

GENERAL MENTION.

Bits of Labor News Gathered Chiefly With the Scissors.
The union label—that's all. Look for the union label. If it is not labeled, refuse it. Union made shoes are sold by Rogers & Perkins.

The International Machinists' convention was recently held in St. Louis.

Two French labor leaders have been sentenced at the Seine assizes for inciting workmen to seditious acts. Negotiations between the arbitrators and strikers resulted in a settlement of the labor troubles at Belfast, Ireland.

In Germany a blacksmith makes 25 beam hangers a day; in America a machine makes 700 beam hangers a day.

Eleven officers of the Iron Molders' Union of North America declined an increase in salary in the interest of their organization.

Suits for damages aggregating half a million dollars will be instituted against the steel trust and St. Louis (Mo.) county by striking miners.

For some time past the Brisbane painters' union has been conducting friendly negotiations with the master painters relative to an increase of wages.

Negotiations are pending between the steam coiler owners and the Sydney (Australia) Coal Lumpers' union with regard to a settlement of the dispute.

There will be no strike of the teamsters employed by the meat packing firms at Chicago. Committees representing both sides agreed to a compromise.

Fifty hospital employees at Cienfuegos, Cuba, were recently summarily discharged by the government. They struck because salaries were not paid on time.

All the locomotive firemen on the Chihuahua division of the Mexican Central railroad are on a strike, and the train service throughout the division is tied up.

In the Imperial smelting works, located at Pribran, Bohemia, women are employed as day laborers in separating slag from cinders, and also as stonemasons' helpers.

The New Zealand minister for labor promises to establish wages boards, with the right of appeal to the arbitration court if so desired by either party to an industrial dispute.

Demands for an increase in pay and the adoption of a new working schedule have been made on the agents of seven railroads entering Toledo, O., by the Order of Railway Clerks.

A general railway strike is threatened in England as the result of the long struggle of the Railway Men's union with the British railway companies for the recognition of their organization.

Negotiations are pending at Mexico City for the purchase of 150,000 acres to be colonized by Russians. Twenty thousand are to leave western Russia soon, to be joined by 2,000 now at Los Angeles, Calif.

White mine employees on strike in the Transvaal have appealed to the English labor members for financial assistance and to secure the withdrawal of the troops, who are being used to overawe the strikers.

Official returns show that during 1906 a total of 30,073 persons were engaged in the Queensland sugar in-

dustry, 23,753 being whites and 6,323 of various colors. This is exclusive of 4,753 white and 785 colored persons employed in factories.

Four hundred steam fitters, bricklayers, carpenters and other craftsmen working on the National Bank of Commerce's new building at Kansas City, Mo., struck because the firm employing the tanners on the job conducts an open shop.

A reduction recently in the forces at work on the central divisions of the canal give rise to the report that the Isthmian canal commission desired to get rid of negro laborers. When questioned Colonel Goethall declared that the rumor was without foundation.

The central committee of the German trade unions has been collecting wage statistics. The result is that it is clearly shown that in nearly half of the organized trades of the German empire the average daily wage is less than 75 cents or less than \$1 per week.

The Pacific Coast company, of Seattle, Wash., announces that it would observe the increased expense of coal mining growing out of the agreement between operators and the United Miners Workers to advance wages 15 per cent and to make a general change in mine working conditions.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

Organize Locals in Fremont and Nebraska City With Big Membership.

Organizer Ireland of the Electrical Workers has been stirring himself since coming to Nebraska. After injecting a lot of new energy into the Lincoln local he went down to Beatrice and organized a local in that busy city. Then he jumped over to Fremont, where he organized a local of over thirty members. From there he went to Nebraska City and organized a local with upwards of twenty-five members. Between times he returned to Lincoln and put in some good licks on the local situation. He left this week for Des Moines, Ia., where he will do a lot of work in the interests of the local.

Work continues good in Lincoln, and the membership finds steady employment. The Citizens' company has gone on the nine hour basis, and this made a call for more men. The extensions of this line make a lot of work.

