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By the Rev. Charles Stelzle.

THE BOUNTIFUL HARVEST—FRUIT OF THE COLD, AND THE RAIN, AND THE STORM, AS WELL AS THE WARMTH, AND THE SUNSHINE AND CALM, ALL OF THEM NEEDED TO BRING TO US THE BLESSINGS OF LIFE AND NOURISHMENT.

THE FULL-GROWN MAN—MASTER OF SELF; QUICK TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE WEAK, AND READY TO HELP IN THE BATTLE OF LIFE—MADE STRONG BY THE STRESS AND THE STRAIN OF THE STRIFE, THESE HAVING THEIR SHARE IN BRINGING TO HIM THE BROADENING-OUT AND THE FILLING-IN, WHICH GAVE HIM A VISION OF HIS BROTHER-MAN AS PART OF GOD'S UNIVERSE, WHICH WAS MADE FOR ALL MANKIND

THE PRINTERS.

Some Small Bits of News About the Printing Craftsmen.

The Easton, Pa., Labor Journal comes to hand with the startling information that Ed Wright, Chicago, No. 16, will be a candidate for president of the I. T. U. in 1910. What, again? The big man from Syracuse will cough just once and Wright will retire.

Charley Barngrover has a letter in the current Journal in which he tells of the glorious climate running around loose in the vicinity of Loveland, Colo. And the current issue of John Marshall's Berthoud Bulletin conveys the awful information that Loveland went "dry" at the recent election.

"Doc" Righter went to Omaha last Saturday and took in the Nebraska-Ames football game. He says it was

exciting enough to make him temporarily forget the woes of the election.

President Lynch indignantly denies that he has made application for appointment to the position of commissioner of immigration.

H. C. Peate is rapidly forming the acquaintance of every theatrical manager who comes to town. When he hears of one being here he camps on his trail and shoots the label dope into him in great shape.

Perhaps the fact that the chairman of the republican county central committee took his first batch of printing to an unfair printer had something to do with the result.

"Billy" Norton is not mourning a bit over his defeat for the legislature, but a lot of union men who failed to come to the scratch and vote for him ought to be ashamed of their neglect. President Ingraham is taking a lay-

off for the purpose of attending to a lot of private business.

Ben Coblenz has transferred his printer's affections from the Journal to the Star chapel.

The allied printing trades should take timely notice of the fact that a new appointment as secretary of the state printing board will be made within the next couple of months.

THE CIGARMAKERS.

Will Soon Be Called Upon to Vote On a Pension Proposition.

Recently Cigarmakers' Union No. 248, Jacksonville, Fla., proposed an amendment to the general constitution providing for a pension system. The proposition has received endorsements sufficient in number to send it to a referendum for acceptance or rejection. The amendment provides that a five-cent assessment shall be levied on all members for each death, the proceeds to go to the heirs, less 5 per cent, which shall be devoted to a fund to provide a home for sick and disabled cigarmakers, out of which, however, all dues and assessments of sick members shall be paid. The amendment also provides that members shall not pay the assessment until they are such for two years, thus making two classes of members.

President Perkins seems to have taken a stand against the proposition. He describes it as "compulsory insurance" and raises the objection that it is too expensive, being about \$3.80 per month per member. He says:

"We have an undoubted right to build a home for sick or disabled members and to adopt any kind of a benefit in which all may participate, but to say to a thoroughly honest, conscientious union man, who is such from principle, that he must pay for compulsory insurance or be suspended for nine months, or to say to the non-unionist, who works for frightfully small wages and whom we must reach, that the dues and assessments are \$1 a week, is a serious matter and should not be lightly passed over. We are heartily in favor of every one of the present benefits we now have and in adding to them, but they should be of the kind that properly come under the sphere of trade union activity, and against which there can be no serious, well-grounded objection."

"The strike of 800 Porto Rican cigarmakers for more pay is at end, with a victory for the men. The employers have agreed to pay \$1.50 more per thousand."

Charley Nystrom, a member of the Omaha Cigarmakers' Union, drew a farm in Uncle Sam's land lottery.

DOUGLAS MINUS THE STAMP.

