



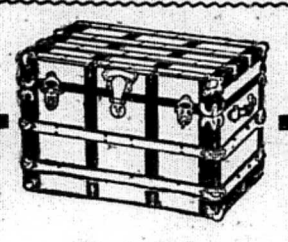
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NOTES AND COMMENT.

THE Pittsburg Labor World informs us that "one of the most interesting public topics of conversation these days is the controversy between Senators Foraker and Hanna regarding the nomination of Roosevelt for president." It then asks, "What do the workmen want?" and answers, "Roosevelt." As to Roosevelt's qualification, we are told that "his work stands as a monument of his worth, and although his public career has been comparatively brief he has made impressions that centuries will not efface."

Now, why not in discussing "this most interesting topic," give those who are burning for more information some instances of this great champion's heroic work in the interests of labor? Will not this add spice to this "interesting topic" and provide something tangible to which we can "point with pride?" It is decidedly unfair to Ted that that work which "stands as a monument to his worth" should be concealed from his admirers. This must have been an oversight on the part of the Labor World, and with blushing modesty we shall supply the omission.

In a magazine article, before becoming president, our champion told those for whom the Labor World speaks that in opposing government by injunction they were fit companions for the savage of the stone age who fought the cave bear and ate the woolly rhinoceros.

As police commissioner of New York he invented a nice steel-spiked club to be used on the heads of unruly strikers who disagreed with the above sentiment.

As governor of New York, whose duty it was to enforce the eight hour law on public work, he sent the Seventh regiment to Croton Dam to shoot the workers who insisted that it should be enforced.

There is a monument for you that will not only stand for our champion, but will also answer for those who fell at Croton Dam in trying to prove the Labor World correct.

We feel especially gratified in being able to contribute our mite to this "most interesting public topic" and believe that if the research is continued it will be found that not only has Ted made "impressions that centuries will not efface," but that even such papers as the Labor World will never be able to wipe them out. Those "impressions" will only be forgotten when the workers cease to look for "friends of labor" and proceed to demonstrate their friendship for themselves by taking their fate in their own hands.

THE Citizens' Alliance of Denver, which sprang into existence for the purpose of annihilating the labor unions of Arapahoe county, has given up the fight, and everything is again moving in the usual manner in the Queen City of the Plains, says the American Labor Union Journal. When the fight started the committee from the Trades and Labor Assembly suggested, as a means of settlement, that every labor dispute be submitted to an arbitration board selected from the employers and the unions directly involved. The alliance resisted this, demanding that all disputes be submitted to a permanent board selected by themselves. They were to be the whole thing hereafter and henceforth. The unions concluded they had some rights and decided to insist on them. The employers appeared to be equally firm. The Allied Printing Trades Council took a hand about this time and served notice on its employers that unless they withdrew from the alliance, a strike would be declared, as the joining of the alliance by the employing printers was a violation of the agreement with the printing trades. In the meantime the Trades Assembly had been calling unions out in rapid succession, and the town was at a standstill. Finding themselves defeated the alliance decided to do the graceful as only a capitalist can when there is nothing else for him to do. Every demand of the unions has been granted, and the side show of the National Manufacturers' association will doubtless return their charter to Mr. Parry. A few days before a settlement was arrived at it was learned that Swift & Co. were shipping meat into Denver in opposition to the interests of the unions. The firm was according-

ly declared unfair by organized labor of that city. This was endorsed by the A. L. U. and a notice to that effect was given out from the headquarters at Butte. At the termination of the strike this boycott was declared off and all Montana butchers' unions have been notified to that effect.

OUT in Washington state the other day an excited socialist was locked up in jail for expressing a desire and determination to kill President Roosevelt. Of course, the socialist newspapers and socialist leaders will denounce and renounce this fellow to a fare-you-well, but the fact remains that that party contains far too many people of the character of the Washington freak. The socialist organization has been the catch-all basin for the freaks, faddists, cranks, malcontents, unconfined lunatics, (wow) and a big per cent of the political adventurers.—Tribune.

