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NOTES AND COMMENT.

INDICATIONS point to the organization of a municipal league in this city in the near future by the ministers and "substantial citizens." This threatened action is due to the graft administration of Mayor Steeg. The Ministerial Association has published a statement confessing its impotency in trying to reform Steeg by the oratorical crusade of last March. He has stood like a rock, while the cyclone of resolutions, threats and appeals only brought the reply that his position was endorsed by the "business interests" of the city. The ministers confess that this is true by stating that "this plain affront by the mayor to the moral sense of the substantial men of our city failed to awaken any response or rebuke from them." This absence of a response or rebuke from our "substantial" men which the ministers admit is evidence that Steeg is correct. He is conducting a "business administration." Yet, in the face of this, the ministers demand a "business-like" administration to remove the evils against which they protest. They seek an alliance with the same influences which Steeg claims and they admit is responsible for the graft administration. There is nothing surprising in this, however. The "substantial men" of whom the ministers speak and the "business interests" on which Steeg relies are one and the same. The ownership of property is the qualification which determines whether one is "substantial" or not, and the propertyless workers have no consideration at the hands of the ministers. The church has allowed property to usurp its altars and define its doctrines and policies. Yet it is to these we are asked to look for aid and advice, "for the advancement of public morals," etc.

It is safe to say that the municipal league which will come from this source will have little opposition from the "business interests" that now control affairs in this city. The unsubstantial workingman who can be duped into accepting advice from such an organization when casting their ballots will be delivering themselves into the hands of the same power that has spurned their demands for years. Workingmen must learn the lesson of reliance on their own power, which comes of their vast numbers, when united for a common programme. They must learn that the deliverance of their class from servitude in any form must be the work of the working class and not of "substantial men" whose standing is determined by their property relations. These are interested in maintaining conditions as they are; the interests of the workers demands their overthrow.

HOW often have we heard the phrase "high wages" or "fair wages" uttered by men who, if asked what is meant by these terms, is unable to ascribe any definite meaning to them. One man will consider a certain wage as fair or high, while another will differ and advance reasons why he thinks it is low and unfair. The average man, who seldom probes to the bottom of these questions, will say that \$2 for an eight-hour day is a high and fair wage, but if asked for the reason has none, unless it be that many trades have demanded this. But when this standard is reached we find that it, too, is abandoned by some as unfair and still more is demanded. Thus the conception of fair or high wages fluctuates from year to year and no definite standard is ever settled upon. Nor can such a permanent standard ever be established. The facts are that that standard is considered fair which we can force the employing class to pay at any time. The reason for this is that the phrases fair and unfair, high and low, are relative terms. For instance, to say that \$2 per day is high wages is to presuppose a standard by which we determine it. Two dollars is high as compared to \$1, but is low as compared to \$3. Thus the man who affirms that his wages are high or low compares them to a fluctuating standard which he selects at will but can give no reason for doing so. If he is asked why he selects \$1 or \$2 as the standard by which he measures the fairness of his wage, he can give no satisfactory answer. The reason is apparent. No definite money wage selected at will

THE following telegram announcing the death of one of the foremost socialists in America will be read with sorrow by the many wage-workers for whose cause he fought and for which he, in a measure, sacrificed his life. Frederic O. MacCartney was one of the most brilliant speakers and debaters in the socialist movement and his loss will be keenly felt in the working class movement of Massachusetts. His speech nominating Eugene V. Debs for the presidency was pronounced a masterpiece by all who were fortunate enough to hear it.

A few days prior to his death he was fighting the battles of the workers in the Massachusetts legislature, and it can be said with truth that he died on the firing line, fighting for the greatest world movement that history has thus far recorded. His work in that body is a fitting monument to his memory and is sufficient to endear him to those whose cause he defended.

HAVERHILL, MASS., May 26.—Representative Frederic O. MacCartney, socialist member of the Massachusetts legislature, died last night at Rockland of pneumonia, after an illness of eleven days. The actual cause of his death was overwork, his activity in the legislature and speaking and working for the Socialist party having hastened a breakdown.

MacCartney was serving his fourth term as a socialist representative, having been elected in 1899 and increasing his majority each year since. His powers both as a legislative leader and as a lecturer for socialism had steadily developed until he became recognized by the capitalist press and politicians as a most formidable figure in Massachusetts politics. His popularity with his socialist comrades increased with time, and no man in Massachusetts was more deeply beloved and highly respected by his co-workers than he.

MacCartney was 39 years of age, and four years ago gave up his church in Rockland to devote his whole time to socialism. He remained a Unitarian minister to the last, and the last public act he performed was the marriage ceremony for National Secretary Mally at Haverhill on May 15.

