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TO LABOR UNIONS.

Will you assist us by appointing some one in your union to furnish us with news? The Wageworker wants to publish the news of your local, and in order to do so must have your assistance. It is our aim to give our readers all the labor news that is to be had and wish to do it properly, so that you will be satisfied. By helping us in this way, you not only make this paper more valuable and complete, but your knowledge of what is going on In the labor movement is better and the good feeling among the various crafts is more strongly cemented. When this fellowship idea is instilled thoroughly among us there is less likelihood of a break in the ranks and it is certainly needed at the present time.

LET US REASON TOGETHER. Come on, now, brother wage earner and let us reason together. It will benefit us if we study things a little more and "cuss" things a little less.

We've heard a lot about "prosperity" during the last few years, but have we had the right "dope" on that subject?

That's the question!

Let's see. William E. Curtis has written an article for the Chicago Record-Herald in which he talks about the wonderful "prosperity" of New York City. According to Mr. Curtis that city has 27,285 manufacturing establishments, employing 669,000 hands and 74,000 salaried officers. It takes \$450,549,300 a year to pay workmen and officials. The capital invested is \$1,529,945,000, and the volume of the output is \$2,248,440,500.

But let's get back to the wages

Note that 669,000 "hands" and 74,000 salaried officers drew the sum of \$450,-549,300 last year-an average of \$606 a year each.

But you can safely bet that the 6 a year. Not much. A nearer guess would be an average of that much a month, but call it \$2,000 a year. That would amount to \$148,000,000 for the salaried officers, leaving \$302. 000,000 for the 669,000 "hands"-or the magnificent average of \$450 a year, \$37.50 a month.

My, how thankful those "hands" ought to be for a chance to earn \$37.50 a month in a city like New York.

The "hands" and "salaried officials" produced goods amounting in value to \$2,258,000,000. The salaried officials didn't have much to do with it, but we'll count 'em.

The men who made the goods got back 20 per cent of it-one-fifth-in wages.

For every dollar that "hands" and "officials" received in wages, capital received \$4.

The average "protection" alleged to be given labor is 50 per cent, yet labor here receives only 20 per cent of the value of the product.

Who'nell's getting the other 30 per cent of that "protection"?

Stop and think, Mr. Wage Earner! It's time all of us did a little more thinking.

The capitalist who is so insistent that American labor be "protected" gets \$4 while the man he so generously "protects" gets \$1. Mr. Capitalist lawmakers who made possible the is so successful in "protecting" Amer. meat trust? ican labor that he rides in his private yacht and summers in Europe, while the man "protected" either walks or rides the trolley cars, and sweats out ponents of old age pensions. Why? each day at an average wage of a

dollar-fifteen! Does that make you think?

Say, don't you think it is time we secured protection against the fellows who are so insistent on giving us their peculiar brand of protection, and thought a little less about being protected from the products of the "pauper labor of Europe"?

That's a place for think No. 2. And after you have read about the way Mr. Capitalist "protects" you

WAGEWORKER against foreign competition, just read about those palatial flats in New York that rent, unfurnished, for from \$6,000 to \$25,000 a year; of the big flower bills paid by Mr. Capitalist, . Editor and of the cotillion favors that cost uo earl touten en 'two s sujed ton into the thousands.

the \$6,000 flat, nor is he enjoying the spread on bread. It would seem to be flowers, nor wearing the expensive hardly necessary to remind ourselves

cotillion favors. isn't getting them.

Not by a damsite!

are, to be sure! guys?

That depends!

going to agitate our gray matter. Are we?

Suppose we take a day off sometime and think it over.

THE PARK BOND PROPOSITION. a successful conclusion. The workers is no demand for the subscription parks will add to the enjoyment of if our names are misspelt,, and if the life. The people most deserving of editorials indicate some original thinkparks, and who most need them, and ing which shocks our conservative the wage earners whose toil has made feelings, and if the business end of the real estate of this city valuable the paper is pressed home upon us, -The people who ought to provide parks then, "Oh, cut it 'ut!" comes the disare the people who have been made gruntled verdict toward an institution the mountains or at the sea coast.

The workers deserve to have ade inless forced to do so.

The men who made the values can How? By the referendum.

Mayor Love and ex-Mayor Brown the wilderness park purposes. They differ a little as of us who believe in his job should to the amount, but that can be set stand by him. He cannot always do it tled very easily.

\$75,000!

The Wageworker suggests that the question.

But, anyhow, let's ge' busy and com pel an issue of bonds for the purpose of giving the workers of Lincoln beautiful parks and playgrounds.

