

GENERAL MENTION.

News Notes Picked Up From Just About Everywhere.

So far organized labor has sent \$108,000 to Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to be used as a defense fund.

The journeymen horseshoers of Batavia, went out on a strike Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Boston Cigarmakers' Union has petitioned congress to pass a law making it a criminal offense to speculate in wheat.

An educational session once a month with a professional expert as instructor will be held henceforth by Boston Coal Hoisting Engineers' union, No. 74.

The Indianapolis labor organizations have recently leased a farm of thirty acres which they intend to improve and use for picnics and outings.

Garment Workers' union in Erie, Pa., received increase in wages ranging from 15 to 40 per cent and the eight-hour day without a strike.

About 250 non-union machinists who struck at the Standard Roller Bearing company, Philadelphia, against running two machines, have won.

Plumbers of Wisconsin are following the example of their Ohio brethren and will organize a state branch in Milwaukee, August 1.

Boilermakers, in conjunction with machinists, have signed articles of agreement with all but two breweries in Cincinnati and vicinity.

Plumbers, tinmiths and steamfitters in Springfield, Mass., work 44 hours a week at the same wages as heretofore against the old schedule of 48 hours.

The Labor Herald of Kansas City has been turned into a daily. This is quite an undertaking, and it is to be hoped success will attend the efforts of the responsible parties.

The plumbers' controversy in Des Moines, Ia., ended in a compromise—\$4.40 and \$4.65 per day for one year and \$4.50 and \$4.75 per day for the two succeeding years.

The Rockmen and Excavators' union of Greater New York wishes an increase—the rockmen from \$2 to \$2.50 and the excavators ask for a raise from \$1.50 to \$1.80.

A bill prohibiting anyone from wearing the button of a labor union or carrying a union card who is not entitled to, has passed both houses of the California legislature.

Wrecking truck drivers of Brownsville, N. Y., have organized.

Steam engineers and hoistermen have organized in Joplin, Mo.

The Colored Walters' Union in St. Paul, Minn., is gaining steadily.

The next convention of the Retail Clerks' Protective Association will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

The Marine Engineers have a total membership on the coasts, lakes and rivers of the United States of 11,000.

The Wholesale Dry Goods Clerks in New York City have applied for admission to the United Hebrew Trades.

The bunch makers and rollers employed in the cigar industry in Chicago are now organizing to protect their interests.

A movement is at last under way to organize the underpaid and overworked conductors and motormen of Greater New York.

The Janitors' Union in Greater New York has just published the first number of its monthly magazine, the Janitors' Journal.

It is believed that within a short time the cap makers in Brooklyn, N. Y., will have one of the strongest organizations in the country.

The trouble between the miners and their employers in northern Wyoming has been settled and 14,000 men have returned to work.

Fleischmann, Fieldman, and other big bakery owners in New York City have agreed to meet the Bakers' Union's officers before an arbitration board.

The Band Roma, under direction of Giuseppe Sivignano, which had some difficulty with the American Federation of Musicians, has been unionized.

The Erie railroad has restored the salaries of its officers and the wages of its employes, which had been cut on an average of 4 per cent in January, 1908.

The Woman's Trade Union league in Greater New York is running a union label department where hosiery, collars, gloves and ladies' shirt waists can be obtained.

Bricklayers have returned to work in Des Moines, Iowa, and will be paid in cash at the end of the week instead of in checks. The men also get an increase in wages from 62½ to 65 cents an hour.

The negotiations which have been under way between the Master Brewers' Association of Los Angeles, Cal., and the various organizations of their employes have all been satisfactorily closed and the boys are well satisfied.

The machinists have settled their differences with the Tubbs Cordage company, San Francisco. The Pacific Coast Steamship company has also agreed to reorganize the agreement

The Final Clearance



GREAT BARGAINS in Boys' Waists

One lot of \$1.50, \$1.00 and 75c Fancy Band Waists in this sale **49c** at, only.....

25 dozen Boys' Waists that were good values at 50c now on sale **29c** at, only.....

\$20 buys any \$40, 35, 30, 27.50 Suit in the store.