His death leaves a place vacant in the Socialist party of Massachusetts almost impossible to fill. His love of justice, his devotion to the cause of socialism, his faith in the working class movement and in the future of the Socialist party grew stronger with the years he gave of his life to the cause and those who love the cause he died for should remember his devotion and revere his memory forever.

WILLIAM MALLY.

by men of different views as to what they should receive can act as a standard no more than we could allow each man to have his own standard of weights in buying his groceries. There is but one standard by which we can determine whether a given wage is fair or unfair, and that is by comparing the amount received with the amount produced. Two dollars for an eight-hour day is not a fair wage if during that time the worker is producing values equal to or exceeding \$10. Such a wage would be high when compared to \$1 or low if compared to \$3 per day, but it cannot be a fair wage so long as the worker receives anything less than the total sum of the values he has produced during the working day. Of course the workers can never secure a fair wage in this sense under capitalism, for if by combination they threatened to absorb the full result of their toil the employing class would refuse to buy them when they offered themselves for sale on the labor market. They buy labor power for the reason that after paying an amount sufficient to enable the workers to live and reproduce their strength, they have a quantity of values which represent so much unpaid labor. This unpaid labor contained in the surplus values produced by labor represent the excess over and above the wages paid. So long as laborers sell themselves to others they will have to surrender this surplus in order to live at all. A fair wage will never be a possibility till the workers own and control the machinery of wealth production and the values produced flow back to them. Anything short of that must necessarily be unfair.

IN the report of Miss Veronica McLaughlin, special agent of the Ohio state department of labor, some interesting figures are presented on the conditions of working women in Hamilton and Dayton, says a correspondent of Boyce's Weekly. In Hamilton she shows that the women employed in making cans and tin buckets averaged 18 years of age, and averaged steady employment at their occupation for forty weeks. Their average wage was \$4 for sixty hours' work per week. The average living expense reported was \$2.40, and an average clothing expense of 96 cents. Other necessities cost 98 cents, showing that by the reports the women spend 34 cent more weekly than they receive.

This discrepancy is explained by the investigator, who states that most of those reporting lived with their families and contributed as they were able to the general expense. In making men's clothing the average age of the women employed was 22; number of hours weekly, 60; average wage \$4.21; cost of board

and lodging, \$2.13; clothing and other necessities, 84 cents. In knit goods, the average age was 18; 63 hours weekly; average wage, \$3.60; board and lodging, \$2.31; other necessities, \$1.80. Laundresses, average age, 21; 60 hours weekly; average wage \$4.52; board and lodging, \$3.07; other necessities, \$2.14. Making mattresses and bedding, average age, 22; 60 hours weekly; wage, \$5.20; board and lodging, \$2.81; other necessities, \$2.24. In paper mills, average age, 22; hours, 59.4; wage, \$4.34; board and lodging, \$2.66; other necessities, \$1.97. Printing and binding, average age, 20; hours, 60; wage, \$3.37; board and lodging, \$2.18; other necessities, \$1.81. Manufacturing woolen goods, age, 25; hours, 60; wage, \$5.48; cost of board, \$2.60; rent, light and heat, 40 cents; other necessities, \$3.10. Dayton, Middletown and other nearby cities yielded practically the same results.

It is not surprising with such reports as the above being made in various states that girls are induced to seek a "friend" in order to make up the balance to enable them to live. Some one has well said that "the price of virtue rises and falls with the price of bread," which contains a world of truth. If the wages received by working girls are not sufficient to meet living expenses recourse must be had to other means.

They are thus driven from the factory doors to the streets. This is not so much a disgrace to the present system as it is the natural consequence of it. Given a condition whereby the jobs go to the weakest and lowest bidder, the working girls of America are those who are "favored." They have the least power of resistance and are less inclined to rebel against low wages than the men and in the eyes of the employing class they are "model workers." They thus displace the fathers, husbands and brothers, who are in a measure responsible for these conditions by supporting the system which gives rise to them.

It would be very interesting to have Father Sherman explain why this system, which according to him is "near akin to heaven," makes possible such conditions.

TERSE THOUGHTS.

The coal trust had a "hot time" last winter, and now the ice trust will give you the cold shoulder. Let us prey.

The "leading" politicians of the old parties are busily engaged in selecting a candidate for president. Are you one of those they lead? If you vote either of their tickets you will have a hard time to prove an alibi.

The large number of May Day strikes may be hard to reconcile with prosperity editorials, but most editors are equal to the emergency.

All men are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but Morgan and his class have the life, liberty and happiness, while we are still pursuing all three.

Josh Billings knew the politician. He said, "There isn't much difference between being dumb as a mule and knowing a whole lot that ain't so."

Russia will take Manchuria by force of arms which is "national honor." The footpad who holds you up at the point of a gun is a robber. One is business and the other isn't. The biggest gun gets there first.