The Tribune should first consult its capitalist contemporaries and agree with them as to whether the man was a socialist or an anarchist, as some papers printed it one and some the other. But a little matter of accuracy like that does not disturb the Tribune. It has not become noted as a "faddist" in that respect. Ascertaining the truth has been the vocation of the "freaks" and that is what makes the Tribune howl. For example, had it been a "freak" of this kind it would have published the fact that Czolgosz was a ward politician of the g. o. p., notwithstanding his professions of anarchy at that time. Again, the recent disclosures in the post-office department would seem to indicate that the g. o. p. has served fairly well as a "catch-all-basin" for quite a number of that numerous tribe of "political adventurers" for whom the Tribune has been the official mouthpiece and defender for a number of years. However the g. o. p. majority is being cut down one by one and if the Socialist party is so unfortunate as to have any of these enter its organization it at least can console itself that they secured their training under the careful tutelage of such papers as the Tribune.

THE mayor issued an order last week that all slot machines should be removed by Monday which was complied with and the ministers were so elated over their "victory" that resolutions were passed by them lauding the mayor for answering their prayers. There was a general rejoicing in the camp of the moral crusaders when the mayor surrendering to the hosts of the Lord. Another victory had been achieved in the interests of "public morals." But it was short lived. It was too good to be true.

It has been learned that a few days prior to the issuance of the order the owners of some of the larger gambling rooms decided to get rid of the smaller pests who fleeced the suckers before the larger gentry could reach them and as a result their returns were reduced. The smaller fry were infringing on the "legitimate" business of the big fellows and the latter decided in the interest of "public morals" the smaller grafters must go. A committee was sent to "his honor" and he saw the point immediately. He decided that the coin which hitherto has flowed into the hands of the "immoral" slot machine owners was the legitimate property of the big gamblers and the order was issued. Hereafter the erring sucker seeking to dispose of his surplus change will pass on up to those who can relieve him of his anxiety without being annoyed by the smaller pests. Thus has a great "moral" reform been secured and the mayor bears his surrender to the moral crusaders with becoming modesty.

ANOTHER strike in the anthracite coal field is threatened by the action of the operators in refusing to recognize the three district presidents who have been selected by the miners as their representatives on the board of conciliation provided for by the strike commission's award. As predicted in these columns when the award was first made known the fruits of the alleged "victory" won by the miners would soon find its expression in an attempt to destroy their organization. That prediction has been verified by the refusal of the coal barons to treat with the representatives

of the miners which means non-recognition of the union and it looks like there is a possibility of the whole battle being fought over again.

This action of the operators gives the lie to all that has been said by the capitalist press regarding the great victory won by the men. The very fact that this press lauded the report of the strike commission as a victory should have made them pause before rejoicing over the end of the struggle and ascertain why this press was so frantic in its desire that the miners should accept it as such. As the spokesmen of property this press is not liable to betray its class and its special function is to delude the workers into a line of conduct contrary to their interests.

The very makeup of the commission was capitalistic and it would have been strange indeed if the miners snatched a victory out of their hands. The outcome of the present conditions in the anthracite field will be watched with interest and we hope the miners will succeed in making Baer and company see things from their point of view.

A LOCAL capitalist is quoted as being worried over the small supply of surplus laborers available for use when wanted in local factories. He urged the commercial club to start an immigration bureau for the purpose of keeping up the supply and slyly hints that a good class of Germans or Swedes who are industrious and would work steady" would be a boon for local capitalists.

The employing class would like to have a large reserve of "good" workers whether foreigners or not who can be relied upon during the time of a strike. It is only by the maintenance of an oversupply of unemployed men that wages can be kept down and the capitalist acts on this economic law in buying his human raw material though he is the first to deny it in public. The "good" workmen in the eyes of these are those who can be persuaded to "work steady" at low wages and be declinied by the knowledge of the fact that others are standing outside ready to take the vacated jobs of those who wish better conditions. This mournful cry of the virtuous capitalist is heard in all parts of the country of late and his strenuous hunt for "good" workmen is truly heart-rending.

