

NOTHING DOING!!



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GOSSIP OF THE TOILERS

Latest News of Busy Workers in Mines, Mills and Workshops.

Silversmiths in Tokio, Japan, are paid 22½ cents a day.

Cigarmakers at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, have formed a union.

The Photo Engravers' Union of North America has adopted a union label.

In eleven years the coal output of Japan has increased from 200,000 tons annually to 11,500,000.

Civic Employees at Prince Albert, Sask., have struck for \$2 a day, an increase of 25 cents.

Wheeling (W. Va.) carmen have received an increase in wages of ½ and 1 cent on the hour.

Capital Beach will be beautifully decorated in oriental colors. Do not fail to see it. August 3rd to 8th.

Full 50 per cent of the boiler makers of Massachusetts are either on half time or absolutely unemployed.

The total value of the telegraph and telephone line poles used in this country during 1906 was \$9,471,171.

International Gloveworkers' Union of America will hold its annual conventions in Detroit, Mich., August 4.

Pennsylvania produces over \$15,000,000 worth of vegetables annually. Only one other state makes a better showing in the value of garden products.

Trade unionists at Walla Walla, Wash., have placed the president of the Trades Council as a candidate for street commissioner.

The reduction in the initiation fee for membership in the United Mine Workers is now effective. The regular initiation fee is \$10. In August it will be \$2.50; in September, \$3; in

October, \$3.50, and in November, \$4. Beginning with December 1 the regular \$10 fee will be charged.

Ironworkers' wages are once again to the fore in the United Kingdom, and Staffordshire, the Midlands and South Wales are the districts affected.

The insurance agents of Wheeling, W. Va., may organize a labor union for their self-protection in the near future.

The A. F. of L. had \$137,438.12 cash balance on June 1. The receipts for May were \$12,206.63, and its expenses \$15,182.19.

The fifteenth general convention of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, next September.

Boston, Mass., Cigarmakers' Union has levied an assessment of \$5 on each member to advertise the union label.

Strong efforts are being made by the various printing trades in Washington, D. C., to have the Cuban census reports printed at the government printing office.

C. H. McConaughy of San Francisco, Cal., has been chosen third vice president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to succeed M. J. Sullivan.

The Alabama district organization of the United Mine Workers of America has appealed to all mine workers in Alabama to cease work and make an effort to organize the state.

It has been only eight years since this country passed Great Britain in the matter of coal production. Now the English mines are hardly to be regarded as competitors.

A federated council of the shop machinists' unions of the Boston &

Maine system has been organized and it is expected to soon include every branch organization of the road.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting to be held very shortly to form a Pittsburg (Pa.) metal trades council of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

The new National Federation of Weavers held its first convention at Fall River, Mass., with 28 unions represented. United Textile Workers' Union, from which the Weavers' unions have withdrawn, is opposing the effort.

The South Wales Miners' Federation is again in a ferment over the non-union question, and the executive has given permission to issue notices to strike unless the non-unionist toe the line and join the Federation.

The annual report of the Bureau of Navigation shows that all records for ship building in the United States were broken last year. The gross tonnage built was 1,588,627 tons, of which 204,739 tons were for the Great Lakes.

In an effort to reduce accidents at mines, for which money was appropriated at the last session of congress, plans have been made by Secretary of the Interior Garfield to open in Pittsburg, Pa., the first experimental station.

The inventive genius of the American people is suggested in the figures of patents issued year by year. The latest figures available—those of 1906—show that a total of 31,806 were issued, of which, however, 3,471 were issued to citizens of 48 foreign countries.

A general movement on the part of the national board members for the rehabilitation of the miners' organization in the anthracite coal fields will likely be one of the results of the conference held in Indianapolis by the national executive board of the United Mine Workers.

Assistant Commissioner Powderly of the bureau of immigration has up to date found 786 places for immigrants arriving in this country. Of that number 203 have found places on farms in Vermont; New York has received 176, Ohio, 12; other states from 4 to 50, and Pennsylvania none.

As an expression of appreciation for their faithful service and courtesy to the traveling public, checks amounting to \$175,000 were mailed to 1,153 conductors and 2,617 porters by the Pullman company. In each case the check was equivalent to one month's pay—an average of about \$46.40.