The man who produces wealth he does not own supports in politics the class that owns wealth they do not produce. He is an easy mark.

Father Sherman may be afraid that socialism will destroy the home, but he would hardly let Henry Austin Adams, the eminent Catholic lecturer, take the platform to prove it.

Workingmen of Terre Haute will be pleased to learn that a silk-stocking committee is to be organized to select candidates for them in coming elections. Those who feel the necessity for an intellectual wet nurse should apply at once.

Do not be alarmed over the long silence of Baer. He will be on hand with a special message from the Lord when cold weather comes.

The fable of the economists that the capitalists got their start by a primitive accumulation might be true, but some of us have our suspicions that the stupidity of the workers had something to do with it.

The hog that drinks his fill and then lies down in the trough to keep the others away may excite our disgust, but that is no reason why Carnegie should not be praised as a philanthropist.

Those union men who divide their forces at the ballot box must have a queer conception of what the word unity means.

When the Socialist party is triumphant in national politics the capitalists can then say, with much truth, "We have nothing to arbitrate."

Parry may have had a change of heart but there is no evidence that his gall has been affected.

The worker who begs for what he has the power to take receives what a beggar deserves and always gets—contempt.

The gold brick may not be as effective in catching suckers as it formerly was, but the republican party still uses the tariff with some effect.

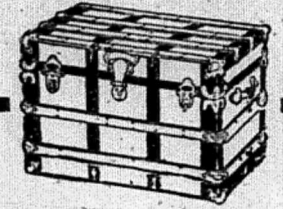
If socialism will not free the workers, why do the masters oppose it, and if it will, why do you?

The man who is continually looking for a leader before he can act is generally led astray when he finds one. Hearst has a good many by the nose.

Morgan and the socialists each want the whole earth. Without your help Morgan will get there first.

The politicians are going to "recognize" labor by giving Clark, of the Conductors, a government job. They will continue their acquaintance with the rank and file through the injunction.

The Michigan legislature that is considering the bill to kill all idiots must be contemplating suicide.



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BREWERS WIN BATTLE.

The Fight of the Brewery Combine Against the Workers Unsuccessful.

The Brewery Workers is one organization that seems to have a habit of winning battles. In the past two years it has gone against some hard-propositions, but has been victorious in every case.

LABOR NOTES.

The strike in the Howard ship yards at Jeffersonville, Ind., has been settled, the men winning a nine hour day.

The construction men of the two telephone companies at Indianapolis struck Monday for an increase of 25 cents a day.

Chicago Blacksmiths have gained a 9-hour day with 10-hour's pay.

Painters in Asheville, N. C., were successful in winning 8-hour day at old wage rate.

The city of Shawnee, O. T., has passed an ordinance which compels the union label hereafter to be on all city printing.

Racine masons, plasterers and helpers are now working 8 hours at 9 hour's pay. Good again for Racine.

Grocery clerks at Haverhill, Mass., are now working union hours, with a Wednesday half holiday the year round. The union did it.

Street car men in Jackson, Mich., took a recess for 30 minutes recently. Every car on the system rested. The company did not like it. Result: More wages, shorter hours. Street car men at Providence and Pawtucket, R. I., are also in the swim. Twelve hundred of them receive \$2.50 a day, dating from May 1st. Wages were much lower without the union.

Carpenters in Steubenville, O., have been granted an 8-hour day with 33 cents an hour.

The Harvester Trust in Chicago took a tumble to itself and decided to do business with the unions. Only a few weeks ago it declared its determination to close its plants for six months if the men would not be good and lay down, and the trust was wise. It did!

Ice wagon drivers in Hamlin, O., got together and decided that they didn't want to be ice men for fun. Plans were under way to organize a union, when the bosses woke up and decided that the men were worth \$2 a week more than they had been formerly paid. The idea of a union changed the value of the men immediately.

The press association Sunday sent out a report that the Union Pacific strike had been settled: This was immediately denied by the national officers of the Machinists' Union. However, a term of settlement was agreed upon with the Boiler-makers, but when they returned to work the company officials violated the agreement by refusing to reinstate all the strikers, and the strike is still on.

Daily papers publish the following cheering information from New York: The newly formed employers association has decided upon its plan of campaign against the labor unions and their chief weapon will be the lockout. It has also decided that it will not limit its membership to persons and firms connected with the building industry, but that all employers of labor shall be eligible to membership.

A battle occurred between strikers and scabs at the "Q" mine in the New River coal field in West Virginia, Tuesday. The strikers were attacked by the armed scabs, and as a result one scab is dead and several strikers wounded.

Packing house employees at Omaha demanded an increase of about 15 per cent. A committee of the unions has returned from a conference with the officials of the combine at Chicago, and report that they were unable to effect a settlement. A strike is probable.