THE investigation now going on in the postal department indicates that berths have been provided and schemes promoted for some of the most unscrupulous political grafters that ever infested American politics. Scarcely a day passes that a swarm of these are not discharged from office and although the investigation has been in progress for over a month the end is not yet in sight.

This is eminently fitting coming as it does from a department that has been doing its best to suppress labor papers and socialist publications when the only reason for such opposition was that these journals did not stand for the policies of these grafters.

It is amusing to note the expressions of "horror" coming from the orthodox press who have been immune from this persecution because they are the official representatives of that type of politics which breed the grafter and professional looter. They effect to be shocked at every exposure of their pets and paw the air in ecstasies of virtue demanding that the guilty culprits be punished "to the full extent of the law." They discard their own child-like an unkind mother and proceed to rear others who repeat the same experience. Great is capitalist politics and its guardians.

The Gazette is still a scab sheet, and has but 1,300 circulation in Terre Haute. Its circulation is still decreasing.

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THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

Even the special guardian of property is not safe from the virus of revolt. The policemen of Erie, Pa., are on strike and the mayor is advertising for others to take their place. The Central Labor Union may take the matter up.

More than 75,000 textile workers at Philadelphia are on strike for their share of the "unparalleled prosperity" that is floating around somewhere. They ask a reduction from sixty to fifty-five hours a week. 600 firms are involved in the struggle some of whom have granted the demands of the strikers.

Freight handlers in the East St. Louis depots struck in sympathy with the St. Louis freight handlers. The strikers estimate the number out at East St. Louis at 1,200.

Freight handlers on the New York Central and the Delaware & Hudson railroads at Troy, N. Y. are on strike for \$2.00 per day. The strike on the Ferry street sewer continues and work is at a standstill.

The Canadian Pacific railway announces that it will spend a million dollars to destroy the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes. Brother capital is getting strenuous up in Morgan's British reserve.

The Omaha Packing House Employes won their strike securing an increase from 17 1/2 to 19 cents per hour. The raise effects about 21,000 men.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has granted the demands of conductors and trainmen for an increase. Those on passenger trains get on advance of 12 1/2 per cent and those on freight trains get 15 per cent.

All the striking lumber and tallymen and inspectors in Chicago will return to work at the rate of \$2.25 a day and a five per cent bonus if they remain with one employer a year.

More than 150 puddlers, heaters and rollers at Patterson, N. J. have gone on strike to secure a raise in wages to conform with that paid in other establishments in the city.

An organizer of the Federation of Labor at Chicago states that children from 12 to 14 years of age are employed in the laundries of that city. They work the first week for nothing and later if they are fortunate enough not to make mistakes they receive \$2.00 or \$2.50 per week, otherwise they are docked.

The strike of the carriage and wagon workers at Pittsburg is virtually settled the men's demands having been granted by every firm in the city with the exception of two.

A dispute of several years' standing between the Brewery Workers' Union and the brewers of Baltimore has been settled. In the future none but members of the union will be employed.

Business Agent Williams of the Newspaper Delivery Drivers' Union of Chicago has secured an increase of \$2.50 per week for the 220 men engaged in that calling. The agreements were signed yesterday and run for three years.

The Pulp Paper and Sulphite Makers of Middlebury, Vt. have gained a raise of 10 cents a day without strike and expect to be recognized after their convention. A satisfactory settlement has been reached by the Barre, Vt. machinists, who have been out since May 1, for a nine hour day.

The mill bosses at Spokane, Wash., have refused to arbitrate the trouble between them and the mill workers and are writing to all points where they can find unemployed men for help. All trades will do well to keep away from Spokane.

The night watchmen who guard the business houses of Chicago have formed a union. They declare they are working thirteen hours each night for \$7 a week. They want something more than a full dinner pail.

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COMMISSION REPORTS.

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The commission to examine the mines and decide as to the necessity of employing special shot firers spent several days last week at Clinton. By the terms of the last annual agreement the miners are to employ special shooters in such mines as the commission considers dangerous, and in such cases the operators are to pay one-fourth of a cent a ton above the scale price for mining coal.

