the regular order of procedure nearly a week later by the recommendations of the committee on the president's report. Then came what was supposed to be the tug of war, but the tug proved to be all one way, for, although Victor Berger of Milwaukee, the sharp-tongued representative of the Socialists, returned to the attack as in former years and ridiculed the effort of the federation to defeat congressional hostility to labor, his claim that "true labor politics must always and only be partisan to labor" was answered under as never before. The convention went wild when John Mitchell introduced the labor congressman elect from Pennsylvania, W. R. Wilson, and declared his election and the increase of the miners' representatives in the Pennsylvania legislature in fifteen members to be "merely the rumble, while the earthquake comes in 1908."

The present policy of independent political action, which was ratified by a more nearly unanimous vote than the federation ever cast against the Socialists, was thus tersely and truly stated by Congressman Elmer Wilson:

"Neither as a trades unionist nor as a congressman will I be under the lash of any one. I was elected as a Democrat and will go into the Democratic caucus. If I find that my colleagues do not intend to be just to labor's demand I will walk out of that caucus and act by myself." The proposition to form an independent political party, it was declared, "would not get a corporal's guard in congress." "Make the party in power responsible for legislation that you want. What the politician fears is the select independent voters that he cannot place his hand on." The class hatred of socialism he roundly disclaimed. "We cannot rely on class hatred. It must be cast out. We must fight for justice and equity. The trades union movement has done things, and we must not risk it by casting it on any political die."

Founded on a Rock.

The true and progressive trades union movement as advocated and defended by the American Federation of Labor is founded upon the eternal rock of economic, social, moral, political and fundamental truth. It has proved a Gibraltar against its bitterest antagonists. It is the rock of hope to which cling the hearts and aspirations of the toiling masses. Nothing can seriously injure it or impede its progress or defeat its purposes but the unwisdom of its own members. It may not advance as fast as some impatient spirits desire. It can only advance as rapidly as the conscience, intelligence and sincerity of its own members will permit. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, as an army cannot advance faster than its slowest division, so the trades union movement of the American Federation of Labor advances and is solidified as the spirit of fraternity and the willingness to bear each other's burdens are more clearly and intelligently manifested by the great rank and file of the grand army of labor.—Samuel Gompers.

LABOR NOTES.

The Hamilton cotton mills, Amesbury, Mass., has increased the wages of all its operatives 10 per cent.

The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad has granted the switchmen an increase of 4 cents per hour.

The American Federation of Labor will hold its 1907 convention at Norfolk, Va.

John T. Dempsey of the United Mine Workers and William Klapezsky of the Barbers' union will represent the A. F. of L. at the British trades congress next year.

DRESS OF THE ESKIMO.

Made by the Women From the Skins of Northern Animals.

The chief material of the clothing of the Eskimo is the skin of the reindeer, which is used in various stages of pelage or tanning. Fine, short haired summer skins, especially those of does and fawns, are used for making dress garments and underclothes. The heaviest winter skins furnish extra warm jackets for cold weather. The white spotted skins of the same Siberian reindeer are especially valued for full dress jackets.

The skins of the white mountain sheep, white and blue fox, wolf, dog, ermine and lynx are sometimes made into clothing. Underjackets of older duck skins are often pressed into service. Sewed to dress with the hair on is used only for breeches and boots, and for those rarely. Of late years drilling and calico have been introduced into the makeup of some of the minor garments.

The dress of the men consists of a loose hooded frock without opening except at the neck and wrists. This reaches just over the hips and very rarely to midlength, where it is cut off square and usually finished by a girdle at the waist. Under this garment is worn a similar one of lighter skin and sometimes without a hood. The thighs are clad in one or two pairs of tight fitting knee breeches, rather loose, but fitted to the shape of the leg. They are very low in front, but are much higher behind, sometimes as high as the small of the back. They are held in place by a girdle or thong around the waist and are usually fastened below the knee over the boots with a drawstring.

On the legs and feet are worn, first, a pair of long deer skin stockings, with the hair inside, then slippers of tanned seal skin, in the bottom of which is spread a layer of walrusbone shavings and outside a pair of close fitting boots, held in place by a string around the ankle, which reaches above the knee and ends with a rough edge covered by the seal skin. Dress boots often cut in an ornamental border, with drawstring just below the knee. The boots are of reindeer skin, with white seal skin soles for winter and dry weather, but in summer waterproof boots of white walrus skin are worn. Overshoes of the same material, reaching just above the ankles, are sometimes worn over the winter boots.

The women wear tight fitting deer skin pantaloons, with the hair next the skin, and outside of these a similar pair made of the skins from deer legs, with the hair out, and having soles of seal skin, but no ankle strings. The women's pantaloons, like those of the men, are fastened with a girdle just above the hips. It appears that they do not stay up very well, as the women are continually hitching them up and tightening their girdles, like some old sailor.

Until they reach manhood the boys wear pantaloons like the women, but their jackets are cut just like those of the men.

The well to do Eskimos generally own several complete suits of clothes and present a neat appearance when not engaged in dirty work. The poorer classes wear one suit for all occasions until it becomes shabby. New clothes are seldom put on till winter. The outer frock is not often worn in the hills, or but home, being usually taken off before entering the room.

At present there is no such thing as an Eskimo tailor, for the women of each Eskimo household usually make the garments of all the members of the family. Not only this, but the Eskimos are extremely conservative in their regard of changes in the style of their garments and respond very slowly to the modernizing influences in this particular which have reached their neighborhood.