The laundry strike has been compromised. The bosses agree to recognize the union, but the union grants the privilege of open shops. Don't know just how recognition of the union and open shops can go together, but that's the way the capitalist press gives it to us.

The constitution of the International Association of Massachusetts has been changed so as to admit helpers and apprentices to membership.

At a conference of the executive boards of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association and the manufacturers at Pittsburg, the blowers asked for an increase in wages and a Saturday half holiday. These questions will come up for adjustment at the meeting of the joint scale committee at Atlantic City, after convention in Cincinnati in July.

A victory has been won by the 10,000 strikers in Denver. The strikes were really for recognition of the unions and this point has been conceded.

All the old officers were re-elected by the convention of the Bartenders' National League, which was held in Philadelphia last week. The next convention will be held in Rochester, N. Y.

The convention of the United Hatters, held in New York, had only routine business to transact. All the old officers were re-elected without opposition. Secretary Phillips begins his twenty-fourth year of service in that position.

The national convention of Switchmen adjourned at Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon, after deciding to meet in Indianapolis two years hence. The question of a uniform standard of wages was discussed and action deferred till the next convention. The employment of negroes by railroads was condemned and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was condemned for refusing to denounce negro labor.

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POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

Three Workmen Killed and One Dangerously Injured at Fontanet.

Three men were killed and one dangerously injured as a result of an explosion at the Fontanet powder mill Wednesday morning.

THE DEAD. HARRY STIMSON, aged 45, head beater. FRANK ARTHUR, aged 40, assistant beater.

SERIOUSLY INJURED. EDWARD SMITH, aged 20, yard man.

The explosion is thought to have been due to spontaneous combustion in the tight room where the nitrate of soda is blown after being crushed by the beater. The three men who lost their lives were in the beater house, while Smith who was terribly injured, was in a box car several yards distant. Arthur was lying on some sacks near the beater and Stimson and Riddle were beneath the machinery making repairs.

Stimson was caught under the debris, and when the fire which followed the explosion, was extinguished his body was found burned almost beyond recognition.

Riddle managed to crawl from the place in which he was caught and escaped being roasted to death. His hair and eyebrows were burned off and he sustained internal burns from inhaling the flames. He was brought to St. Anthony's hospital, where he died Wednesday afternoon.

Arthur was too badly injured to be brought to the hospital and died at his home at Fontanet shortly after 1 o'clock. Smith is horribly burned, but it is thought he will recover. The box car in which he was working was totally demolished.

Two minutes before the explosion Elmer Sugar, R. Webster and Ed Wells left the beater house, and escaped death by that narrow margin.

JASONVILLE.

Clerks Organize—Central Labor Union in Prospect.

The Toiler man paid a flying visit to Jasonville Monday. Jasonville is now about the liveliest town in the coal fields. The advent of the S. I. railroad and the development of the coal field is the cause of the boom.

The object of my visit was to organize a Clerks' Union, and I found that a charter had already been applied for and nearly every clerk in the town will be a member when the union is instituted next week.

Every branch of industry in Jasonville is organized and a central labor union will be formed in the near future. There are now five locals of Miners, a Teamsters' Union, Painters' Union, Bricklayers' Union, Carpenters' Union and a Federal Labor Union.

Work of all kinds is plentiful. The mines are working good for this season, and a great amount of building is being done. During the summer the main street will be paved with brick and other streets gravelled.

The unions are arranging for a big two-day celebration on Labor Day and the day following.

Among the well-known union men in Jasonville are Grant Tubbs, victimized street car man, who are working at the mines and doing well. Wm. Marshall and Clarence Eldridge, formerly president and secretary of the Brazil Central Labor Union, are busy at house painting. Bud Lee, ex-president of the Linton C. L. U., is in the mines.

Miss Biegler made a socialist speech on the street last week and a branch of the Socialist party will be organized soon.

Bedford Strike Unchanged.

The stone industry in Bedford is still at a standstill. Every quarry is closed down and no mill is running. Fully 1,500 men are idle, three or four hundred have gone elsewhere and a few are at work at catch jobs about the city.

Before the first of May it was impossible to rent a house in Bedford, and men were preparing to build more. But the strike came and every train is taking families out of town. There is no trouble now to rent houses, rents have fallen, and no more houses will be built.

Some of the quarry owners whose men are on strike at Bedford own plants in the Bloomington district and are working steadily and paying more wages than the Bedford men are asking for. It is generally understood by the men, and not denied by the bosses, that it is no longer a question of wages. The difference is so small that an agreement could be reached in a short time if the wage question only were involved. The object of the quarry owners is to destroy the organizations of workers.

The June Cosmopolitan.