CLINTON NEWS.

Labor's Memorial Day, Sunday, June 7th.

The Central Labor Union had a small meeting Sunday morning and not much business was transacted except the regular routine of work. The final arrangements were made for our annual Decoration Day which is June 7th.

Three Deaths By Accident.

George Williams, a miner of Coal Bluff, was struck by an engine and caboose on the Big Four near Fontanett and instantly killed Sunday night. Williams was dragged some distance and his back was broken and his right side badly mangled.

Linton Strike Ended.

The strike in the Linton district was settled by the commission appointed last week on their visit to Linton Saturday.

Green Hill Strike Settled.

The trouble that has existed at the Green Hill mine at Sullivan for the past two months was settled Tuesday. An agreement was reached by the representatives of the miners and the company.

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JASONVILLE.

Clerks and Brickmakers Organized and Central Labor Union Started.

Organizer Evinger of this city met with the Brickmakers of Jasonville on Monday and Tuesday evenings and organized a union with Luther Cullison as president and J. T. Sudbrink, formerly of this city, as secretary. A charter will be applied for immediately.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

'Feuerbach Roots of the Socialist Philosophy' by Frederick Engels.

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'God's Children' a Modern Allegory by James Allan.

'God's Children' a Modern Allegory by James Allan. Price 50 cents, cloth. Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. 'God's Children' is a work that ought to attract the attention of the dullard.

Traffic in Girls and Work of Rescue Missions.

Traffic in Girls and Work of Rescue Missions. Paper 30 cents. Published by Mrs. Charlton Edholm, Los Angeles, Cal. No one can read this little book without becoming impressed with the zeal and earnestness of the author.

The Capitalist Farmer and Socialist Wage Earner.

The Capitalist Farmer and Socialist Wage Earner by George Bigelow. Paper 10 cents. Alliance Publishing Co., Denver, Col. This is a contribution to the much discussed farmer's question which has occupied the columns of the Socialist press at frequent intervals.

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SOCIALIST NEWS

FUNERAL OF MACCARTNEY.

Thousands Pay Their Tribute to the Dead Socialist Representative.

Frederick O. MacCartney, Socialist member of the Massachusetts legislature, whose death we announced last week, was laid to rest at Rockland, Mass., Thursday.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in that city and thousands lined the streets as the procession passed.

There was a wealth of floral contributions many coming from Socialist clubs in Massachusetts and other parts of the country.

During the services the stores in the town and public schools were closed the flags upon all of the public buildings hung at half mast.

MacCartney's colleague, James F. Carey Socialist member of the Massachusetts legislature, was much affected while speaking at the grave of his friend.

CAREY'S EULOGY. "That such men have lived is the glory of the race. That such men must die is their sorrow. The need of the times called for men. With joy he responded. Progress announced him one of her priests."

"He loved mankind, for in each man he saw the basis of mighty possibilities. He labored that they might be attained, and though giant wrongs must be uncrowned, though ancient privileges must be hurled down, though a long night of misunderstanding by friends and misrepresentations by others who knew him not must be passed through, he did not hesitate. Personal ease, material advancement and comfort appealed to him in vain.

For him it was better to battle in the dark for the right than to rest content in the glitter of the wrong.

"Those who saw him in battle wondered at his intensity. They did not know that as he fought he heard the tears of the children of the poor dropping like rain. He heard the heart strings of workingwomen break, he saw the very soul of workingmen grow black with the wrongs they endured. Seeing this, feeling this, he fought strongly, almost fiercely, that it might end.

His faith was not bounded by the confines of a sect. His was the faith in man. He believed of a future day when the world of the race would clasp hands in a brotherhood.

"His statesmanship that no arbitrary of race or creed or nation could describe. His statesmanship knew no aim lower than the elevation and ennoblement of all the people of all the earth. Men said, 'What of dividends?' He said, 'What of man?'

