When Liars Figure the Result is "Government Statistics."

It is impossible for the mind of man to conceive the dire things that would

onstrating it beyond peradventure by a process of general average.

happen to those of us who work for a that that superfluous luxury, butchers' feat of ratiocination bordering on the living if our paternal government had meat, had advanced in price 10 per miraculous, and recalls the famous not invented the labor bureau. An cent, but that prime necessary nut-

grand stunt of showing the working. Taking the two together and surroundman how prosperous he is and dem- ing them with a wilderness of figures, it was made absolutely plain to the workingman's eye that the cost of liv-In 1904 the labor bureau discovered ing was greatly reduced. This was a ciassification of a great British states-

three things, "lies and lies and statistics, mostly statistics." It is said that Ben Franklin demonstrated that animal vitality could be sustained on a pudding the chief ingredient of which is sawdust. We can easily believe the story when we come to contemplate the table of statistics perperated by our national doctors of fig-

Last Saturday the labor bureau gave its annual gibberish of statistics touching wages and prices, and as this is an off year in a political way, we iscover that both wage and living have advanced, but that wage is way shead in the race. Three years ago we learned of the same authority that while the man in Iowa who produced and hominy never before got so high prices for what he had to sell, the man in the District of Columbia who bought that same hog and hominy was getting it at a price so low that it was ridiculously cheap.

We lay down this broad and expansive proposition—that anything and everything between earth and sky, whether on sea or land, in the fathomless depths of old ocean's deepest cavern, or on the burning sands of earth's hottest desert, can be proved by statistics.

And when it comes to "figgers" the alor bureau is first and the rest nowhere.-Editorial in Washington Daily

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS.

Tobin and Lovely Seem to Have Won

It appears that in the fight for conrol of the Boot and Shoe Workers' International President Tobin and Vice President Lovely have won out. i will be remembered that they were defeated on the face of the returns at the regular election, but charged fraud in the ballot and count. They offered any reasonable concession to have the facts fully investigated. The opposition tried court proceedngs but were defeated, and another election was called. The result seems favorable to Tobin and Lovely.

The Cincinnati Chronicle has the following to say of the convention of Boot and Shoe Workers:

"The Shoe Workers' convention was in session just three weeks. Two hundred and fifty delegates were in attendance. It was the largest convention in the history of our organization, which means a great deal. The work of the convention was for the good of the organization and, judging from the work done, the writer is of the opinion that it will give results that will improve and strengthen the International union on stronger and better lines. Our union stamp policy will be better and stronger than ever. This, combined with our modern trades union policy, is destined to make our organization a power second to none. Past events have proven that organized labor is forging ahead rapidly, and is just beginning to get its proper stride. The movement is for the good of all, and Il fair-minded people realize this fact, and this fact will grow stronger and stronger as the years pass by which, in the end, means a solidified organization that will benefit all the people of this universe."

SPOKANE BARBERS SUCCESSFUL.

Journeymen barbers connected with Spokane union No. 66 of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America have signed up every master barber in the city. By the terms of the new contract, every Sunday, Labor Day, Fourth of July, Christmas and Thanksgiving are full holidays. Jan. 1 and May 30 will be half holidays. A day's work shall consist of a 12 hour shift with one and one half hours for meals. In case Fourth of July, Christmas or Thanksgiving day comes on Saturday or Monday the barbers will work from the usual time in the morning until noon. The wages will be \$18 guaranteed and 30 per cent above \$30 taken in a week.

AFTER THE "PINKIES."

Chicago unionists have started a war upon the Pinkerton detective agency and similar institutions. A state conference has been called to meet in that city early in October to repare plans to smash Pinkertonism. he Actors' Union has taken the initiative by having a bill prepared to be presented to the legislature providing that any individual who exercises police powers, other than the duly constituted public authorities shall be punished by a fine of \$5,000 and not less than one year in prison. -Buffalo Progress.

SOCIALIST LITERATURE. H. B. Follett informs The Wage

worker that he has a lot of socialist literature which he would be glad to send to anyone who would care to read it. If you want to study up on this question, Mr. Follett's offer should be accepted.

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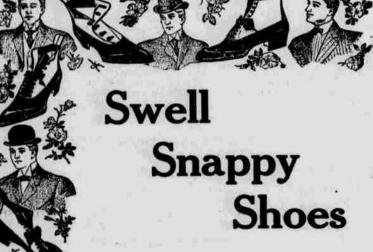
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