The Lincoln Ad Club inaugurated the "Made in Lincoln" exposition scheme, then turned it over to the Commercial Club. The Commercial Club now proposes to change it to "Lincoln Industrial Exposition." Why the change? It destroys the very purpose of the whole plan.

The Central Labor Union is getting try was organized about a week ago "salaried officials" didn't work for any into the civic game. It will cut a in Denver, Colo. bigger ngure just as soon as your central body.

> their own way if Richard L. Metcalfe | label. is sent to that body from Nebraska.

get to writing commendations of a po. pects bright. lice official it is a sign that he is making good.

Lincoln is soon to have "pay-as-youenter" cars. All right. But how about getting some "go-after-you-enter" cars? And some "come-when-you-need-'em"

A lot of office-seekers are going to be asked what they may think are very impertinent questions before long, and they'll have to answer, too.

If the men responsible for wars between nations were compelled to fight them, we'd have disarmament after the very first struggle.

It's all right to boycott the meat trust, but what about boycotting the

The men who profit most from the toil of others are the most active op-

The best way to wipe out anarchy is to abolish conditions that breed anarchy.

There is a difference between 'growing up" and "swelling up."

This is the shortest month of the year—in many ways.

would help some.

TRADES UNION CHARACTERS.

Rev. Charles Stelzle Writes About the

Labor Editor's Due. He is a man of our flesh and blood. the papers that he doesn't sell, and The man "protected" isn't living in ink cannot make him think when it is of this very human fact, were it not He's paying for them all, but he that most of us have idealized the editor to such a degree that we imagine him a sort of an etheral creature Gee, what a lot of E. Z. Marks we whose living among us is a dispensation of divine providence, but for But will we continue to be the fall whose existence we are not at all responsible. And as with all of God's gifts, we have become so accustomed It depends on whether we are ever of their beneficence and their comfort, that we rather take them for granted. We become conscious of their existence only when they are removed from us, or when there seems to be an occasion for raising a mighty howl.

When the paper comes with regu-Organized labor in Lincoln ought to larity, when our names appear in conget behind the proposition to issue nection with current events, when we \$50,000 in park bonds, and push it to agree with the editorials, when there will profit in more ways than one-it price-then all is well. But if the will provide employment, and good postman missed out on a delivery, and wealthy by the increase in land val- which has served us faithfully year ues, but they are able to summer in after year, and without which the labor movement could scarcely exist.

To the labor editor we owe a debt quate park facilities and privileges. of gratitude which a dollar or two a The drones will not provide them year cannot possibly repay. He fights our battles. He expresses the aspirations of the toiler as the toiler himself force the value holders to come across. cannot express it. He is indeed the the voice of the people who wander in

are both in favor of a bond issue for For all this, and much more, those single-handed. Sometimes the pres-Mayor Love says \$50,000 and ex- sure become to great for mortal man Mayor Brown says \$100,000. Suppose to endure. There's a limit to human we split the difference and make it strength, no matter how full of purpose and power.

Therefore-when the editor does unions take the matter up. It would well, tell him about it, and do it right have the Central Labor Union take a away. When has asks for his day's leading part in the campaign. If this wage because he has served you, pay matter is attended to immediately it it to him. You'd boycott the fellow would, doubtless, be possible to refer who treated you as you do the editor this matter to the voters at the same in this respect. In a word-do to the time as the referendum on the liquor editor as though you were the editor.

GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of News Picked and Pilfered From Many Sources.

Painters this coming spring will get 14 per day in Dallas, Texas

The Wireless is the name of a new woman suffrage daily in New York

The Federal Labor Union in Fort Worth, Texas, gained 158 members in What is probably the first Japanese

labor union ever formed in this coun-The following wages are paid in

union elects live delegates and insists Dallas, Texas: Carpenters, \$4; plumb- to organize in Texas an association on their attending the meetings of the ers, \$5; bricklayers, \$6 and better; plasterers, \$6, etc.

Through the efforts of State Labor The representatives of "vested Commissioner Joseph S. Myers and rights" who now control the United his assistant, H. G. Wagner, all state law from 12 to 14 years. States senate will not have everything printing in Texas will bear the union

Oklahoma City are hustlers. On Feb. street car is within the police power Chief of Police Malone is making a ruary 1, 1909, they had 55 members, record. When the women of a city and now they have over 200. Pros-

> E. S. McCullough of Saginaw, Mich., has been re-elected vice president of the council four years ago. the United Mine Workers by 25,000 over Frank Hayes, secretary of Illinois miners.