\$15 buys any \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20 Suit in the store.

\$10 buys any \$18.00, \$16.50 or \$15 Suit in the store.

\$5 buys any \$12.50 or \$10.00 Suit in the Store.

\$3.95 BUYS CHOICE OF ONE LOT OF ODD COATS AND VESTS FROM \$20.00, \$18.00 AND \$15.00 SUITS

WONDEREUL BARGAINS ON SALE IN BOYS' DEPARTMENT

ENTIRE STOCK of Knickerbocker Suits in Four Lots

LOT NO. 1—for choice of all Suits that formerly sold at \$3.50, \$3.00 and \$2.50, **\$1.55**

LOT NO. 2—for choice of all Suits that formerly sold at \$5, \$4.50 and \$4.00, **\$2.55**

LOT NO. 3—for choice of all Suits that formerly sold at \$8.50, \$7.50 and \$6.50, **\$4.55**

LOT NO. 4—for choice of all Suits that formerly sold at \$15.00, \$12.00 and \$10.00, **\$6.55**

Wash Suits 39c and 69c

In this lot there are pretty white and colored suits in several styles, they are worth up to \$1.00 each. While they last your choice for. . . . **39c**

Here's a splendid assortment of Sailor and Russian Blouse Suits—pretty patterns—many colors, real values to \$2—while they last your choice for. . . **69c**



Armstrong Clothing Company

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS

as applying to the men hired in the iron industry.

About ninety machinists struck at Gleason's shop in Rochester, N. Y., to convince the acting superintendent that he was wrong in putting machinists' works in the hands of a common laborer. Finally a settlement was made with the Gleason firm, no attention being paid to the acting superintendent.

Bindery girls are organizing in Cleveland, Ohio.

Printers and pressmen in Fostoria, Ohio, have organized.

The Kansas City Journal has displaced the non-union proofreaders with union men.

To date Newark, N. J., Typographical Union has contributed \$1,100 to the striking hatters.

It is said that the big Werner "open shop" in Akron, Ohio, with 77 presses, only a dozen press "operators" at work, about half of whom are journeymen and the rest "punk."

The Pennsylvania League of Typographical Unions was recently organized by representatives from the following cities: Reading, York, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Pottsville, Wilkesbarre, Erie and Philadelphia.

The printers of Great Britain have decided that they will permit no indicators to gauge their output to be placed on type-setting machines nor will they accept any positions under which they are required to produce a fixed amount of composition. The Britishers are not going to rush their heads off to earn smiles from the boss.

Eastern delegates to the International Typographical Union's convention to be held in St. Joe, Mo., notified the Baltimore & Ohio railroad that they will not accept even free transportation from that company until they settle with their striking machinists.

Onexime Thomas and Emile Antoine, negroes who were being brought to jail at Opelousas, La., by two deputy sheriffs, were taken from the officers late Friday night and shot to death near Grand Prairie, in this parish.

RICHARD L. METCALFE.

A Slight Appreciation of One of the Best Fellows Living.

The green roofed bungalow, located a short distance northwest of Fairview is being built by Richard L. Metcalfe, Mr. Bryan's editor. It is of more than passing interest to know that the house and ten acres of land around it, representing an investment of more than \$10,000, will be entirely paid for by Mr. Metcalfe's book, "Of Such is the Kingdom." Twenty-one thousand copies of this work have been sold, and the demand continues so strong that Mr. Metcalfe will undoubtedly be able to use his own automobile and avoid that walk of half a mile to the College View car line. The place is called "Verbena Lodge" from the profusion of wild verbena found on the land when its present owner purchased it. Mr. Metcalfe now has a second book, entitled "Bishop Sunbeams," in the hands of the printer. Like its predecessor, it will be entirely produced mechanically in Lincoln.—Sunday's State Journal.