"Men live and strive today for profits. He lived and sacrificed for human progress. Like the sower who may not live to reap the harvest, yet the joy of sowing was his, the joy of sowing the seeds of liberty, of equality, of fraternity—the flowers of human achievement that will yet burst full blossomed upon the stem of time."

"He longed for equality. Death has given him what man today is denied. The triumph of the cause for which he gave his all will be his monument. The merit of children, the happiness of women, the deep-fibred joy of men in the grander day for which he fought and hoped will be his epitaph.

MacCartney—Comrade of mine! Soldier in the army of the workers of the world—living, you earned the right to life; you have earned the right to rest. May you sleep well!"

WEEKLY BULLETIN From the National Office of the Socialist Party.

Rockland, Mass., May 25.—Representative Frederick O. MacCartney died at his home on Pacific street at 8:30 this evening.

Only three lines of an associated press dispatch, but it carried a load of sorrow to every socialist heart. A socialist representative, a member of the party in Massachusetts, a comrade to the socialists of the world, wherever the workers of the world have united to attain political supremacy the death of comrade MacCartney will be felt as a personal loss.

His funeral was held in Rockland last Thursday. In compliance with his last conscious request Comrade Carey made the address. And having been associated in party work for so many years, no better selection could have been made to perform that sad but loving service. The national secretary attended the funeral as a representative of the national committee. He also gave a wreath in the shape of our national emblem as a token of the esteem in which Comrade MacCartney was held by the national movement.

Total amount contributed to the special organizing fund to May 30 was \$383.96. National Lecturer John C. Chase has finished his tour of Arkansas and Missouri. He was present at the Arkansas state convention on May 23 and gave the comrades the benefit of his experience in forming their state organization. During early June he will work in Tennessee. National Lecturer John W. Slayton has found the carpenters of Pennsylvania ready for working class political action. In many places on his tour a local strike has given him the opportunity to explain why the workers must control the government in order to get fair treatment where their labor is concerned. The Pennsylvania trip is completed. He is now in Ohio and will go thence to Indiana. National Lecturer M. W. Wilkins has had another experience with an old party politician. The posters announcing the socialist meetings were torn down as inde-

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Locals have been chartered as follows: Tullahoma, Knoxville and Sweetwater, Tenn., and Blue Ridge, Ga.

pendence, Ore. When Comrade Wilkins arrived on 'be scene he soon got a few comrades together, organized a local and challenged the chairman of the republican committee for a debate with the congressional candidate. The chairman accepted, but the candidate had heard of how Wilkins had given a beautiful drubbing to both a republican and a democrat in one evening, and as a consequence he gracefully refused the inevitable honor of being defeated in debate by a socialist. Comrade Wilkins entered Washington on the first of June.

National Organizer John M. Ray is making a successful tour of Tennessee and Georgia. Requests have come for an organizer in North Carolina, and when his present trip has been finished he will probably tour through the industrial centers of that state.

Arrangements have been made for Comrade John W. Brown, of Hartford, Conn., to finish Comrade Dan A. White's tour of the New England states. It became necessary for Comrade White to return to his work in Massachusetts.

The first 25,000 of the revised edition of the leaflet "Why Socialists Pay Dues" has been exhausted, and the second lot of 10,000 is going fast. These leaflets are sent without cost except for expressage, and they are making party workers in all localities.

The national office is now ready to supply the party emblem buttons. It is a lithographic beauty, flesh-colored hands are clasped across a sea-colored sea, and the words "Socialist Party" and "Workers of the World Unite" are in white letters on a red background. These buttons can be had at one cent each.

The demand for membership due stamps has been so great that the old supply has been exhausted. In the new lot each stamp bears the union label.

INDIANA SOCIALISTS.

Secretary Oneal's Weekly Press Bulletin.

Every mail brings in pledges for speakers under the summer circuit plan, and twenty-seven cities are on the list at this time. Every organized place should take action immediately on this and notify the state secretary.

The dates of A. S. E. wars as announced last week were cancelled, owing to dissatisfaction with those sent out. His dates as now arranged are as follows: South Bend, June 8 and 9; Huntington, 10, 11 and 12; Monticello, 13; Marion, 14 and 15.