The lover of fiction—especially in the form of short stories—will turn with pleasure to the latest issue of The Cosmopolitan. Here appears a charming love-story by Francis William Wharton, beautifully illustrated by Thomas Mitchell Peirce; a dramatic railroad story by R. H. Farnham; a romance by H. R. Martin and Henry Seton Merriman. In the same number, which is remarkable for the great variety of topics that are discussed, Edward Everett Hale writes on "Old-Age Pensions," Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the "Review of Reviews," discusses "Journalism" as a profession; H. G. Wells advances some more of his ideas on "Love and Cultivation of the Imagination;" and Mary E. Thornton gives some practical advice on "How to Care for the Sick in the Home."

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SOCIALIST NEWS

BIEGLER AND KIRKPATRICK.

Linton Socialists Well Pleased With Their Work.

LINTON, IND., May 27.—During the past week Linton has been stirred to the very depths by socialist oratory of the most convincing kind. First we had Professor George K. Kirkpatrick, who aroused and enthused our people as with sparks of electricity. Then came Miss Biegler to emphasize and make enduring and lasting by her unanswerable logic and soul-touching pathos the impressions already made by Comrade Kirkpatrick. Both speakers were greeted by more than average-sized crowds which listened attentively, the people seeming to be actually afraid lest they might miss one word. Oh, they are a grand pair; he with his sharp, ringing blows—and such well directed blows, he awakens and throws off their lethargy, as the sharp, ringing cry of fire in the middle of the night might arouse the sluggard. And then comes Miss Biegler, with her woman's wit, her calm, cool logic, sound reasoning and common sense, to drive home and clinch forever upon the minds of the audiences, the unanswerable arguments of socialism. Truly they are a brilliant team, and this work should be productive of a rich harvest; and when the capitalist press cry out that socialism and anarchy are one, what better answer do we need than to point to such men and women as these, many of whom adorn the ranks of socialism; men and women of the highest education and refinement and culture; men and women who abandon lucrative positions to go out into the highways and byways to teach labor its rights and the way to secure them. Miss Biegler wound up her labors in Linton in a heart-to-heart talk to socialists on Sunday evening, imparting instruction and encouragement to them as to how to push on the good work, and as a result of her visit, we hope to soon see a woman's auxiliary organized here. All socialists here deeply deplore the untimely death of Comrade Dan Llewellyn, who was an earnest worker and staunch advocate of the cause. INCOG.

DEBS AT COLUMBUS.

Workers Want Him For President in 1904.

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 25, 1903. Eugene V. Debs spoke in the city hall here Monday night to a large crowd who listened to his lectures very attentively. He spoke for over two hours. No better Socialist speech has ever been heard here. After the meeting an old fashioned hand shake was indulged in. Debs is surely wrapped up in his work. He was introduced by Rev. James. We want Debs for president in 1904. WILL T. NOE.

INDIANA SOCIALISTS.

Secretary Oneal's Weekly Press Bulletin.

Fourteen cities and towns have enrolled under the summer circuit plan within one week after sending out circulars outlining the plan. Nine of these are unorganized towns, and the indications are that this method of agitation will prove the best yet tried in this state. Those wishing socialist speakers at the very lowest terms should write the state secretary for information regarding this plan.

Comrade Kirkpatrick's dates for the coming week are as follows: Jeffersonville, June 1; New Albany 2; Anderson 3; Richmond 4. He goes into Ohio on June 5, where he will spend a month or more in summer campaigning.

Miss Martha Biegler of this city will start next week on a speaking tour in the southern part of the state, lasting about two months. The state secretary will cooperate with her in arranging a route, and will notify socialists in the towns she visits of her coming. Comrades Biegler and Oneal speak tonight at Seelyville.

Comrade A. S. Edwards of Chicago will begin a tour of this state Monday. His dates for the coming week are as follows: Monticello, June 1; Huntington 2, 3 and 4; Grant County, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. The dates in Grant county are in charge of County Secretary Wm. Mahoney.

Socialists of Indiana are requested to send the names and addresses of socialists whom they may know in unorganized places to the state secretary. We want every city and town we can possibly get enrolled under the summer circuit plan.

Comrade Edwards is the last speaker available in this state till the agitation starts under the new plan, and many locals that have not yet applied for dates should have him. Write to the state secretary for terms.

Comrade S. M. Reynolds will leave for Atlanta, Ga., next week to attend a Whittman gathering. All correspondence, including money for dues, should be addressed to the state secretary to avoid delay.

MAILY'S LETTER.

The National Secretary's Weekly Press Bulletin.

Secretary Holman, of Minnesota, reports progress in that state. On the 18th, a prominent millionaire lumberman read a paper to the local, by invitation, in which he thought he had proved that socialism

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was an iridescent dream, etc. But the comrades had arranged for Comrade Thompson to be present, and his answer to the capitalist "carried the crowd by storm." Secretary Holman writes: "Our state wagon leaves in a few days for a two months' trip. It will be in charge of Comrade Guy B. Echerton and Geo. I. Martin of Kansas City."

