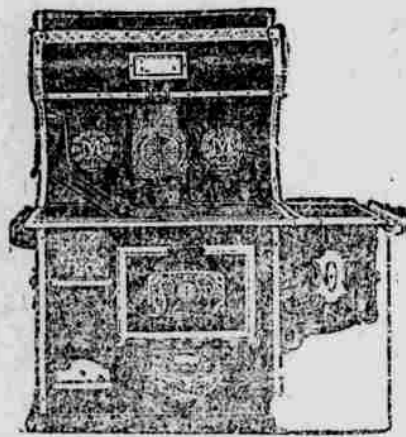


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RECEPTION TO GOMPERS.

Twenty Thousand Men Welcome Him Home From Europe.

Organized labor, representing many parts of this country, Canada and Cuba, paid a notable tribute last Tuesday night in Washington, D. C., to the homecoming from Europe of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who arrived there early in the evening from New York.

The celebration in honor of his return after an absence of several months was probably the most enthusiastic demonstration ever accorded an American labor leader.

There was a monster parade, followed by a big mass meeting at Convention hall. Estimates of the number of men and women in the parade ran as high as 20,000. The event derived added interest from the fact that this was the day upon which the court of appeals of the District of Columbia was expected to hand down its decision in the contempt proceedings against Mr. Gompers and other federation officials. The decision of the court, however, failed to materialize.

An incident in connection with the parade was the action of President Gompers in refusing to allow a company of the national guard of the District of Columbia to participate. The central labor union at a meeting Monday night went on record in favor of the guardsmen taking part in the celebration, although there was some opposition among the delegates, on the ground, it was stated, that the organized militia of the country was used only to "shoot down strikers and union men."

Mr. Gompers, however, was communicated with and he decided that the guardsmen should not parade.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

News of Labor Temple Purchase Greeted With Loud Acclaim.

When it was announced at the Central Labor Union meeting Thursday evening the the Labor Temple Association had made the plunge and purchased a building, the delegates cheered loudly and said it was just the proper move. Then each delegate declared that he would make it his first duty to carry the news back to his local and insist on the local coming to the front with the stuff that makes business. The matter was discussed at length, and the utmost enthusiasm was manifested.

Very little business apart from the

routine was transacted. The Labor Day committee submitted a final report, showing all bills paid and a dollar or two left over.

The committee appointed some time ago to work up the matter of a labor headquarters was discharged. The donors to the fund will be asked to invest the amount in the stock of the Labor Temple Association.

SMITH FOR ASSESSOR.

S. D. Smith has been nominated by the republicans of Havelock for assessor in that township, and they couldn't have selected a better man for the job. If he isn't elected it will be because the people of that township do not want the best man in that position. And by the way, The Wage-worker wants to confess that Brer Smith is the kind of labor paper booster that counts with the editor man. He has brought in a haul of subscriptions during the past few weeks, and he says he has a lot more on the string. Here's hoping he is unanimously elected, and that for every vote he gets he secures a new subscriber for his Joy Juice for Union Households.

RACINE SHOE WORKERS WIN.

The strike at the Flebich-Fox, Hilker Shoe Company's plant in Racine, Wis., has been settled and the 100 employees have resumed work. The settlement was brought about mainly through the efforts of Mayor A. J. Horlick and the national officers of the union. The employees are to get increased wages and better shop conditions.

GOMPERS DECISION DELAYED.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.—The court of appeals today again failed to render its decision in the contempt case against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor. The general understanding, however, is that the decision will be handed down within the next day or two.

LOVE OR MALONE.

The supreme court has decided that the county court has the right to canvass the vote cast for mayor at the last city election, and Mayor Love has asserted that he has no desire to fight for time, but prefers to have the matter settled once for all. We congratulate Mayor Love on this evidence of fairness and willingness to settle the matter without further resort to legal quibbles and technicalities. Now let us have a recount of the ballots and a

final determination of the contest. If Malone is the winner we'll throw up our union made hat and hurrah, for we supported him to the best of our ability. If Mr. Love wins out, we'll wish him success in his administration and assure him of our heartiest support in his every effort to give Lincoln an honest, clean and capable administration.

A BENEVOLENT TRUST.

National Cash Register Outfit Not Only "Scab" but Illegal.

That great "benevolent" trust, the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, it seems, is not such a "good" trust after all. The attorney general of that state complains that this company is doing acts not contemplated by its charter and has created and is maintaining a trust to "suppress, prevent and interfere with competition in the manufacture and sale of cash registers." It is charged that the company increases or reduces the prices of its product as competition suggests. The good people of Dayton have long desired to rid itself of this "benevolent" trust, which has been more an injury to the city than a plague, and perhaps, with the aid of the law, their hopes will be gratified. The concern should be put out of business altogether, or at least put on the same footing with other manufacturing concerns and force it to obey the laws of the land, which it has not. The law should play no favorites.—Greensboro Labor News.