The telephone work continues unusually good and the linemen are kept on the jump continually. The Traction company still hangs on to the ten hour day, and a lot of men are still giving that company an hour's work a day rather than come into the union fold and pay the paltry dues. It is hinted a lot of men on the Traction work are afraid they will mortally insult the management if they join the union, and thereby lose their jobs. To avoid this they cheerfully—or otherwise—give the company a fraction over a half day's work a week. It is generally agreed that the company rather likes the gift.

The faithful and energetic members of the local union have the same complaint that other unions make—lack of interest in the regular meetings. The same faithful few are always on deck and carry the wood and water, while others are content to pay their dues when the business agent goes after them and let things drift along. Every member owes it to himself and to his union to be present at every meeting and take a hand in the management of the union's affairs. It is not fair to let the burden rest upon a few shoulders, no matter how willing they may be.

TABITHA HOSPITAL.

An effort is being made to raise money to properly equip Tabitha hospital, and to that end donations are being raised from the citizens of Lincoln. The Wageworker suggests to the management that it make an offer to equip a "union ward" to be offered to the trades unions of the city for emergency cases, providing the unions endow it with a reasonable sum. This is something that the unions should have done long ago, and the Wageworker believes that the managers of Tabitha hospital can bring it about by proper action and solicitation. The Wageworker pledges its support to the proposition.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

Charles Reign Scoville Secured for a Series of Meetings at Auditorium.

The Christian, or Disciples, churches of Lincoln, Havelock and Bethany have combined for a series of evangelistic meetings, and have secured the services of Charles Reign Scoville of Chicago, one of the leading evangelists of the country. Rev. Mr. Scoville has had a wonderful success in his chosen work. Not only is he a magnificent platform orator, but is a scholar and a thorough student of the Bible. He does not resort to sensa-

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AN OLD TIMER.

Rod C. Smith of Central City, Nebr., was in Lincoln the first of the week, representing the democracy of Merriek county on the democratic platform committee. Mr. Smith, who is now engaged in the lumber business is an old time telegrapher and a former member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. He is watching the strike of the Commercial Telegraphers with great interest, and is giving them something more than moral support.

TO BE SURE!

Telegraphers' Eight-Hour Bill Held Unconstitutional in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., September 20.—Following the decision of Judge Bradley at Harrisonville yesterday, in which he declared the telegraphers' eight-hour law unconstitutional, Edward McGarry, Charles W. Fear and Elmer Johnson, a committee from the State Federation of Labor, which has just closed a convention at Sedalia, called on Acting Governor McKinley this afternoon and urged him to take additional action to bring about an enforcement of the law.

Gov. McKinley suggested to the men that in cases where the law is being violated the matter should be

by them called to the attention of the prosecuting attorney, and if that official refuses or declines to act, the circuit officials' law should be applied to him.

The committee made no specific charges of the law's violation, but took the position that it was generally ignored.

The gentlemen will remain over tomorrow to have a conference with Attorney General Hadley, who was not in the city today, and will also call on Gov. McKinley again, when some plan of action may be devised.

FEDERATION CONVENTION.

Call Issued for Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of A. F. of L.

The official call has been issued for the twenty-seventh annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held at Norfolk, Va., beginning November 11. Each central labor union is entitled to one delegate.

Lincoln could secure the 1908 meeting of the American Federation of Labor if it made a good fight for it. From a commercial standpoint it would be the best convention ever held in the city. It would bring from 700 to 1,000 delegates and visitors most of whom would remain from ten days to two weeks. The expense of making a campaign to secure the convention would be insignificant, and the expense of entertaining the convention would be comparatively small. Committee rooms and the use of a hall for meeting purpose would be practically all the expense.

If the Commercial Club really wants to "Build up Lincoln" it ought to take steps towards securing this convention, which would advertise Lincoln better than any dozen other conventions ever advertised it.

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