

WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY



GENERAL COMMENT.

Bits of Labor News Picked Up as It Drifted By.

The "pay-check" and "loan-shark" evils are dealt with in bills now pending in the California legislature and likely to become law.

John P. White has been elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, defeating Tom L. Lewis by a vote of 98,934 to 72,190.

An eight-hour bill for women in all commercial and mechanical pursuits, except fruit-raising and preserving, is now before the California legislature, and will probably become law.

The San Francisco Labor Council has received pledges of the sum needed to purchase a lot for a permanent Labor Temple, thus assuring the completion of the structure at an early date.

A bill giving mechanics and laborers a direct lien on buildings was passed by the California assembly on February 3. The present law gives workmen only an indirect lien in their claim upon the contractor.

An employers' liability bill, which eliminates the "fellow-servant" and "contributory negligence" features common to such legislation, is now before the California legislature. The measure has the support of Governor Johnson and is likely to pass.

The San Francisco Labor Council has decided to urge the state legislature to enact the pending measure restricting Japanese, Hindoos and Malays from owning land in California; also providing separate schools for the Asiatic races.

The United Mine Workers of America, in convention at Columbus on January 31 adopted an amendment to its constitution making ineligible to membership mine bosses, superintendents, members of the National Civic Federation or other organizations allied with the employing class.

John McLennon, president of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, has filed charges in the state legislature against Judge Greeley W. Whitford, asking that he be impeached in connection with the sentence of imprisonment imposed upon certain miners for contempt of injunction.

The shortest hours of any union workmen in New York City are those of caisson workers. Three hours a day, with thirty minutes off for luncheon and wages of \$5 a day is the rule for the men who work under an air pressure of "three atmospheres" (about forty-five pounds).

Between 8,000 and 10,000 members of labor unions participated in a demonstration at the state capitol in Denver on February 2 in protest against the imprisonment of certain miners for contempt of an injunction. Practically all construction work in Denver was at a standstill as a consequence.

The San Francisco Labor Council has decided to communicate with President Taft and the California congressional delegation protesting against the elimination of the eight-hour day on government work; also urging that the battleship New York be constructed in a navy yard instead of by private contract.

A HANDSOME BOUQUET.

Which Is Accepted With Thanks and Profuse Blushes.

"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Will M. Maupin has changed the name of his paper, The Wageworker, published at Lincoln, Neb., to "Will

Maupin's Weekly," but the vigorous and progressive publication has not suffered in any respect by the change of name. In fact, if there is any change in it it is better than ever. In his foreword Mr. Maupin announces his motives for the change in name and character of his paper. These are his desire to make a living for himself and family and his wish to contribute in some measure to the upbuilding of Nebraska. These are worthy incentives, and all Mr. Maupin's friends wish him success in his new venture. The Weekly will not be altogether a labor paper, as The Wageworker was, but it will do all in its power to promote the cause of organized labor, as its predecessor did, and it is certainly in capable hands for excellent work of any kind. The Minnesota Union Advocate wishes it long life and abundant prosperity.—Union Advocate, St. Paul, Minn.

Woodward and Watson, of Omaha, are stalking Senate File 16 like a pair of deerhounds, and they are not going to lose sight of it until it gets to the governor for his signature.

Dorothy Righter is still dangerously ill, but the latest reports are to the effect that she is slowly recovering. Dorothy has now been in bed for eleven weeks, and most of the time she has suffered the most excruciating pains from rheumatism. Her many friends hope to soon hear of her complete recovery.

UNION PRESSMEN'S HOME.

Another Noble Charity to the Credit of Organized Labor.

The International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union is building a sanitarium, home and technical trade school, which when completed will be one of the noblest and most useful institutions of its kind in the world. It is located at Rogersville, Hawkins county, Tenn., at what has been known for over fifty years as the Halesprings health resort, and is only thirty-eight miles by air line from Asheville, N. C.

This location was selected because it has a medium high and medium dry altitude, which always gives the best promise of permanent cures of tuberculosis and kindred diseases and escape from the bad effects of returning to a lower and more humid atmosphere after treatment.

The plan of the institution includes a sanitarium for the treatment and cure of tuberculosis, a home for superannuated members, a technical trade school for the teaching of presswork and many other features of absorbing human interest. The approximate cost of the plant, embracing everything required to make it first class in every respect, is conservatively estimated at \$125,000, and this covers the cost of the 519 acres of fine farming land on which the institution is to be conducted.

The whole establishment will be supported by a per capita tax on the members of the unions affiliated with the international union, although many private donations have already been received to aid in founding it and carrying it on. The promoters of the project have gone about their work wisely, taking advantage of the experience of other organizations in similar enterprises, and they will undoubtedly reach the very summit of excellence for the present day.

Arrogance of Greed.

In contemplating the arrogant and high handed methods used by the employing garment makers in crushing the spirit and starving the families of their workers one indeed wonders what Christ would think if he should go to Chicago.

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