Miss Martha Biggler has started on an agitation trip which will probably extend two months in the southern part of the state. Her dates thus far are: Turner, June 4; Brazil, 5; Knightsville 6. She makes her own dates, and should any local desire to reach her they should write in care of the state secretary.

The Socialist Voice of Ft. Wayne has suspended publication, and Comrade Ackley the editor, will likely work on one of the summer circuits on the northern part of the state.

Baby's First Letter. Don't go runnin' on me, fellers. Somethin' stickin' in my throat. For this letter's from my baby. An' the first she ever wrote.

Gen'rally—I'm game—y' know it—An' can stand for lots o' chaff—Take 'er joshin', good an' plenty An' no do a thing but laff; But this letter, with its scrawlin', Strikes a whole lot different note, For it's from my only baby. An' the first she ever wrote.

Wrote it all herself, God bless her; Took her three, four hours, I guess, Though they're only two short pages Filled with baby blessedness; Starts it out "I love you, papa" Then the lines all seem to float—Do you blame me? She's my baby; It's the first she ever wrote.

'Way off there beyond 'er mountains By a sunny, summer sea, Spellin' out her daddy's letters An' a-sendin' love to me—'What? Not you big boobles cryin'! 'W'y it hain't your baby's note; It's my own wee girly's letter; Very first she ever wrote.

No—no runnin' on me, fellers. Somethin' chokes me in my throat. 'Cause this letter's from my baby. An' the first she ever wrote. —S. W. Gillian in Baltimore American.

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The Roomer's Inning. O you folks with home and fireside, You who do not room, but live, You have gloated o'er me often, But I'm willing to forgive. For as moving time approaches You have troubles of your own. And I'll chaff you now but gently In a soft and pitying tone.

You have beds and big pianos, You have pictures, stoves and chairs; You have dressers, tables, sideboards: To be trundled down the stairs; You have mattresses and bedsprings, You have carpets, curtains, rugs— Those must be removed in toto, With a million grunts and tugs.

Then for days there will be chaos In the shack to which you go, And your life for weeks thereafter Will be one long streak of woe. But when I, O proud householder, Find my rent too nearly due, I just pack my trunk and vanish, And my moving stunt is through.

You may boast of cozy fireside— That are times I envy you; You may boast your mantel— Which is more than I can do. But at moving time I'll venture You would sell your stuff for junk Just to know the joy of rooming And of moving in your trunk.

Old-Time Labor Leader.

The name of William H. Sylvius, father of the Iron Molders' Union, was a household word among the labor men of forty years ago, and even today possesses a magic sound to all iron molders of North America. He was born Nov. 26, 1828, in the village of Armagh, Pa., and devoted his life to uplifting and improving the lives and conditions of the working people, and when he was laid to rest in Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia, in 1893, no giver of money was ever more grievously mourned. His father, a poor wagonmaker, like most poor men, rich in children, found it difficult to provide for the wants of his large family and unable to give them an education. It is not surprising, therefore, that at the age of 11 young William had not yet learned his letters, and through stringent circumstances found it necessary to thus, early provide for himself. It is at this time we find a little man of circumstances making his first agreement, whereby for his services he was to receive his support and three months of schooling for the winter.

After acquiring the knowledge of the three Rs we ever after find him trying to overcome the deficiencies of his earlier education, betraying a thirst for useful knowledge and an eager interest in economic questions. After five years of service with his first employer he became an apprentice and learned the iron molders' trade. Having married and settled down in Philadelphia and become a member of the Iron Molders' union in December, 1857, Mr. Sylvius' work as a trade unionist began. His whole being became permeated with a desire to extend and strengthen the organization and elevate and promote the welfare of its members. The country was just then recovering from the panic of 1857 and molders were making an effort to recover the prices and wages prior to that year. On taking a survey of the situation Sylvius penned an appeal to the molders of the country, showing the conditions of labor and setting forth the advisability and necessity of organization, and urged the calling of a national convention. This circular remained as the preamble to the constitution of the Iron Molders' Union of North America until 1895, a fitting testimonial to his foresight and judgment. As a result of this first convention of the Iron Molders' Union of North America met in Philadelphia on July 5, 1859. Later he started on a most successful tour as the first general organizer, and his utterances are to-day prophetic sayings. From the standpoint of a fearless, common sense, honest man he preached the doctrine of live and let live.