National Organizer John M. Ray has started on his second organizing trip in the South. His route will be as follows: Tennessee—Tullahoma, Manchester, Chattanooga, Sweetwater, Knoxville. Georgia—Blino Ridge, Orange, Atlanta, Midland, Columbus, Macon, Augusta and Washington. He will return to Nashville in such manner as to reach other towns and perhaps visit some the second time. While in Tullahoma on the 18th, Comrade Ray succeeded in organizing a local.

Contributions to the special organizing fund amounted to \$343.31 up to noon last Saturday.

Comrade John Kerrigan, Dallas, Tex., was the first to purchase one of the 250 shares in the C. H. Kerr Co-operative Publishing Co., donated by Wm. English Walling for the Special Organizing Fund.

Comrade W. P. McTeaf, of Albuquerque, N. M., is making an effort to collect ten cents from every Socialist and sympathizer in his city.

Local San Antonio, Tex., has decided to contribute \$2 a month to the Special Organizing Fund.

National Organizer M. W. Wilkins has finished another excellent week in Oregon. Locals were organized at the following places: Aumsville, Stayton, Detroit, Scio, Lebanon (could get no hall but took five men to his room, organized a local and drilled them in the workings of the party.) Comrad Wilkins has adopted a plan that is bearing good results and deserves the attention of agitators everywhere. On his trips, he gets the names of non-attached Socialists and forwards them to this office so that organizing letters can be written to them. In organizing states these comrades are urged to work with the state organization in forming locals and in unorganized states an effort is made to assist in forming a local to become a part of the national movement.

The Socialists of Aspen, Colorado, have purchased a business block on Main street in their city for the permanent headquarters for all their local activities. The first floor will be "Socialist Hall," an audience room for the public meetings of the party. The second story will comprise a reading room and "Labor Hall," a lodge room to accommodate the labor unions. The entire building will be called the "Socialist Temple." The title to the property is vested in Aspen locals of the Socialist Party of Colorado.

The national office is already receiving requests for Fourth of July and Labor Day Socialist speakers.

The June National Magazine. The beautiful girl graduate, whose likeness adorns the cover of the June National, reflects the lightness and charm of the first summer number of the popular Boston monthly. Following June-time, a picture-and-poem frontispiece by Louise Lewin Matthews, the number opens with Mr. Chappelle's Affairs at Washington, fifteen pages of snappy sketches and pictures of life at the nation's capital. John Hicks, in Our Island in the Tropics, depicts life in Porto Rico. Curiously intimate are the Personal Recollections of General Grant's Life in the Field, by "An Officer of His Personal Staff." Dallas Lore Sharp contributes a stirring story of his encounter with a huge blacksnake—first of a dozen nature papers he has written for the National; Eva Hampton Prather, of Atlanta, contributes a remarkable novelette of old slavery days—Little Brown Aun—and other fine stories are printed. The number is lavishly illustrated.

Chicago Strikes Nearly Settled.

Three of the large strikes in Chicago have been settled or indications are that a settlement will soon be reached. The laundry workers had almost reached an agreement when the drivers refused to submit their scale to arbitration and negotiations were broken off for the time being. An agreement has been reached between the International Harvester Co., and its employes and minor details will be settled by arbitration. The 2,500 street laborers who were on strike for an increase in wages returned to work Monday having won an increase of 12 1/2 per cent.

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Don't go handing out your troubles to your busy fellow men— If you whine around they'll try to keep from meeting you again— Don't declare the world's "agin' you. Don't let pessimism win you. Prove there's lots of good stuff in you— Keep sweet.

If your dearest hopes seem blighted and despair looms into view. Set your jaw and whisper grimly, "Though they're false, yet I'll be true." Never let your heart grow bitter; With your ear to Hope's transmitter, Hear Love's songbirds bravely twitter, "Keep sweet."

Bless your heart, this world's a good one and will always help a man. Hate, misanthropy and malice have no place in Nature's plan. Help your brother there who's sighing, Keep the flag of courage flying; Help him try—'twill keep you trying— Keep sweet.

Waudy Is Well Liked.