The West Virginia State Federation of Labor continues to grow bigger and stronger each week. President Welch is confident that by the time of the next state convention the state federation, reorganized at Huntington last February, will contain all the labor unions in the Mountain state.

The prospect of smooth working in the labor world in Sweden is anything but bright, and a great deal of trouble is expected during the summer. The most threatening feature is the conflict between the dockworkers' organization and the shipowners, which is bound to drag in all kinds of workers.

The dispute between the Shipbuilders' association and the Shipwrights and Joiners on the Wear was recently amicably settled by mutual agreement at a conference held at Sunderland, a reduction of 1s per week instead of 1s 6d being agreed to. The fear of a lockout in the district is thus averted.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad company has announced a general reduction of forces in the machine shops along its lines. Many men were dropped from the shops at Mobile, Pensacola, Montgomery, Birmingham and Decatur. Officials of the company say that the reduction is due to a marked falling off in business.

Another move to use the convicts at the penitentiary in the making of a system of good roads has been started in Chicago. At present in the neighborhood of 200 convicts are used at the penitentiary at Joliet preparing road materials for use in the state. The promoters of the new movement want the scope extended.

When completed Kansas City's labor temple will cost nearly \$100,000, and the union men of Kansas City will not owe one cent on the structure. The building will be four stories high, and already to the third floor has been completed. The labor people are furnishing the funds for the temple, and are raising the money among the local unions.

Illinois has a new law, which went into effect recently that will virtually prevent the importation of strikebreakers when the miners of that state are on strike. The law requires all coal miners to pass an examination. The examiners are practical miners and union men, and they can prevent the importation of strikebreakers.

Railroad employes throughout Mexico are planning organization of a union which will have for its sole aim the exclusion of Americans from connection in any capacity with the various roads. It is said that 90 per cent of the men of the railroads are Mexicans, the other 10 per cent of the positions being held principally by Americans.

Because of the activity of organized labor in Toledo, the board of education recently gave West Virginia non-union coal the go by. The laborites asked the board not to recognize a standard of living based on a 17-cent rate of mining against that of 53 cents a ton prevailing in Ohio, and the moral side of the question won the day.

Mine Inspector P. C. Fenton of the Twelfth Pennsylvania district, comprising 11 collieries, employing 10 men and boys, in his report for June has a clear record, save one non-fatal accident. This is the first time since the formation of the Twelfth district six years ago that the monthly report did not show at least one fatal accident.

To solve the problem of a normal living wage in a city like Chicago or New York an investigation was recently conducted by a committee of charity workers, sociologists and college professors. It showed that \$656 a year was the normal minimum wage for a fair standard of living for the average family of husband, wife and three children.

The International Brotherhood of Leather Workers does not hold conventions as is the case with other international unions. All its business is transacted at the annual sessions of the executive board, composed of the president, secretary-treasurer and four vice-presidents. Proposed changes are submitted to a referendum vote of the local unions.

The International Brotherhood of Leather Workers has declared for a universal eight-hour day, and a caucus of all the local unions within the jurisdiction of the international union will be held in September to decide upon the date when the shorter workday will be put into effect. The meeting will be held in Kansas City, where the international union has its headquarters.

The arbitration law adopted by Australia for the purpose of settling labor disputes worked well for a time and it was supposed by the people of that country, as well as others, that the means of averting strikes and lockouts had been reached but flaws were discovered in the law and it became inoperative. A new law will likely be passed having for its principal feature the imposition of penalties upon both labor and capital for industrial strife.

In England the progress of the co-operative societies has been remarkable. At the English co-operative congress, which was held a short time ago in Newport, Monmouthshire, the Central Board of the Co-operative Union received reports for the year 1907 from 1,566 societies, with a total membership of 2,434,085. The members held shares of stock amounting to \$160,000,000; the trade for the

year reached the huge total of \$528,000,000, and the profit was \$60,000,000.

UNION PRINT SHOPS.

Printeries That Are Entitled to Use the Allied Trades Label.

