

EVILS OF CONVICT LABOR.

One of the iniquities of the present convict labor system is the spreading of disease, particularly tuberculosis, among all classes of society. Organized labor has for years waged a vigorous and unceasing fight against this pernicious system, and lately the contest has been augmented by the assistance of the national committee on prison labor. While the organization has many supporters outside the ranks of the labor movement, the executive committee is largely composed of officers of the different unions whose members are the most seriously affected by the manufacture of prison made goods. The best way for the individual to assist in the movement is to demand the union label on everything purchased.

OHIO'S NEW LABOR LAWS.

Trade Unionists Well Treated by General Assembly.

No less than eighteen measures either indorsed or approved by the Ohio Federation of Labor were enacted into law at the seventy-ninth session of the Ohio general assembly. Following are the new laws in brief:

Workingmen's compensation act, creating a state insurance fund for the benefit of injured employees.

Limiting the work hours of women to ten hours a day and to fifty-four hours a week.

Providing for the election of judicial officers on a separate nonpartisan ballot.

Imposing penalty for operating dangerous machinery in factories after condemnation by workshop inspectors

Compelling railroads to employ full crews on all switch engines.

Prohibiting fraudulent use of the union label.

Creating the office of state boiler inspector.

Applying the initiative and referendum to legislation in municipalities.

Extending time for filing of primary election petitions.

Providing for the election of delegates to the state constitutional convention by nonpartisan ballot.

Compelling the filing of a complete report with the state inspector of workshops and factories of all accidents in manufacturing establishments resulting in death or fatal disability.

Creating the office of second assistant chief inspector of workshops and factories, who shall have practical knowledge of architecture and heating and ventilating.

Compelling the inclosure of all unused openings in elevators.

Providing penalties for leaving machinery unguarded.

Giving workshop inspectors power to enforce the laws relating to placing counter floors in buildings in course of construction.

Providing for registration of marks of ownership on personal property.

Compelling loan sharks to take out licenses, placing them under bond and regulating their business.

Brewers' Wages Raised.

The labor troubles between the brewers and their employees in Bradford, Pa., has been adjusted after several conferences. The brewers will get \$1 a week more in wages and will work eight instead of nine hours. Fifty cents an hour will be paid for all overtime instead of 35 cents. The new scale went into effect immediately.

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