Maryland court of appeals has declared the child labor law of that state constitutional. Open shoppers tried to smash the law so that they

might obtain cheaper labor. The unions of molders, metal workers and mechancians in France recently voted to combine. The new society will be called the Union of Metal Workers and Kindred Trades.

After a long and bitter fight of the Label and Advertising committee of the Typographical Union the San Antorio, Texas, telephone company's directory will bear the union label.

Four unions have been established in Des Moines, Ia., within the last three weeks. The four are Cement Workers, Women Day Laborers, Structural Iron Workers and the Building Laborers.

The following large circuses are recognized as fair by the Bill Posters' Union: Ringling Bros., Forepaugh-Sells, Sells-Floto, Hagenback-Wallace, Barnum-Bailey, Buffalo Bill and John Robinson.

The strike of the Columbus, Ol to, pressmen and feeders for the eighthour day and higher wages resulted in new compromise contracts, which

hour work day is conceded. The Fort Worth, Texas, Trades As-A little more agitation for the label sembly changed its laws at its last meeting and hereafter local unions ald.

Notion Dept.

We are showing an immense line of hair goods in Turbans, Braids, Switches, etc.

Turbans from 25c to \$1.60 Braids, 28 in. and 36 in., from 2.00 to \$3 Switchs from .50 to \$7.50. Braid pins at 5, 10, 25 and 50c.

Toilet Goods Dept.

49c Mens Toilet Set Special 49c

Box containing one 25c stick Williams shaving soap, one 15c cake Jersey cream toilet soap, one metal soap box, one 20c can carnation talcum powder, 75c worth of goods for

Valentines

It is about time to choose your valentines and although today the Valentine gifts run more to books, we still show a large assortment of the good old fashioned Valentines.

Valentine cards, hundreds of designs, at 1c, 3 for 5c and 5c each.

Valentine booklets and letters at 5, 10, 15

Valentine novelties, each in separate box, at 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Lace Valentines, each

Books Suitable for Valentine Gifts

Most of our Valentine Books are boxed and done up with Valentine bands and greetings, of which we only mention a few. They are all beautifully bound and make the nicest kind of a gift for Valentine Day.

Riley Books at \$1.00

Love Lyrics Songs of Cheer Farm Rhymes School Day Romances at \$1.25

Henry VanDyke at \$1.20

The Ruling Passion Fisherman's Luck The Blue Flower

Myrtle Reed at 1.50

Love Letters of a Musician Old Rose and Silver Sign of the Jack O'Lantern Spinner in the Sun

Longfellows Poems, 1.00 Evangeline-Hiawatha

The Christy Girl at 1.00

Books at 50c Suitable for Valentines

Pictures of Memory Friendship All that's Lovely The Latchstring to Happiness Man and His Mate Glorious Mother Six Cylinder Courtship The Mascot of Sweet Briar Gulch

When Knighthood was in Flower The Daughter of Anderson Crow The Enchanted Hat The Shuttle New Chronicles of Rebecca My Mamie Rose The Shepherd of the Hills The Coast of Chance

New Fiction at 1.08

And, in fact, all the newest books published

with lady members will pay but 3 cents per capita on all but the male members, for whom a tax of 5 cents will be paid. -

F. H. McLean, field secretary of the Russell Sage foundation, will attempt which will work in behalf of compulsory education, and will also attempt to have the child labor laws so amended as to raise the age limit under the

Judge Wagoner in the circuit court in Galesburg, Ill., held that the city Members of the Painters' Union in ordinance requiring two men on a of the city, and he fined the company \$500 for violating it. The local system is owned by the McKinley syndicate. The ordinance was passed by

LEARNED HIS LESSON.

Dealer Soaked for Sewing Illegal Label in Pair of Pants.

At a meeting of the Industrial Coun-

cil last month it was reported by a delegate from the Beer Bottlers' Union that a member of his organiza tion had purchased a pair of pants of J. Segelbohm, 914 Main street, after being promised that he could supply the union label. After calling for the pants he called Mr. Segelbohm's attention to the fact that the label was missing. Thereupon the latter, right before his eyes, sewed on a fraudulent label. The matter was referred to Carl Lindgren, business agent of Tailors' Union No. 64, who, after a thorough investigation, placed the facts before Virgil Conklin, prosecuting attorney. The case came up for trial before Judge Latshaw of the criminal court Thursday morning, who, after giving Mr. Segelbohm a severe lecture, fined him \$500 and costs, with a stay of execution of \$450, which the guilty tailor would have to pay should he ever attempt such criminal work in the future. This ought to be a good example to all go into effect January 1st. The eight- those who believe they are performing a smart trick when they attempt to deceive union men who want union made goods.-Kansas City Labor Her-

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