- Following is a list of the printing offices in Lincoln that are entitled to the use of the Allied Printing Trades label, together with the number of the label used by each shop:
- Jacob North & Co., No. 1.
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- Freie Presse, No. 3.
- Woodruff-Collins, No. 4.
- Graves & Mulligan, No. 5.
- State Printing Co., No. 6.
- Star Publishing Co., No. 7.
- Western Newspaper Union, No. 8.
- Wood Printing Co., No. 9.
- George Bros., No. 11.
- McVey Printing Co., No. 12.
- Union Advertising Co., No. 14.
- Ford Printing Co., No. 16.
- Gillespie & Phillips, No. 18.
- VanTine & Young, No. 24.
- Graves Printery.
- Dairyman Pub. Co., 130 No. 14th.

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NO COMPROMISE.

No compromise should be made. It is not a false alarm. Unless the union men of this country rally around their standard, before many months pass every labor union in this country will be put out of business. Union men should not wait, but should now take up the gauge of battle and not rest until they have put every man on record as to his feeling toward organized labor, both in the past and the future. —Colorado Springs Labor News.

The Union Hypocrite.

Organized labor's greatest enemy is the lukewarm union man. He bears the same relation to the union that a hypocrite bears to a church. When the labor movement is falsely measured it is generally by the standard of the trades union hypocrite. —Charleston (W. Va.) Labor Argus.

ARE THE YRIGHT?

"O, to hell with the labor vote—we can whip them into line!" That's the way the machine politicians have it figured out. Are they right?

UNION BARBER SHOPS.

Information as to Where You Can Get Your Work Done Fairly.

Following is a list of the union barber shops of Lincoln, the name and location being given:

- Gus Petro, 1010 O street.
- W. A. Jackson, 1001 O street.
- W. E. Myers, Capital Hotel.
- C. A. Green, 120 North Eleventh.
- Geo. Shaffer, Lincoln Hotel.
- J. B. Ramer, 1501 O Street.
- E. A. Snyder, 1206 O Street.
- A. L. Stern, 116 South Thirteenth.
- A. L. Kemmerer, Lindell Hotel.
- Chapman & Ryan, 127 North Twelfth.
- H. A. Larabee, 922 P Street.
- Knight and Parmenter, 122 South Twelfth.
- H. C. Leopold, Fraternity Building.
- Frank Malone, Havelock.
- E. A. Wood, Havelock.
- C. B. Ellis, Havelock.
- Windsor hotel, C. B. Lewis, Prop.

THE STAGE EMPLOYEYS.

Have at Last Succeeded in Securing Recognition From Headquarters.

The local union of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes has at last secured recognition from headquarters, and the boys now have a full-fledged union of their own. It has taken two years of hard work to secure this recognition. It seems that two or three Lincoln men were formerly members of the Omaha local but fell behind in their dues. Omaha protested against granting Lincoln a charter until these men paid up. The Lincoln local was required to give bond that it would pay these back dues if the men themselves failed to square up. Not all of the delinquent ones are still in Lincoln, but their dues will have to be made good by the loyal unionists who have persevered in spite of difficulties.

The following officers have been elected:

- President, E. R. Wiese.
- Vice President, A. Bradshaw.
- Financial Secretary and Treasurer, George Emmons.
- Corresponding Secretary, J. F. Stephens.
- Delegates to C. L. U., E. R. Wiese, Frank Watkins, Wm. Robinson.
- Labor Day committee, Frank Watkins.

The local meets on the second and fourth Sundays. It has about thirty members and promises to be one of the liveliest locals in the city.

THE BARBERS.

If Prosperity Has Returned It Has Managed to Dodge This Bunch.

The union barbers of Lincoln are not making any loud complaints, but the fact remains that the situation is not all that could be desired. The alleged return of prosperity has not made itself felt to any great extent among the knights of the razor and shears, and while very few men are unemployed the average weekly wage is not what it was a few months ago. Lincoln's union barbers work on a percentage, with a weekly guarantee. The close times have resulted in a spasm of economy on the part of the men who patronize the barber shops, and as a result, the boys are not getting the money. But they are not complaining. Your true blue union barber never loses his optimism, and everyone of them is cock sure that tomorrow will be better than today.

Sam Chaplin went to Omaha last Monday night and was initiated into the mysteries of King Ak-Sar-Ben.



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Notice of Petition.  
Estate No. 2443, of Roscoe R. Jackson, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.  
The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Ella C. Jackson as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on August 31, 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m.  
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