THE AD CLUB.

The regular monthly luncheon of the Lincoln Ad Club will be held at the Commercial Club dining room next Tuesday evening at 6:15. Will M. Maupin will make a brief talk on the subject, "Advertising Nebraska." There will be other speakers not yet selected.

CONVENTIONS OF 1909.

Where and When the Clans Will Gather to Boost the Cause.

October 19, Detroit, Mich., International Association of Car Workers.
October 19, Charlotte, N. C., United Textile Workers of America.
November 8, Toronto, Can., American Federation of Labor.
November 29, New York, N. Y., International Seamen's Union.
December 8, Indianapolis, Ind., International Alliance of Bill Posters of America.

NECKTIE GIRLS STRIKE.

And No "Bonus Scabs" Showed Up to Help Defeat Them.

Six hundred girls employed in a couple of New York City necktie factories struck the first of the week for increased wages and better working conditions. There were no "bonus scabs" at hand to help defeat the girls. On the contrary, the girls had no trouble in securing what they asked for. The bosses couldn't find any girls to break the strike, and no "faithful employees" hung back and received pay while standing up for the company. That sort of thing remains for yellow-livered "men" in Omaha.

The girls artistically picketed the plants, but there was no trouble with would-be strikebreakers. The bosses held out for a time, and then capitulated.

THE OPEN SHOP IDEA.

Farmer Wilson, secretary of agriculture, says the average laborer of Washington eats meat three times a day, and that he is not satisfied with anything but the best cuts. Mr. Wilson argues that this condition of affairs is what keeps up the price of meat. The inference is that the "best cuts" belong to the profit-maker, and that the laborer should confine himself to the lower grades or those which the profit-maker would select for his dog. That is the "open shop" idea, and those who favor it claim the right to fix wages and prescribe what is most becoming as a diet for those who do the work.—Washington Trades Unionist.

CHANGED LOCATION.

It happened two or three weeks ago but The Wageworker forgot to mention it—the change of location of the Woodruff-Collins print shop. This union shop has been at 217-219 North Eleventh street for many years, but a couple of weeks ago moved to Tenth and Q streets, and now occupies the building lately vacated by the International Harvester Co. As a result of the change the Woodruff-Collins Co. has one of the best locations in the city for a printing and bindery business.

WHAT HE GETS.

The Western Laborer of Omaha, Neb., says: "A story is being told of a non-union employe of the street car company who, after reading President Wattles' statement in the papers, thought he would go and get one of those individual contracts that Mr. Wattles said he would make. After securing the contract he went home and read it over carefully and found he would get, according to the contract, everything a hen lays but the egg.

WATCH KIRBY ERUPT!

Now watch Mr. Kirby erupt! The pole was discovered by a man who had a union label in all of his garments and was an ex-member of the Typographical Union. Very likely he attached an I. T. U. "sticker" to the pole when he found it. We hope that G. "Nuts" Post does not learn of these simple facts, for fear of the result of such knowledge on his continued existence. To lose Post would be a calamity.—Detroit Union Advocate.

GOT HIS GOAT.

J. M. Thompson of Norwood, O., who was a candidate for nomination for mayor of Norwood, on the Republican ticket, was gloriously defeated at the primaries. Mr. Thompson has for many years been connected with the Western Methodist Book Concern, during which time he has been most antagonistic to organized labor. He was at one time a member of No. 3, but was expelled for rattling at the Western Methodist Book Concern's office.

PROTECTION?

While the trusts are happy over the result of the new tariff bill, which increases the price of almost everything to consumers, have they taken into consideration that those who work with their hands and brain will be compelled to ask for higher wages, in order to exist? If they haven't they "better had." The only "protection" the laborer has is his trade union and members generally help themselves.—Oklahoma Labor Unit.

CIGAR MAKERS WILL NOT MEET.

The Cigarmakers International Union of America will not hold a convention this year. An amendment to the constitution designed to make the holding of a convention possible was defeated in the referendum by the narrow majority of 306 votes.

Secretary Wilson says that "the average laborer is to-day living better than Queen Elizabeth did in her time." A historical truth, no doubt, and the average laborer should feel duly flattered; but what interests him vastly more than how badly Queen Elizabeth lived is how he may live better than he does to-day on his present earnings with the cost of living unreasonably high.

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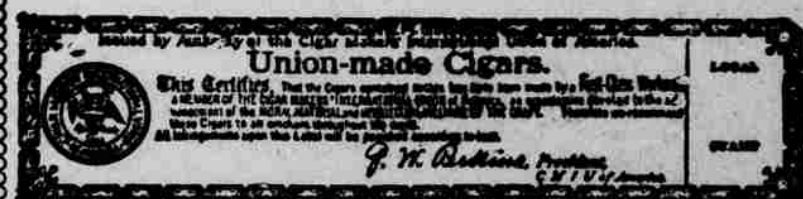
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