

#### STEEL TRUST PENSIONS.

The steel trust has decided to plan for the payment of pensions to superannuated employees. It sounds charitable, but the steel trust will probably see to it as do the railroads that very few employes "superannuate." They are weeded out and younger men put in their places before the time limit is reached. The pension idea, which weakens the character of man individually and, finally, collectively, is tacit confession of inadequate compensation and justice during the years of his activity and labor. Pay a man what he is worth, give him the chances for a decent living that you ask for yourself, and let him provide for his own future. Don't reduce him to the level of a serf or a medicant. To be sure, such a course would damage the halo on the brow of "philanthropy," which would be an argument for the better way. That men are willing and anxious to become pensioners, where once they treated the idea with scorn (in this country), shows what decadence of character and spirit the idea breeds.—San Francisco Star.

#### EXCITES COMMENT.

Mayor Love's Sioux City interview is posted on the bulletin board at the Labor Temple, and excites caustic comment every day. Mayor Love stated in that interview that there were no idle workmen in Lincoln, save those who are idle from choice. The percentage of idle men in Lincoln may be no larger than in other cities, but the fact of the matter is that not in five years have there been as many idle men in Lincoln at this season of the year as now.

#### CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

The Central Labor Union will meet next Friday evening in regular session. If possible the matter of the recent label show will be closed up. Unions that have not yet paid in their per capita for the expenses of this entertainment are urged to do so at once.

At Puget Sound navy yard last week a committee representing the electricians laid a protest before the board of wages against the rate of pay established. The electrical machinists are receiving \$5.24 per day. The wiremen, receiving \$4 per day, claim they are doing the same work as electrical machinists and should have the same pay.

**Light to Banish Sorrow.**  
Sorrow dwells longest where the sun is shut out.—Florida Times-Union

**Honor Above All.**  
Believe it to be the greatest of all infamies to prefer your existence to your honor, and for the sake of life to lose every inducement to live.—Juvenal.

**Evil in Neglected Legislation.**  
In Belgium, where education is not compulsory, 21 per cent. of the working people over ten years of age can neither read nor write.

## AN OPEN LETTER

MR. UNION WORKER:

We seize this opportunity to inform you that we have made our purchases for Spring and Summer with an especial view to meeting your requirements. This means that we have scoured the market to secure the very best makes of Union Made Clothing and Furnishings—such goods as will stand every test, including that of the guarantee of adult workmanship performed under sanitary conditions for a living wage. The union label in these garments is not the only recommendation they have—they have the added recommendation of style, fit, durability and coloring. If we are unable to meet your requirements it is because we are unable to locate the fair firms that make you want, and you'll oblige us by furnishing us the information. We want your patronage—and are willing to defer to your wishes. Of course we will continue our policy of offering you a bargain price now. This means that you can purchase your new and stylish garments here and now at prices as low or lower than offered elsewhere after the season is well nigh over and the stocks depleted.

We strive to merit your patronage by giving you what you want, when you want it, at prices which are advantageous to both of us. Thanking you for your patronage in the past, and soliciting a continuance, we are

Yours truly,  
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**\$15 Suits and Overcoats, . . . \$9.85**  
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**WE OUTFIT UNION MEN FROM HEAD TO FEET  
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