Value of Shorter Workday. Writing of the philosophy of the shorter workday, Samuel Gompers, editor of the American Federationist, says in part: "As a matter of fact the entire history of the world demonstrates clearly that the workmen whose hours of daily labor are comparatively low are those who receive not only comparatively but actually higher wages, and this is true as between the workers of any of the countries on the face of the globe.

"This is equally true as between any two states or cities in any country. It is true as between any two industries in any one city, and it is even true as between two different establishments in any one industry in the same vicinity.

"Wherever the hours of daily labor are longest the wages are lowest; wherever the hours of daily labor are shortest the wages are highest. In truth, the same economic law governs even in any one given large industrial establishment. In such an establish-

ment, having in view, of course, only the wage-earners, we find that those who enter it earliest in the morning and leave it latest at night receive the lowest wages paid to employes in that establishment, while those who enter it latest and leave it earliest in the afternoon or evening receive the highest wages paid to any of the employes therein.

"This is due to economic law, and is founded in the philosophy that the wage-earners whose hours of daily toll are long become physically enfeebled, mentally dwarfed and stunted, and have few wants apart from their bare necessities of life; while on the other hand the wage-earners whose hours of daily labor are shortest—that is, an eight-hour, or approximately eight-hour, workday—demand and aspire to the highest and best standard of living, whose luxury of yesterday is the necessity of to-day, and whose constant aspiration is for the better, nobler and higher life."

Says Workingman is Fickle.

The number of strikes and their peculiarities in the past month or two, aside from causing considerable comment, particularly unfavorable to labor leaders, have brought forth some bad blood in the ranks of organized labor in Chicago. One national official in this city, who desired that his name be not mentioned in connection with his statement on the proneness to cast reflections on officers and leaders, had this to say: "Chicago is not lacking those who avail themselves of every opportunity to cast reflections upon the integrity and probity of those who, by ability and persistency, have forged ahead of their fellows and assumed leading roles in the conduct of the affairs of the union. This peculiarity of the working people, confined to no one craft, and to no day or generation, has done much to retard the progress of the cause of organized labor. For a time the man of superior ability or genius is lauded and extolled; while his star is in the ascendant and his adherents willingly follow and idolize him, but as sure as the setting of the sun succeeds the rising, so sure will the time come when those who once hung upon his words, poisoned by calumny and goaded by jealousy, will turn upon and seek to destroy him. The workingman is a fickle friend."

New Reciprocal Agreement. A novel reciprocal agreement between two unions, in no way allied with each other, has been perfected at Chicago between the Allied Printing Trades' Council and the Box Makers and Sawyers' International Union. The agreement is self-explanatory and the following are its principal features:

That neither body to this agreement issue the respective labels of their craft until both are thoroughly unionized in every particular in any establishment applying for either label.

That legislation be enacted by both parties to this agreement tending to prevent the use of either labels other than jointly.

A board of appeals to be constituted with equal representation of both parties to this agreement.

All disputes relative to question of jurisdiction to be submitted to said board of appeals, whose decision shall be final.

In the event of a tie vote or any question under consideration of this board a neutral member mutually agreeable to both parties shall be chosen to act as arbitrator, whose judgment shall be accepted as the decree of said board.

Child Labor and Consumption. Says Dr. Louise Fiske Bryson of New York: In New York 20,000 children, too tender to even know what work means, are at work, and stunted and diseased bodies are to be their heritage. They are old at seventeen; their lives are over at forty. And the pity of it is that not necessity, but greed—pitiless, grasping, selfish greed—is the source of this lamentable condition.