"The promotion of William S. Waudy to be commissioner of labor, if it shall be brought about by the active co-operation and demand of the labor forces, will be strictly in keeping with civil service principles, of which the President is a well-known advocate," writes a Washington member of the typographical union, of which organization Mr. Waudy is also a member. "Mr. Waudy has been a special agent of the bureau of labor for about eight years and is thoroughly familiar with the problems presented. We, as workmen, want a commissioner of labor who will be to his peculiar field what the commissioner of Indian affairs is to the Indians, what the commissioner of pensions is to the pensioners, what the commissioner of patents is to inventors, what the commissioner of the general land office is to matters pertaining to public lands, what the commissioner of education is to education—a man interested in the particular work covered by his sphere of action. We ought to have a commissioner of labor who is devoted, heart and soul and mind, to the interests of labor, and Mr. Waudy has the ability, the experience and the honesty to fill the office snappily and acceptably to the only interests which should be consulted as to this particular appointment—the wage-earners of the country."

Herman Lilien President.

The International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' union of America perfected its organization and elected



Herman Lilien of Chicago as president at the Washington meeting. In consequence of the formation of this new organization over 100 local unions attached to the Federation of Labor will be turned over to it, and their affiliation with the latter will be through the international union.

Organize to Prevent Strikes.

Viewing with alarm the many strikes along the Chicago river and harbor, whose chief burdens fall upon men satisfied with their employment, 10,000 marine workers, through the Marine Transport Workers' Council, are combining to force arbitration of disputes that may arise.

Eight thousand workers have already approved the plan of combination. Two thousand at South Chicago are considering it and will probably be admitted. William Bain, president of the union of longshoremen, has been elected president of the new association. Its secretary is James F. Dwyer, secretary of the Licensed Tugmen's Protective Association.

Although having immense power, the marine council will be unique in that it will have no voice in declaring strikes. It is an organization to work for peace in the labor world. If it fails in its efforts to settle labor difficulties, which will be referred to the

executive board of the International Longshoremen, Marine and Transport Workers' association, which governs labor throughout the great lakes. The new association will be a union of unions. All the labor bodies eligible for admission are affiliated with the longshoremen's association of 150,000 members. Daniel J. Keefe, formerly of Chicago, now stands at the head of the longshoremen. For ten years he has been regarded as the leader of lake labor. Never has he broken a labor contract nor permitted members of his association to do so. Once longshoremen rebelled against him at Buffalo. He hired non-union men to take their places and thereby kept his contract with vessel owners inviolate.

Decision Makes a Precedent.

The most extraordinary court decision ever made on labor troubles in America was made recently by Justice Meredith in Berlin, Ont. Local union No. 12 of the Amalgamated Woodworkers' International union has been found guilty of striking and picketing the plant of the Krug Furniture company of that city, and its officers have been fined \$100 and costs for alleged damages caused the plaintiff firm, because of the strike. The decision of Justice Meredith cites the Taff Vale decision, and says the evidence is conclusive that the men went on strike and beset the plaintiff's factory, intercepting workmen who might be seeking employment. Not a word in the decision indicates that any violence was committed, the only offense of the men being that they went on a sympathetic strike and injured the business of the company.

D. D. Mulcahy of Detroit, national president of the organization, made the plea that he was a stranger in Berlin, and also a citizen of the United States. The plea was set aside by the Canadian judge, as Mulcahy was in charge of the strike, and induced workmen to quit their employment, according to the evidence. A perpetual injunction was issued against the union, besides assessing Mulcahy and the local officers of the union \$100 and costs. The decision is the first in America to recognize a claim for damages by a company because workmen left its employ.

As to Labor Disputes.

In a recent issue of the Inter Ocean, in connection with the dispute between two rival factions of sheet metal workers, it was stated that the central bodies in Pittsburg and Philadelphia had unseated the local unions, which are affiliated with the National Alliance, and recognized by the Amalgamated Sheet-Metal Workers' International union. M. O'Sullivan of Pittsburg, first vice president of the National Alliance, writes that such is not the case, as local No. 12 of the National Alliance, the only recognized union of sheet-metal workers in that city, and is seated in the Building Trades' council of Pittsburg and the United Labor league of western Pennsylvania. He also states that the local union of the National Alliance in Philadelphia is recognized by both the Building Trades' council and the Central Labor union of that city.

The information was given the writer by an officer of the international union, and as such action is in accordance with the laws of the American Federation of Labor on such questions, the statement was not doubted. The writer has no desire to take sides in a family quarrel between two factions in the same craft, but believes in international unionism, and thinks that the recent shooting of an international officer, in a meeting called to try and adjust the trouble, is a disgrace to the labor movement and does more harm to the cause in ten minutes than the employers could do in ten years—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Child Labor a Crime.

Men who employ child labor, as well as men who, indolent at home, live upon the earnings of their children, should be smitten with public condemnation. Under the old regime, the slave dealer—the man who, in order to make money, separated fathers and mothers and children—was socially ostracised. There is no sound reason why men who traffic in their own children's lives and in the lives of other men's children should escape similar punishment. The American Federation of Labor can do no higher service than to throw its weighty influence against the modern system of child labor that obtains in many sections of the United States.—New Orleans Times.

