

INDUSTRIAL LEGION.

A meeting at Indianapolis to Complete Its Organization—Prominent Populists Present.

SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE.

Nature and Objects of the Organization
--Commander-in-Chief Vandervoort's
Speech of Acceptance.

The Holiday Meeting.

A number of prominent populists got together at Indianapolis holiday week and completed the work of organizing the Industrial Legion. Among those present may be mentioned Paul Vandervoort of Nebraska, H. E. Taubneck of Illinois, J. H. Turner of Washington, D. C., Jesse Harper, and Lester C. Hubbard of Illinois and Leroy Templeton of Indiana. Speaking of the work done, the Indianapolis Journal says:

General Vandervoort was not at the Memphis meeting, and when informed of his election as commander-in-chief he notified the committee that there were several features of the constitution to which he would not subscribe, and that he thought there were serious defects in the plan of organization. The executive committee appointed at Memphis was authorized to make such changes in the constitution as it might see fit, and yesterday's proceedings developed that in addition to pushing the organization of the Industrial Legion of Indiana, the meeting had for its other and probably more prominent object, the application of the axe and cross-cut saw to the constitution so as to make it conform to the Vandervoort view. The changes in the constitution were made upon condition that General Vandervoort would assume the leadership to which he had been called and put the legion upon an efficient footing. All day yesterday the sub-committee struggled with the constitutional changes proposed. Their report, as finally submitted last night, met the approval of General Vandervoort, the report was ratified and General Vandervoort formally accepted the office of commander-in-chief.

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

The changes made are important, but may be summed up briefly. The order which was intended should be semi-military, is divested of all but a semblance of its military features. The different classes—the senior, junior and the woman's relief corps—were abolished and all members will be admitted on the same basis. The yearling of the extreme secrecy is also striking this liberalization of the constitution and the change in the name of the organization from the Industrial Legion of Indiana to the Industrial Legion of the United States. The new constitution provides for a larger body of members, and a more liberal system of electing officers. The changes are important, but may be summed up briefly. The order which was intended should be semi-military, is divested of all but a semblance of its military features. The different classes—the senior, junior and the woman's relief corps—were abolished and all members will be admitted on the same basis. The yearling of the extreme secrecy is also striking this liberalization of the constitution and the change in the name of the organization from the Industrial Legion of Indiana to the Industrial Legion of the United States.

HAIL.

In the experimental Hail Company this year, we have now on hand a Velle over 6,000.00 which we will soon broadcast in proportion to the amount desired to each loser. We will follow her up with a second notice to all delinquent members urging them to do as they should.

A Request.

The secretaries of all mutual insurance companies in the state will please give their names and addresses to E. P. MONTGOMERY, Holdrege, Phelps county, Neb.

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HEBRON, Neb., Dec. 23.—A Columbian party given by the ladies of the Hebron Columbian Needle club at the opera house last evening was the most elegant and enjoyable event of the kind ever enjoyed in this city. All the netted were becomingly represented. A large company was present and the proceeds will net the club about \$100.

Burned to the Ground.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 23.—Tecumseh was visited by another fire Monday. At 8 o'clock in the morning the residence of Lou Cooper caught fire and was burned to the ground before the fire department arrived. The fire was caused by a defective flue. Loss about \$1,500.

Self Defense.

FILLEY, Dec. 23.—George Townsend, who shot S. I. Chichester Monday morning, was released by the coroner's jury, all the facts going to show that the shooting was done in self defense.

Shot Him in the Arm.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Willy Willoughby accused her lover, William Dixon, of infidelity. To prove his faithfulness he tried to cut her throat, and she shot him in the arm. Both are in jail. They have been living as man and wife in a respectable neighborhood.

The plane tree under which Godfrey of Bouillon was encamped by the Bosphorus in 1098 is still standing.

only secrecy surrounding the order is simply enough to prevent the enemy from finding out our plans.

When one firm regulates the value of all the cattle and hogs in the land; when a sugar trust raises the price at their will; when a coal combine adds millions to the cost of that article; when the banks of New York and Boston could break the banks in twenty-five states in a day; when the price of wheat and cotton is made in a foreign market and the value reduced below the cost of production because cash contributed by alien money lords; and organized labor is assailed by the mailed hands of arrogant power; when thousands of the vilest horde of paupers reared in the midst of the festering vice and squalid misery in Europe are vomited on our shores to take the places at starvation wages of our honest, independent working men and women, and the president, congress and all the governing power refuses to right these wrongs, it is time to band together in an organization whose onward march will be irresistible.

The defeat of the republican party shows that a political revolution is pending. The tremendous vote polled by the people's party, aggregating over a million, makes a nucleus of men trained in the fight who will be a band of missionaries carrying the torch of truth and preaching the gospel of deliverance to all the people. Many of those who claim they have been in this party many years look with suspicion on all new converts. They hamper them in their work and if not always placed in the lead sulk in misery and woe in the wigwam of discontent or drift away altogether. Others trade and traffic with the enemy, fuse and confuse until the radiant sunlight of principle is lost in a struggle for place.