The above from the State Journal affords an opportunity to say a few words. If that "green-roofed bungalow" suits "Met"—and he is building it to suit himself—then it is going to suit a gentleman who is entitled to have anything that suits him. For almost fifteen years it has been the privilege of this editor to work on the same newspapers with "Met," a goodly share of that time being spent at an editorial desk in an adjoining room. You come to know a man pretty well when you have worked by the side of him that long. And the fifteen years thus spent has convinced the writer that Richard L. Metcalfe is not only one of the ablest newspaper men in this country, but he is one of the cleanest-souled, one of the most generous, one of the most sympathetic, of all the tribe of men now on earth.

When "Met" decided to issue in book form a few of the special articles he had written from time to time, it was with a view to having a "few books of his own" to give to his children and

his most intimate friends. He figured if he could sell 500 copies he could make it pay for itself. The writer persuaded to make the edition 1,000, for the writer knew better than "Met" how that popular writer stood. But even the writer had failed to measure the merits of the book, as the above quotation shows.

"Of Such is the Kingdom," simply shows Richard L. Metcalfe as he is—a love for children, a lover of humanity. One look at his square chin will convince the most casual observer that Metcalfe is not easily imposed upon in financial or political deals. But no one in trouble ever appealed to him in vain. He would go any distance to dry a child's tears, to help a fellow being in distress or to carry sunshine in the dark places. He never criticised a fellow worker to others until after he had made it to that fellow worker's face. "Met" couldn't temporize with the wrong if he wanted to, and he never wanted to. He could no more refrain from fighting for the right as he saw it than ice could refrain from melting in the lower regions. He never tried to get on the popular side because it was the popular side—it had to be the right side according to his view.

A tried and true friend of trades unionism, he has on more than one occasion faced union men and told them plain truths that cut like a knife, and while they squirmed then they liked him all the better afterwards. When a non-union print shop offered to print his first book at a price considerably below the lowest figures quoted by a union shop, Metcalfe simply remarked that he wasn't figuring so much on the price as he was on fairness to fellow workers and the job went to a house that was union from cellar to garret.

"Bishop Sunbeams" will be the title of "Met's" new book, and like his first book will be a collection of short stories. It, too, will be published in Lincoln, and the wages will be paid to union men.

Here's hoping that "Met" will sell a million copies of his new book, and that the profits will enable him to put another coat of green on the roof of

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Thompson Shoe \$3.50 & \$4

Handcraft Shoe \$5.00

All New—"FOR MEN"—All New

Men's Bootery 12th & P Sts.

the bungalow whenever he sees fit. And may the sunshine of his life continue for years and years to come to lighten the dark places of this workaday world.

Last October one of the most partisan republicans in all Oklahoma—a regular old "Missouri republican"—was sick almost unto death. He was visited by his democratic son, and of course politics was talked. Said this good old republican:

"Well, son, I won't be able to go to the polls next Tuesday, so I'll lose my vote. I know you'd like to have me vote for Bryan, but I don't think I would. But I'll tell you this—I'd vote for Dick Metcalfe if I had a chance."

If "Met" ever runs for office, no matter on what ticket or upon what platform, we know of one man who'll vote for him—and two men, if that good old republican father is alive.

HERE'S THE LIMIT.

The B. & O. road has applied to Judge Dayton for an injunction against the striking machinists, who struck in order to secure a decent wage. Dayton's long suit is injunctions. He's the judge who sentenced a man and wife for contempt of court because their dog barked at a "scab" electrician. — Washington Trades Unionist.

STRANGE.

Think It Over and You Will Find It So.

It is strange, the purchase and use of non-label goods by union men.

It is strange, the docility of the wage worker.

It is strange, the failure of hardships to teach lessons.

It is strange, the creator to create not for himself.

It is strange, the many to be controlled by the few.

It is strange, the producer to beg for his product.

It is strange, the creator to bow to his creation.

It is strange, the poor sowing and the rich reaping.

It is strange, the ease with which labor is beguiled.

It is strange, the workers' love for politics other than his own.

It is strange, the workers' division, though of like interest.

It is strange, the slow development of the toilers' intellect.

It is strange, the continuation of unfair industrial conditions.

It is strange, the suffering the under dog can stand.

INDEED, IT'S STRANGE.—Plano Workers' Journal.