Poor little things, they are rather "damned" than born into the world. Under the conditions in which they are brought up it is producing a nation of dwarfs. To thousands of little children the country is free in only one sense—free to die in.

Abolish child labor in the tenements, in the stores, in the shops, in the mills and laundries, in the streets after night, and you will blot out consumption.

In Defense of Old Men. One union in Chicago has taken up the "old man" issue and has placed a clause in its demands that age shall not bar a man from employment, provided he is able to perform his duties. This demand has been made by the iron and heavy hardware employes' union, whose members are employed in wholesale hardware houses. It is said to be the first step by the Chicago unions to protect old age and fight the "young man idea."

Want a National Union. Chicago union of egg candlers is behind a movement to form a national union of that craft. The American Federation of Labor has issued charters to seven such unions, besides the one here, and the officers of the local union believe the time ripe for such a body. Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Lincoln, Ill., Terre Haute, Ind., and Pittsburgh have egg candlers' unions.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Thomas F. Griffin, aged 36, died at his home on Ohio street Wednesday morning after a three months' illness of La Grippe. The Deep Vein Coal company began hoisting the first coal from its new mine across the river Monday...

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I do not want the earth. I only ask that portion of its plenty which is mine; That I may live the life which God's design Marked not for slothful ease nor endless task...

The clerks at the L. B. Root company will have a picnic at Paris, Ill., next Sunday. Arrangements have been made with the Big Bour for special rates...

Reese Prosser, the well-known tenor singer with Field's minstrels, is in Terre Haute visiting his friends. He is staying with his father-in-law, Prof. I. C. Hendershot...

There is some probability of the Commercial Distilling company recently organized, with J. E. Beggs as president, locating in this city. President Beggs has within the last few days taken options on fifteen acres of land on the Princeton road...

Joe Mullikin, the popular cigarmaker of Clinton, and well known in this city, will leave June 10th for Anderson where he will have an operation performed. John Frey, of this city, will manage Joe's business while he is away...

Iron Wage Scale Signed

The conference between the representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Manufacturers' committee terminated at Detroit last Friday by the latter signing the scale. The following are the principal concessions granted the association...

Sensational Suicide

George Ingle, a brother of the well-known Indiana coal operators, John and David Ingle, and who had been an unsuccessful coal operator himself, went into Austin's hardware store, in this city, Wednesday morning and purchased a revolver and cartridges...

The Daily Kick

There was something wrong with the car service to the Casino last night. Nearly sixty people waited for twenty-five minutes on the corner of Seventh and Wabash for an East Wabash car...

Secure Better Conditions

The United Building Material Drivers' union of New York reports the signing of an agreement with the employers providing an increase of wages and that time and a half be paid for overtime and work done on Sundays and legal holidays...

Aims of Labor Unions

A labor union is the most liberal of organizations; its exactions are few and simple. To uphold living wages is the fundamental rule of a labor union; to live up to that rule removes many wrongs affecting the body politic...

Shorter Hours of Labor

Chicago union milk wagon drivers now number 2,000 members. They work from eight to ten hours a day. Previous to the formation of the union they worked from fourteen to eighteen hours...

Pitiful Wages Paid Children

The census bureau's last bulletin states that 28,000 children are employed in the cotton mills of the southern states at an average of less than \$1.50 a week...

Labor Notes

In Alabama 30 per cent of those employed in the textile industry are under sixteen years of age. At the beginning of the year there were 16,000 women members of labor unions in New York state. The American Federation of Labor has received nearly 300,000 members since the November meeting at New Orleans...

Right to Work for Low Wages

To those who, like President Elliot of Harvard, of "scab" apothecias fame, who believe that every man has the right to sell his labor where he pleases and at what price he pleases, the article by Annie C. Muirhead in a recent number of the Independent will come as a jar...

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The officials of the brotherhood have sent word to San Francisco to start a war there against the Amalgamated men. Secretary Frank Duffy of the United Brotherhood evidently believes in expansion, and wants his organization to grab everything in sight, and, judging from appearances at the present time, he has adopted a losing policy...

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