We must stand for truth if we would redeem the people. Our cause is too sacred to be bartered away in a mad struggle for office, we should not "sell our birthright for a mess of pottage." I am opposed to fusion with either branch of the enemy. We have nothing in common with the controlling leaders of either party. Our conflict for the next four years will be with the party in power. They will not keep their pledges and will be "weighed in the balance and found wanting" by the thousands who voted the democratic ticket hoping for relief. The republican party is crushed in the dust. It has accomplished its mission and we must rise on the ruins of the democratic party. We should stand for the rights of all Americans with a longing desire to preserve popular government, administered by the hands of the plain people to all our posterity. We should stand for the freedom of our race from the despotism of European money sharks and hoist the banner of emancipation from foreign rule so high that all mankind may read the words.

The disgraceful spectacle in the monetary conference lately in session, the speech of an American delegate who announced that we were "wedded to Europe that we would turn our backs upon Mexico, Asia and all South America," is now before the eyes of the American people. The speaker is a man of no small account, and is the father of sixteen children, only nine of whom are now living.

Robert Barrett Browning, the poet's only child, is now a man of forty-two years. He is a water colorist of some repute and is married to an American lady.

Ex-Senator Spooner has shorn the long and wavy locks that used to fall thickly over his Byronic collar and give him the name in Washington of the "Laureate of the Senate."

Dr. William M. Hargraves, pastor of the only colored Presbyterian church in Louisville has been called to the chair of moral and mental science and Christian evidence in Biddle university at Charlotte, N. C.

William Winter, the poet, has been elected president of the board of trustees of the Staten Island Academy and Latin school. The board is composed of twenty-one of Staten Island's most influential citizens.

John B. Gough's beautiful rural home, "Hillside," near Worcester, on which he spent \$200,000 and a vast amount of taste and labor has now been sold by his executor for much less than the sum here mentioned.

The late Archbishop of New York, Dr. Magee, according to Canon Macdonnell, used to divide speakers into three classes; the speaker you cannot listen to; the speaker you can listen to; and the speaker you cannot help listening to.

Gen. William H. F. Lee, the congressman, is a son of Gen. R. E. Lee, but he does not appear to have inherited much of his father's ability. He is an indifferent speaker and is rather slow and ponderous in his movements though his manner is at all times cordial and courteous.

Miss Helen Cook, a pure-bred Indian of the Blackfoot nation, has been appointed by Secretary Noble as a special selling agent in the Nez Percés reservation. She is a well educated woman and in every respect qualified to perform the duties that will devolve upon her.

Lafontaine has a statue in Paris. It was inaugurated in Passy on July 25, 250 years after his death. It had taken M. Sully Prudhomme eight years to collect the necessary 24,000 francs, and of this sum 24,000 francs came from the town of Passy and the government.

ODDS AND ENDS.

There is a hotel-keeper in Maine whose name is Gin. Gunpowder was first made by a monk, at Cologne, in 1330.

There is only one sudden death among women to every eight among men. A squad of policemen in Philadelphia now rush over their beats on bicycles.

According to the New York Tribune clothes are "laundered" not "laundried." Turbot is supposed to be the most prolific fish. One of twenty-eight pounds weight contained 14,000,000 eggs.

A female engineer, Miss Ida Hewitt, is regularly employed on the Cairo and Kanawha Valley railroad in West Virginia.

The Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, has the largest bell in America. It weighs 24,750 pounds, is eight feet seven inches in diameter and six feet high.

Anthony W. Laughlin, of Olympia, Wash., recently made up his mind to visit his twin brother in Atlanta, Ga., whom he had not seen since 1840. He made the trip, and on entering the house was met with the information that the brother had died twenty-four hours before.

to the life of the young just stepping on the threshold. Come "with malice towards none and charity for all."

Come without envy or hate towards mankind but with hearts full of love for humanity downtrodden and crushed. Bury ambition, stop factional strife, and march forward like brothers, sisters and patriots in solid phalanx for four years more and we will win the grandest victory that ever came to the sons of men since the morning stars sang together.

THE SWEATING SYSTEM.

The Worst Claims Verified by the Results of Investigation.

Congressman D. C. Warner, a member of the committee appointed to investigate the sweating system, said in an interview the other day: We have verified not merely as instances, but as a general condition the worst condition that has been alleged. But with one exception, we have met with no proof of immorality; and speaking for myself, I have the greatest respect for the manliness and womanliness of the persons employed.

From the testimony taken we find repeated instances where at 9 and 10 o'clock at night the operatives were still continuing their work. They had begun their work at 5 or 6 a. m., and the so-called sweated boss worked with them, bringing work for them the next morning. It was not unusual to find eight or ten persons with their machines, tables, etc., crowded into a 10x15 foot room. In the majority of the cases the living room of a family was connected with the shop and garments, finished and unfinished scattered about indiscriminately. Of child labor, I personally saw but few instances, but I did see a little girl eight or nine years old at 9:30 in the evening, dragging along a bundle when she was physically unable to carry it, and acting as a human express for the transfer of goods. Children in every condition of health and filth swarmed in most of the shops.