Labor Convention for Oregon.

The first annual convention of the State Federation of Labor of Oregon will meet at La Garde Monday, May 4.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers and operators met in the Terre Haute House Tuesday night for the purpose of trying to settle the strike at Linton.

The Brazil electric company filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state Saturday with a capital stock of \$40,000.

The Bitner Car Equipment company of Terre Haute has filed articles of incorporation with a capitalization of \$10,000.

A disastrous fire occurred at the fair grounds Monday night in one of the large barns which is thought to have been started by a boy dropping a lighted cigarette.

George Kress, a lineman, was bitten on the hand by a snake last week while working east of the city.

Robert Hunter, of this city, was married last Sunday to Caroline Phelps Stokes at Norton, Conn.

Albert Maloney, a section hand on the Big Four, had a foot badly mashed Monday while working east of the city by some falling ties.

Daniel V. Miller, of this city, employed in the office of the assistant attorney general's office at Washington has been accused of bribery and removed from office.

The citizens of Highland Place have started a movement to incorporate and form a town government.

Organizer O. P. Smith wrote early in the week that he had been ordered to Vincennes, and would go there from Syracuse Wednesday and would stop in Terre Haute on his way home.

The members of the "shot firers" commission composed of Professor Monroe, of Columbia University, Wellington O'Connor, representing the miners, and P. H. Penna, representing the operators, began work this week.

The Moore & Langen Printing Co., expects to be located in the new quarters on North Sixth street by June 10th.

The scab Gazette has a beautiful circulation on the S. I. railroad. There must be as many as six papers going to Lewis, and 600,000 to any other station on the line.

The operators and miners agreed Wednesday morning to arbitrate the strike at Linton and a committee consisting of Lee Jackson of Evansville and Harry Moore, of Clinton, for the miners, and Salfert and McClellan for the operators, was selected to investigate the matter.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Small Attendance and Uninteresting Session Thursday Night.

There was a small attendance at the regular meeting of the C. L. U. Thursday night, and but little business was transacted. President Wilders was absent and Vice President Hampe wielded the gavel.

Barbers report two new members at last meeting and that the union is doing good work.

Bartenders have elected a business agent and will have a report to make at next meeting.

Cigarmakers are all busy and the union is in good shape; new members are being admitted by card at every meeting.

Lathers, Plasterers, Machinists, Glass-blowers, Brewers, Beer Drivers, Tailors and Horseshoers all report work good and organizations in good shape.

Painters report Terre Haute Decorating Co., Lee Jackson and Bossom still unfair. Printers report all members busy, and the Gazette fight still on.

On request of the Glassblowers the secretary was instructed to notify the Brazil Central Labor Union that the Pittsburg Glass Co., which is seeking a bonus to locate in Brazil, is a non-union concern.

Crushed By Falling Coal. Patrick H. Kehoe at Staunton, was fatally injured Tuesday morning in the Ehrlick Coal company's Kloudike mine.

Carpenters' New Location. Carpenters' Union 205, has rented the second floor at 501 1/2 Ohio street, where the secretary's office is located.

Views of Wall Street Journal. The Wall Street Journal sees war ahead unless the labor unions change the tactics they have been pursuing.

Against Hasty Strikes. The Trade Union Label League, composed of delegates from all the unions having labels, adopted the following resolution.

Statistics of Cigarmakers. In the present issue of the Cigarmakers' official journal, President Geo. W. Perkins issues his annual report, showing the income and expenditures for the past year.

The Oldest Unions. The following are claimed to be the oldest unions in America: 1803, New York Society of Journeymen Shipwrights; 1808, an organization of the house carpenters of the same city; 1806, the Tailors' Union; 1819, the haters' organization; 1822, the Columbia Charitable Society of Shipwrights and Caulkers of Boston and Charleston.

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Labor Notes. The conductors and brakemen on all the railroads west of the Mississippi have demanded, in addition to the 20 per cent increase in wages, the abolition of "double-header" trains.

Trades unions started the agitation against child labor and the sweat shop system of employment, and all the good results accomplished along these lines are due solely to trade union efforts.

Baltimore Typographical union has decided to lend all the assistance in its power to the department of political economy of the John Hopkins university in its investigation of trades unions.

There are now fifty-one different union labels in existence in this country. The American Federation of Labor is preparing for distribution a bulletin of all of them, giving their ac initials in size and color.

The International Bricklayers and Masons' union held its national convention in Memphis, Tenn., last month, and after the transaction of its business, elected new officers and adjourned to meet in Trenton, N. J., next year.

The annual report of George G. Smith, organizer of the American Federation of Labor in Kansas City, shows that twenty-five new unions were organized in 1902 and their total membership approximated 2,500.

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