Brockton Shoe Man No Longer Entitled to the Union Label.

To Whom It May Concern—So many misleading articles have appeared in the public press with reference to the Douglas controversy, we issue this brief and accurate statement of facts:

In January, 1908, the Douglas company transferred 25 cases (600 pairs) per day of \$3.50 shoes from their No. 1 to their No. 2 factory, and expressed their willingness to accept inferior work, for which they would pay the same wages as paid on their \$3.00 shoes.

In June, 1908, they had increased the \$3.50 shoes so transferred to 18000 pairs per day. These shoes were then transferred back to the original No. 1 factory, at which time the wages on their entire \$3.50 product amounting to between 6,000 and 7,000 pairs per day, were placed under this No. 2 or reduced scale of wages, thus establishing a condition wherein no transfer had taken place, which justifies us in the conclusion that the transfer of shoes was for the purpose of securing a reduced labor cost, contrary to the arbitration method in vogue between the Douglas company and the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union for the previous nine years.

We contend that this method of securing reduced wage was inconsistent

with collective bargaining and we assert, contrary to our arbitration contract with the company. The company, sustained by the Massachusetts State Board of Arbitration, both in their right to transfer and to pay a lower labor cost, we exercised our legal and moral right to discontinue the arbitration contract at its expiration Nov. 1, 1908. We have complied with all the decisions of the State Board of Arbitration and all our obligations under the contract without a stoppage of work in any department during ten months of disagreement as to the right of the company to transfer and to impose a new scale of wages without the consent of the Union.

Hereafter the Douglas shoes will not bear the Union Stamp of the Boot & Shoe Workers' Union. Please bear in mind that no shoe is union made unless it bears a plain and distinct impression of the union stamp.

Respectfully yours,
BOOT & SHOE WORKERS UNION,
By John F. Tobin, General President, 246 Sumner St., Boston.
November 4, 1908.

LABOR TEMPLE DIRECTORY.

The Time to Get Busy is Now, and Now We'll Get Busy.

The election is over. The summer is past. Winter has set in. Isn't it high time to quit hunting for excuses to postpone activity in behalf of the Labor Temple project? It has been nearly three months since the board of directors has had a meeting, and the date for the annual meeting is drawing near. The association has money in the bank and money promised. There is plenty more to be had for the mere going after, and if the project receives proper attention there is no reason why the association should not be able to have a building site in its possession by the time the building season opens next spring.

Every member of the board of directors is urged to attend a meeting at Chaplin & Ryan's barber shop, 127 North Twelfth, next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. If nothing else is done it will at least be possible to arrange for regular meetings during the winter.

A LITTLE SUFFERER.

Harold Mickel Still in the Orthopedic Hospital for Treatment.

Mrs. Jess Mickel was in Lincoln last week visiting her little son, Harold, who has been in the orthopedic hospital for treatment since last July. Harold has been suffering from a species of paralysis since his birth, and his parents have had him treated without avail in many of the hospitals of Nebraska and Iowa. Not until he was taken to the orthopedic hospital in this city was any improvement secured. But now there are gratifying signs of improvement, and it is believed that a permanent cure will be effected. He will have to remain in the hospital for several months yet. Mrs. Mickel returned to Harvard Sunday evening.

HE DESERVED IT, TOO.

G. M. Hitchcock received the loyal support of organized labor in Omaha and South Omaha and the Western Laborer extends the congratulations of the union men of the two cities to the best congressman that ever represented this district in congress. The alleged cutting the Bee declared the Dahlgren democracy would carry out did not materialize. Mr. Hitchcock's party supported him loyally and the republican trades unionists assisted him materially on account of his generous and fair treatment of them. His election sweetens in a measure the bitterness of the defeat of Mr. Bryan.—Western Laborer.

Mrs. Fred Ihringer has been very ill for some time.

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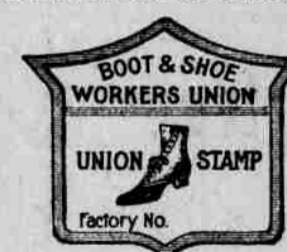
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