In the last one we visited everyone had gone except two worn out fellows who had worked for fifteen hours. They had made a pile of the bundles of goods ready to be made up, upon which without bedolthes they proposed to sleep without change of the filthy condition of their clothes or their persons. The sweaters and the sweated perfectly agreed as to the miserably low wages paid.

KNOWN BY NAME.

Oakley Rhinelander of New York has a collection of antique armor that is said to be the most complete in the country.

Santley, the singer, concludes that he would "rather have been an actor of moderate fame than the most renowned singer on earth."

Bismarck holds \$50,000 worth of stock in Milwaukee street railway.

Dr. J. L. Gandy's store at Aspinwall was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$3,000, and no insurance.

A. G. Isaacson drove across the railroad track at Central City in front of a moving train. The new wagon cost him \$70.

Gothenburg is still going ahead with improvements, and its business men have no fears for its future as a manufacturing center.

The postoffice receipts at Wakefield for the last fiscal year entitle the office to be raised to the presidential class with a salary of \$1,100.

Enterprising farmers near Bellwood are building the third elevator in that village. They propose to do a little speculating in the "staples" themselves.

Dr. Johnson, superintendent of the Hastings asylum, is suffering from a very sore hand made so by the teeth of a violent patient whom he was trying to subdue.

Daniel Wenrick, an aged farmer of Platt county, was killed in an attempt to prevent his team from running away. The wagon loaded with straw passed over his body.

A. F. Warner of Plainview had a stroke of paralysis while at work in the field alone, and died shortly after being removed to the house. He leaves a wife and one son.

W. R. Fox, a farmer of Adams county, has 14,000 bushels of corn which he is willing to sell to the first man who will offer \$4,000 for it. Mr. Fox stands up for Nebraska.

James White, a Saunders county farmer fell from his hay mow, a distance of fifteen feet, and landed head foremost in the middle of a wagon. Beyond a few disfiguring lacerations and abrasions he suffered no injury.

John Dalton of Wabash is in the hospital for the insane. He was recently discharged as cured, but he took to chasing his neighbors with a gun and it was thought advisable to send him back till he got rid of that odd notion.

An escaped lunatic tried to force an entrance into the dwelling of Nels Dredy near Weston, but two shots from Mrs. Dredy dissuaded him from persisting, and he will die.

Paul Pillsbury of Fullerton broke through the ice on the Loup river and was rescued by a playmate, who stripped the bridle from his horse and threw the reins to the boy in time to save him from going under.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curran of Osceola went to Oklahoma. Mrs. Curran became homesick and returned, Curran was mad and sued for a divorce, which the court granted. Then he returned and the twin became one flesh again and all is well.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Gleaned From Our People's Party Exchanges.

The republicans have filed seven contests and the populists nine, for seats in the Kansas legislature.

The vote in California making United States senators elective by the people, had 187,958 for it and only 13,342 against it.

Many republicans have suffered a fate similar to Lot's wife. By looking back continually their brain has become petrified.

It is said that John Wannamaker recently gave \$5,000 for a popular charity and a few days thereafter he reduced the wages of his sewing girls.

It took over eight weeks for the populist returns to get in—came in by slow freight, but after all it takes seven figures to express the Weaver vote.

Colonel Norton, of the Chicago Sentinel, very properly terms the abuse heaped upon Jay Gould by the plutocratic press as "kicking its dead comrade."

Government ownership of railways has had a successful trial of forty years in Germany. Passenger rates are one-fourth of a cent a mile and freight tariffs in proportion.

Gen. Weaver presents the democracy in its true light. He says, "It is not a party in a true sense of the word, but is an aggregation of discontented elements and hence can have but a brief respite of power.

The farmers own less than 22 per cent of the wealth of this country, but they pay taxes on over 80 per cent. How long can they stand this discrimination against them—this unjust and unequal burden?

Since 1862, when the government began to issue paper money, \$5,819,629,629,108 had been issued of all kinds and denomination— up to July 1st, 1892 within that period \$4,852,451,629 have been redeemed, leaving "outstanding" July 1, 1892, \$929,177,479. The treasury department estimates the total loss by fire during this period at \$20,000,000.

Degrees of Crime.

A Minneapolis paper has figured out the following degrees of crime: Following are tables of degrees of crime according to the wealth of the unfortunate:

Small Inventions.

The man who patented the idea of attaching rubber tips to lead pencils realized over \$200,000 by his invention. The miner who first attached a metal rivet at each end of the mouth of trousers pockets, to resist the strain of heavy bits of ore made more

Theft.	Rich woman, kleptomania.
	Rich man, shortage.
	Poor man, theft.
Drunk.	Rich man, debility or heart failure.
	Well-to-do man, alcoholism.
	Poor man, delirium tremens.
Ins.	Rich man, legitimate speculation.
Wall street.	Well-to-do man, dabbling in stocks.
	Poor man, gambling.

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