Convict Regiments.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century the British army had a bad reputation at home, and it was very difficult to get recruits for it. For this reason it was officially proposed to send the men by an impressment falling on "any sturdy beggar, fortune teller or the like idle, unknown, suspected fellow in the parish; or, if there be none such, then any one that has already been in a goal or before a justice of the peace for his idle, disorderly life." The notice was acted upon. Debtors were released from prison on promising to join the army or the navy, criminals were pardoned on the same terms, and persons with no visible means of subsistence were marched off to death and glory. The system worked out better than might have been expected. In the peninsular war, for instance, three new regiments were composed entirely of convicts, and one made for itself an illustrious name.

New England and Napoleon.

The hostility of New Englanders to the first Napoleon was sincere and deep. A remarkable instance of this feeling is to be found in the manner in which the townsmen of Boston received the news of his first abdication. The incident has been brought to notice through an interesting exhibit in the historical collections of the public library of that city. It is a ticket admitting the bearer to a "solemn festival at the Stone chapel, in commemoration of the goodness of God in delivering the Christian world from military despotism. Boston, June, 1814."

Doing Right Well.

"John's done right well up in the city, arter all."

"Do tell."

"Yes; I've jes' hearn that he's recovered from one appendicitis, two other troubles, one heart failure an' three business ones."—Atlanta Constitution.

Better the world should know you as a sinner than God know you as a hypocrite.—From the Danish.

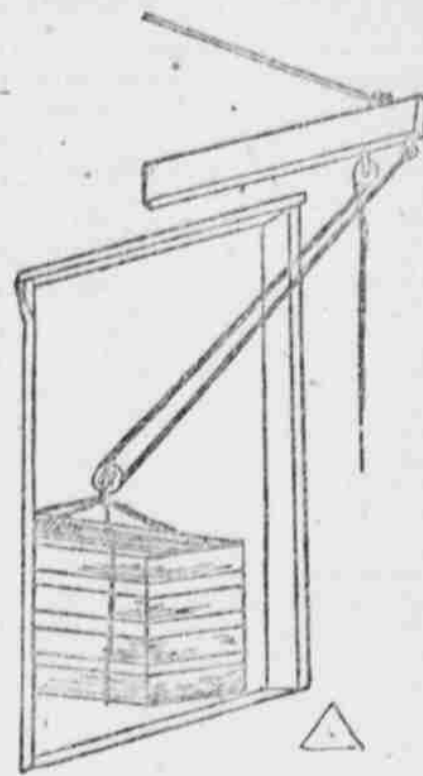
FARM GARDEN

HANDY DEVICE.

Western Contrivance For Lifting Heavy Objects.

Sometimes a few hours spent in making some device will save much hard lifting that falls to the lot of every farmer. Such a device is found on a western farm. It is a contrivance for loading and unloading crated hogs or other heavy objects, as barrels of salt maulasses, etc.

The illustration shows a crane about to be raised from the hog house door.



FOR RAISING A CRANE.

As soon as it is high enough the wagon is backed under and the work is done. The boom overhead is braced with a rod and on the inside of house. It should be a 2 by 6. For heavy lifting a small windlass may be used, which will make it still easier to elevate the load.—Iowa Homestead.

MUTTON FINISHING.

A New Sheep Feeding Era in the Corn Belt.

Mutton finishing operations in the corn belt have been hampered this year by scarcity and high prices of thin range sheep and lambs, according to *Broader's Gazette*, Chicago, which further says:

These a few years ago went begging at Chicago and Omaha. Now values are decidedly out of line with finished stock, practically eliminating the finisher's margin and forcing him to feed largely for the gain.

In other words, the man out west proposes to go out of the business of selling feeders and finish everything at home.

"The fact must be apparent to any close student that the west will not long continue to furnish the east with material to fill its feed lots," said Mr. Knolling, an Idaho breeder. "With the rapid settlement of the west and extension of the irrigated area devoted to small grains and alfalfa, feed will become abundant, and it must be consumed on the ground, owing to long hauls and expensive freights. The grain and hay grower in the west will need every sheep and lamb available as a medium for converting his crops into an easily transported marketable commodity. This is why Michigan, Ohio and other eastern states cannot depend on the west for a supply of feeders in the future. If they intend to continue in the business of making fat mutton it is up to them to resume breeding."

Bedding the Stock.

To go out in the morning and find your hog troughs full of snow and their drinking fountains frozen up, your milk cows humped up in one corner of the yard and the calves that never saw snow before bawling, the chickens and turkeys stuck in the snow bank, the old pump frozen up, etc., how happy it makes you feel! It doesn't take long, however, for the thrifty man to get things in shape and everything comfortable. There is nothing that helps to usher in the winter pleasantly so much as plenty of straw for sheds, pens and stables. I think there is money in keeping everything bedded well, says a writer in *Iowa Homestead*.

Support For Berry Bushes.

In many localities raspberry and blackberry bushes must be tied up to prevent heavy snows from stripping off the tender shoots that will produce the fruit of the coming season. The usual stakes and supports are in the way of the cultivator. The cut shows an excellent plan for supporting the bushes in rows between two wires fastened to each post. This method keeps the bushes erect and gives a clear open space between rows for the cultivator and for the pickers.—*Farm Journal*.

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